



Boğaziçi University Sustainable Development Goals Progress Report

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 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2025 Report: Expanded Dashboard



Key Projects and Their Impact

\$1.25 M

Istanbul Codes Project
Budget

550

Youth Participants in Istanbul
Codes Project

724

Seniors Trained in 65+ Digital
Inclusion Project

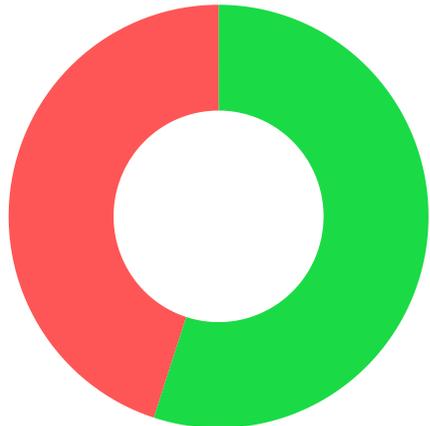
2030

Female Student Participants
in Womomentum Program

Student Sustainability Awareness (2023 Survey)

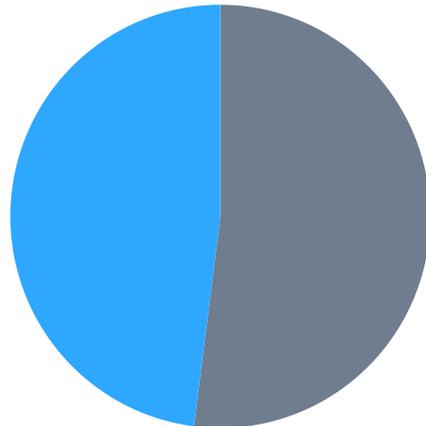
Environmental Awareness Level

- Sufficiently Aware
- Not Aware



Wind Plant Awareness

- Haven't Heard
- Heard



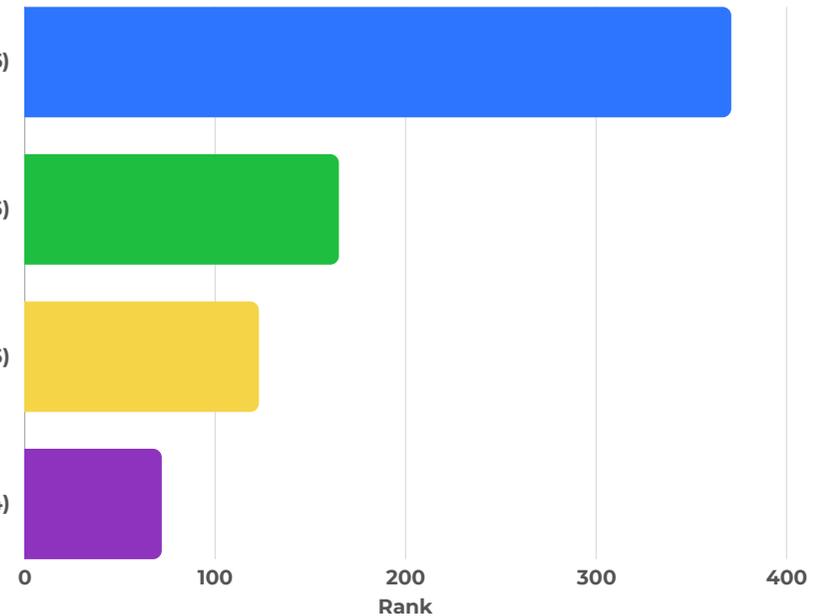
Position in International and National Rankings

QS World (2026)

QS Europe (2025)

THE Asia (2025)

Turkey SDG (2024)

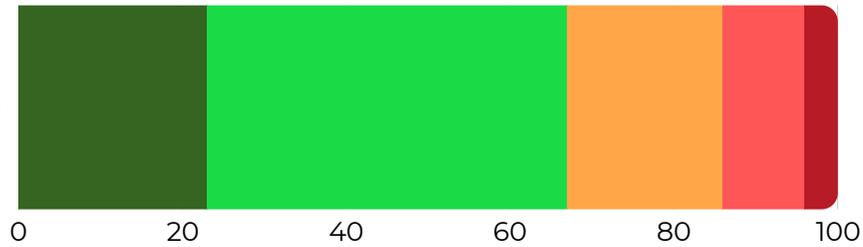


Student Habits: Detailed Survey Results (2023)

“I look for alternatives to disposable products.”

● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral
● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

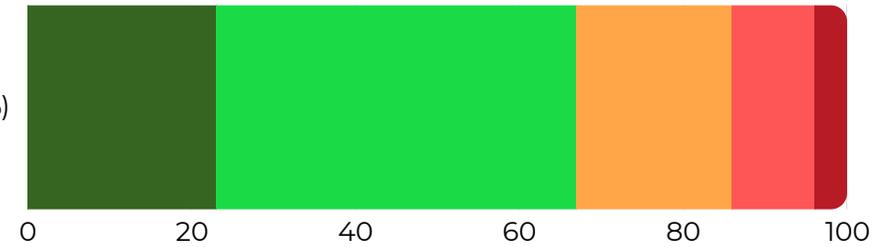
Percentage (%)



“I sort my household waste by type.”

● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral
● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

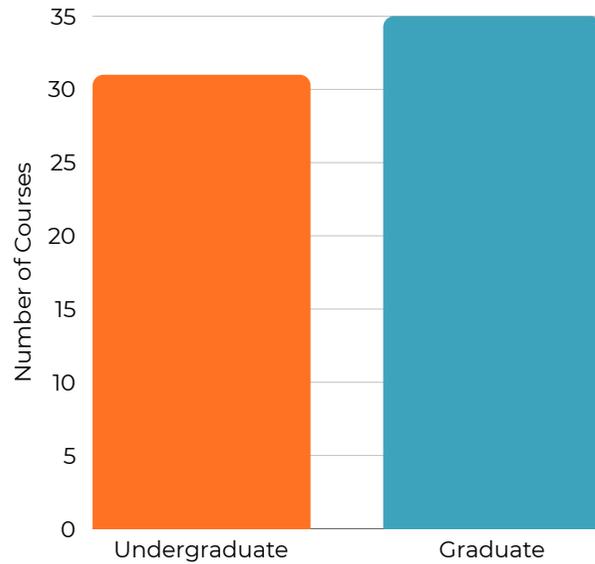
Percentage (%)



Academic Programs (2022-23)

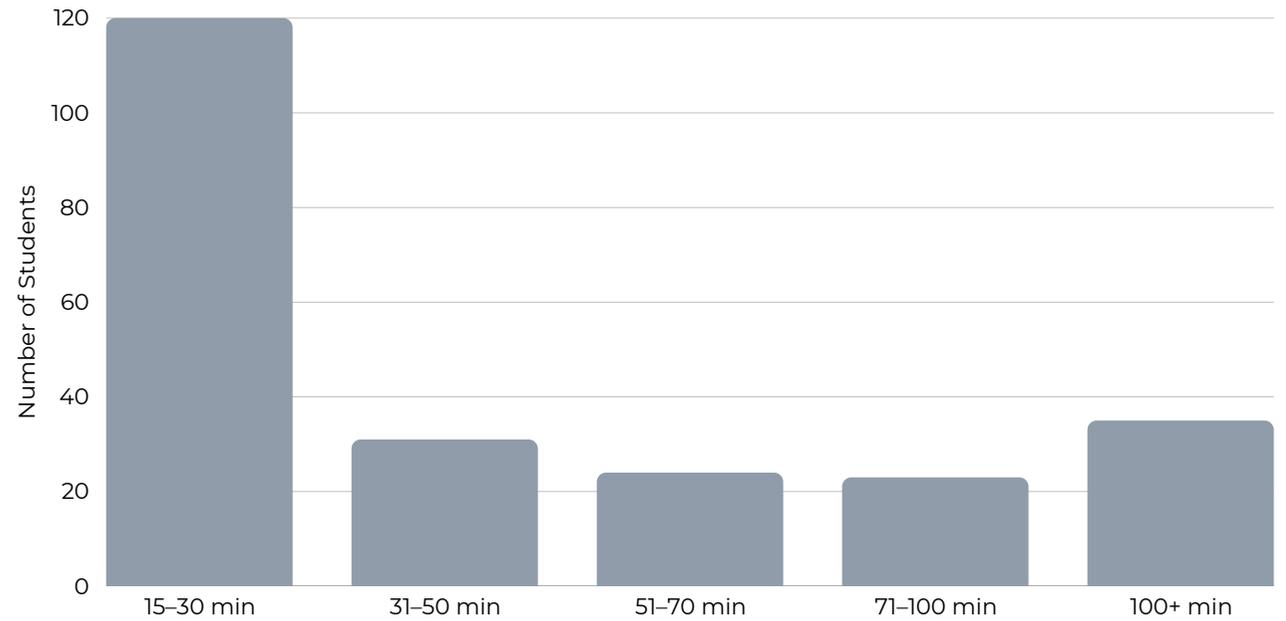
Sustainability Courses

● Undergraduate ● Graduate



Student Commute Times (2023 Survey)

Daily Commute Time



Key Events Timeline (2023-2025)

April 2023

Green Business Summit and Climate-Water-Agriculture Summit were held.

August 2023

Inaugural meeting for the Istanbul Codes Project was held.

Nov-Dec 2023

Participation in the COP28 Conference and various sustainability summits were held.

November 2024

Leading European universities gathered for the NeurotechEU Meeting.

May-July 2025

Finance Summit, National Geosynthetics Conference, and International Law Conference were held.

Boğaziçi LifeSci Research Outputs

>100

Advanced Research Projects

>1200

High-Impact Academic Publications

>20

International Patents

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Through its various Research Centres and academic units, Boğaziçi University directly participates and contributes to the policy development processes of national governments and regional non-governmental organisations in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The University plays an active role in critical areas such as identifying problems encountered in these processes, formulating policies and strategies, modelling possible scenarios, monitoring and reporting interventions. Examples of these contributions are given below.

1. Go Zero - Zero Waste Management in the Food Sector Project

Boğaziçi University has been involved in the European Union project 'Zero Waste Management in the Food Sector' coordinated by Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change. The main objective of the project is to improve the waste management skills of those working in the food sector and students studying in the food departments of vocational education high schools. In this direction, six main outputs were prepared within the scope of the project:



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1. Framework and Comparative Report on Waste Management Practices in Europe
2. Waste Management Skills and Training Curriculum in the Food Sector
3. Waste Management in Food Sector Training Content
4. Enriched Educational Materials and E-Learning Platform
5. Industrial Symbiosis Guide
6. Proposal Text on Waste Management in the Food Sector

The project aims to disseminate waste management skills in line with European standards and provide effective solutions for a sustainable environment.

Click here for more information:

<https://sdcpc.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news-04.asp>

https://sdcpc.bogazici.edu.tr/PROJECTS/Go%20Zero%20Brochure_ENG.pdf

1-BOUNDijital Platform: Collaboration for Innovation and Sustainability

The BOUNDijital platform aims to strengthen inter-institutional cooperation through academic research and a multi-stakeholder interaction ecosystem, and to contribute to economic and social development on the axis of innovation culture, innovative economy and digital transformation. While the theme of technology, environment and society stands out among the fields of study, topics such as digital public services, sustainable digitalisation, cyber security and environmentally sensitive technology constitute the research focuses.



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BOUND Digital Leaders Programme was held at Boğaziçi University on 27-29 April 2023. With the support of Amazon Turkey and the guidance of Boğaziçi University academics, the programme focused on Agile Governance and Regulatory Sandbox with the participation of representatives from public institutions. The participants included heads of departments and experts from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate for EU Affairs, Ministry of Treasury and Finance, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Industry and Technology, Digital Transformation Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey, Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA), Personal Data Protection Authority (KVKK) and Competition Authority.

Click here for more information:

1) <https://boundijital.net/>

2) <https://boundijital.net/boundijital-liderleri-bogazicinde-bulustu/>

3. Turkey's First Social Impact Bond: Istanbul Coding Project

The inaugural meeting of 'Turkey's First Social Impact Bond: Istanbul Coding Project', launched in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Technology and Istanbul Development Agency (ISTKA), was hosted by Boğaziçi University on 14 August 2023. With a budget of 1 million 250 thousand dollars, the project aims to employ 550 young people between the ages of 18-35 in the information and communication technologies sector by supporting them with comprehensive training.



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4. Preparation of National Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production

The Sustainable Consumption and Production National Action Plan Preparation Project, carried out by Boğaziçi University Centre for Financial Application and Research (CARF) in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change, General Directorate of Environmental Management, Department of Air Management, started with the opening meeting held at Boğaziçi University on 7 September 2023, World Clean Air Day.

Within the scope of the project, it is aimed to prepare Sectoral Value Chain Methodology Reports, Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Best Environmental Practices (BEP) Guidelines and Sector Notes for Sustainable Consumption and Production Practices, Draft Legislation and Guidance Documents for Sustainable Consumption and Production Models and National Sustainable Consumption and Production Action Plan and Strategy Document. This project aims to increase the applicability of sustainable consumption and production models.



Click here for more information:

<https://cygm.csb.gov.tr/surdurulebilir-tuketim-ve-uretim-ulusal-eylem-plan-projesi-acilis-toplantisi-dunya-temiz-hava-gunu-olan-7-eylul-2023-tarihinde-gerceklestirildi.-haber-283853>



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5. Interview with TESEV on Climate Change Law

The Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV) held an interview with Prof. Dr. Sevil Acar from Boğaziçi University on 13 November 2023. Within the scope of the interview, the draft climate law, Turkey's decarbonisation targets and green development issues were evaluated and Prof. Dr. Acar's views on the Draft Climate Change Law were received.



For more information, please click here:

<https://www.tesev.org.tr/tr/research/sevil-acar-ile-iklim-kanunu-taslagi-ve-yesil-kalkinma/>

Click here to listen to the interview:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/6CX6ZUpMaoxBeax8jxuFc1?si=e3d434fc672b48c9&nd=1&dlsi=7b11bdbb54824d0e>

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6.COP28 Conference and Turkey's Net Zero Target

As part of the United Nations Climate Conference (COP28) held in the United Arab Emirates on 30 November - 12 December 2023, Boğaziçi University and UN SDSN Turkey organised a session to discuss the role of universities in achieving Turkey's 'Net Zero Emission Target'. During the session, the 'UN SDSN Net Zero on Campus' movement and sustainable campuses, sustainable communities and education, research and implementation activities in line with the net zero target in Turkey and the countries in the region were discussed.



Click here for more information:

<https://unsdsn.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/cop-28-role-universities-decarbonization-net-zero>

<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/akademik/1/bogazici-universitesi-yonetimi-cop28de-univer/2774>



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7. Climate Change Assessment Meeting for Turkey

In order to evaluate the outputs of the 'COP28' conference, 'Climate Change Assessment Meeting for Turkey' was held on 21 December 2023, hosted by Boğaziçi University İklimBU in cooperation with Yuvam Dünya and AGRO TV.

Click here to watch the COP28 Evaluation Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-a-8sQKxWk>

8. Turkey Disaster Response Plan (TAMP)

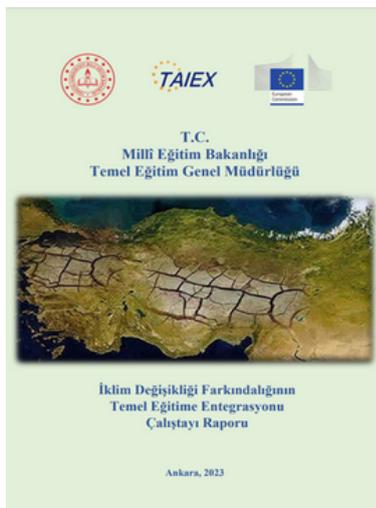
Boğaziçi University Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute is a member of the Disaster and Emergency Board, which provides national coordination in response to disasters and emergencies, and takes an active role within the scope of Turkey Disaster Response Plan (TAMP).

Click here for more information:

<https://www.afad.gov.tr/turkiye-afet-mudahale-plani>

9. Workshop on Integration of Climate Change Awareness into Basic Education

Dr. Tamer Atabarut, Director of Boğaziçi University Lifelong Learning Centre and UN SDSN Turkey Board Member, made a presentation on climate change at the 'Workshop on Integration of Climate Change Awareness into Basic Education' organised by the Ministry of National Education.



Click here to read the workshop report:

https://tegm.meb.gov.tr/meb_iys_dosyalar/2023_03/27150417_TAIEX_Calistay_Raporu.pdf



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10th Istanbul Chamber of Industry (ISO) Sustainability Platform

Prof. Dr. Levent Kurnaz, Director of Boğaziçi University Climate Change and Policies Application and Research Centre (iklimBU), contributes to the development of strategy recommendations for the sustainable transformation of Turkish industry as a member of ISO Sustainability Platform.

For more information, please click here:

<https://www.iso.org.tr/surdurulebilirlik/iso-surdurulebilirlik-platformu.html>

Cross-Sectoral Dialogue for the SDGs

Boğaziçi University initiates and participates in cross-sectoral dialogues involving non-governmental organizations and government representatives towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through events such as conferences, summits and panels organized through its Application and Research Centers and student societies.

1.Green Business Summit

Organised by Boğaziçi University Operations Research Club (BÜYAK), Turkey's first university-based business sustainability summit, Green Business Summit was held on 9 April 2023 at Boğaziçi University Garanti Cultural Center. Open to anyone with an interest in sustainability, the summit brought together key stakeholders and participants from the business world to voice the demand for a more livable world.



For more information, please click here:

http://buyaktif.org/etkinlikanasayfa.php?etkinlik_id=22



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2.Climate-Water-Agriculture Summit for a Sustainable Future

The Climate-Water-Agriculture Summit for a Sustainable Future was held on 28 April 2023 at Boğaziçi University in cooperation with Boğaziçi University Climate Change and Policy Implementation Centre and Argo TV. Representatives and experts from various sectors operating in the fields of sustainable agriculture, water and climate crisis participated in the summit, where three different panels were organised under the titles of 'Our Diminishing Water While the Climate is Rapidly Changing', 'Sustainability for the Future' and 'Production for Sustainable Food'.



Click here for more information:

<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/kampus/2/gelecegin-surdurulebilir-tarimi-bogazicinde-t/2693>



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3.Izmir Economic Congress

Izmir Economic Congress was held on 29-30 April 2023 under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey and hosted by the Ministry of Treasury and Finance with the main theme of 'Turkish Economy on the Path to Becoming a Global Economic Power' with the participation of bureaucrats, academicians, economists, sectoral representatives and representatives of non-governmental organisations. At the Congress, Prof. Dr. M. Levent KURNAZ from Boğaziçi University Climate Change and Policy Implementation Centre (İklimBU) participated in the panel 'Turkey on the Path to Climate Change and a Sustainable Environment'.



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4. Watsons Sustainability and Innovation Summit

Watsons Sustainability and Innovation Summit, organised by Boğaziçi University Innovation and Competitiveness Focused Development Studies Application and Research Centre and Galatasaray University Entrepreneurship and Innovation Centre on 19-20 October 2023, brought together senior executives, academicians, university students and sustainability experts from many sectors with the theme of 'Innovative Steps to a Sustainable Future'. This summit, which acts as a bridge between the private sector, universities and NGOs, has created a basis for information exchange on sustainability, different perspectives and new partnerships.



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5.Boğaziçi Energy Summit

The Boğaziçi Energy Summit, which brings together the leading names of the sector every year and offers the opportunity to share and discuss studies in the field of energy and sustainability, was held on 18 November 2023. At the summit; many energy-related issues from sustainable energy to energy trade, from energy production routes to vehicle fuels were discussed.



For more information, please click here:

<https://buec.com.tr/bogazici-enerji-zirvesi/>



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6. 2nd Boğaziçi Farm Summit

The 2nd Farm Summit, which was held on 5 December 2023 at Boğaziçi University under the consultancy of BOUNTARIM, in partnership with Agro TV and TÜSEDAD, was held with the intense participation of leading names of the sector, members of the press, academicians and NGO members. Current developments in the dairy sector, problems and solution proposals of the sector were discussed at the summit, and the prominent topics of the summit were sustainability and planned production.

7. 5th Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility Summit

The 5th Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility Summit was held on 14 December 2023 with the theme of 'Triple Transformation' by Boğaziçi University Lifelong Learning Centre (BÜYEM) with the contributions of United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN) Turkey. In the summit organised with online sessions; the projects and studies of institutions and individuals for 'Triple Transformation' in solving the ecological, economic and social problems we are experiencing, the road map of triple transformation from the perspective of sustainability were discussed with academia, business world, public and NGO representatives.

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7. 5th Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility Summit

14 Aralık 2023
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OECD Büyükelçisi

DR. TAMER ATABARUT
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İmece Genel Müdürü

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Click here to watch the summit:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKVoV0e_nPY



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8. COP28 Conference Turkey Pavilion

Within the scope of the United Nations Climate Conference (COP28) held in the United Arab Emirates, a session hosted by Boğaziçi University and UN SDSN Turkey was held at the Turkey Pavilion on 3 December 2023. During the session, the role of universities in achieving Turkey's 'Net Zero Emission Target' was discussed, and education, research and implementation activities for sustainable campuses and societies were discussed. In order to evaluate the outputs of the COP28 conference, 'Climate Change Assessment Meeting for Turkey' was held on 21 December 2023, hosted by Boğaziçi University İklimBU in cooperation with Yuvam Dünya and AGRO TV.



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<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/akademik/1/bogazici-universitesi-yonetimi-cop28de-univer/2774>

Click here to watch the COP28 Evaluation Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-a-8sQKxWk>



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International Data Collection Collaborations for the SDGs

Boğaziçi University actively participates in international data collection and measurement activities in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN). In this context, the Sustainable Development Report, published annually, is an important source that reviews countries' progress towards the SDGs and provides comparative data among UN member states. Boğaziçi University has contributed to the 2023 Sustainable Development Report by undertaking the UN SDSN Turkey. The report emphasises that countries need to make fundamental reforms in the global financial architecture in order to achieve the SDGs by 2030. In particular, it is stated that developing countries should increase SDG incentives to close their financing gaps.



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Report Highlights:

- Subjective well-being, access to immunisation, poverty and unemployment are among the indicators where progress lags most behind.
- There were deviations from targets for hunger and sustainable nutrition (SDG 2) and health outcomes (SDG 3), terrestrial and marine biodiversity (SDGs 14 and 15), air and plastic pollution (SDG 11 and SDG 12), and strong institutions and peaceful societies (SDG 16).
- Some progress was made in access to infrastructure under Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6), Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7) and Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (SDG 9).
- The textiles and clothing sector stands out as one of the most important sectors in terms of adverse international greenhouse gas emissions.
- The need for science-based tools at all levels to guide SDG actions and strengthen accountability is emphasised.

Boğaziçi University supports the creation of science-based data on SDGs through data collection, measurement and analysis studies on SDGs and contributes to achieving sustainable development goals.

Click here for more information:

<https://dashboards.sdgindex.org/>

<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/bilim/4/surdurulebilir-kalkinma-raporu-dunya-hayati-o/2719>

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International Co-operation for SDG Best Practices

Boğaziçi University contributes to comparative approaches through international co-operation and research in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and takes an active role in the development of best international practices. Below are examples of these collaborations.

1. Boğaziçi European School of Politics (BASO)

Boğaziçi European School of Politics (BASO), as part of the Council of Europe Network of Schools of Political Studies, has been participating in the World Democracy Forum with its alumni since 2014. The forum discusses innovative ideas and practices for strengthening democratic societies.



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BASO offers its graduates the opportunity to observe European norms and institutions on site through its activities abroad and the Germany Study Visit organised since 2017. During these visits, ideas are exchanged on topics such as migration and integration, state organisation, energy policies and sustainability.

During the Study Visit to Germany, held between 14-19 October 2023, the alumni received information about nature conservation activities at the WWF Germany office; discussed energy policies and cooperation with Turkey with the German Energy Agency; and exchanged ideas with the German Ministry of Labour, which carries out projects for migrant women, and a non-governmental organisation in Berlin.

For more information please click here:

<https://avrupasiyasetokulu.org/>



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2. Digttools Project

The Digttools Project, coordinated by the Governorship of Istanbul and partnered by Boğaziçi University, aims to contribute to the digitalisation process in education, which has gained importance with the Covid-19 pandemic. The project aims to improve the digital competences of students, parents and administrators, especially teachers, and is supported by the European Commission through the Turkish National Agency.

During the transnational project management meeting held on 28 February - 1 March 2023 in Sofia, Bulgaria, 'My Digital Classroom' and 'Assessment and Evaluation Compass' were evaluated and 'Mentor Teacher Guide' content design process was planned. In the next phase of the project, it was decided to realise these products by starting a pilot implementation process in partner countries.



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3. Go Zero - Zero Waste Management in the Food Sector Project

The 'Zero Waste Management in the Food Sector' project, coordinated by Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change and involving Boğaziçi University and 8 international partner institutions, is supported under the Erasmus+ Programme.

Project outputs include; Framework and Comparative Report on Waste Management Practices in Europe, Waste Management Skills and Training Curriculum in Food Sector, Waste Management in Food Sector Training Content, Enriched Training Material and E-Learning Platform, Industrial Symbiosis Guide, Recommendation Text on Waste Management in Food Sector.

The expected impacts of the project include; promotion of zero waste management culture in the food sector, development of vocational training curricula, gaining insights on practices and policies related to waste management in the food sector. With the international partners of the project, a comparative report on waste management practices is prepared and best practices are determined.

Partner Organisations

- Governorship of Istanbul (Turkey-Public Organisation) abmerkez@istanbul.gov.tr
- Boğaziçi University (Turkey-University) sdpcp@bogazici.edu.tr
- Latvijas Lauksaimniecības Universitāte (Latvia-University) edokuments@lu.lv
- Fondazione Eniip Lombardia (Italy-Foundation) sara.fattarini@eniip.lombardia.it
- Exponential Training & Assessment Limited (United Kingdom-Private Company) john.moore@exponentialtraining.com
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Project Coordinator
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The project will be implemented between 31.12.2020 and 29.06.2023

ZERO
Zero Waste Management in Food Sector

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For more information please click here:
<https://sdpcp.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news-04.asp>

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4. COP28 and 'UN SDSN Net Zero on Campus' Movement

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5. ' Digital Inclusion for 65+' Project

The project "Digital Inclusion for 65+ ", in which Boğaziçi University Computer Engineering Department is a partner, is part of the Civil Society Dialogue VI (2023) between Turkey and the European Union . The project developed a sustainable dialogue between NGOs working on elderly people in Turkey and Greece in order to contribute to improving the living conditions and standards of elderly people. This dialogue enabled the exchange of best practices among CSOs on issues related to the elderly. Within the scope of the project, a digital literacy training programme for the elderly in Turkish, Greek and English was prepared and 724 elderly people were trained in total. Awareness raising events and advocacy activities were organised in Istanbul and Athens.

Boğaziçi University makes significant contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals through international collaborations and innovative projects. These studies, which are carried out in different disciplines such as digitalisation, environmental sustainability and social inclusion, create an effective platform for the development and dissemination of best practices.



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https://www.ab.gov.tr/siteimages/pub/csd_vi_tur.pdf

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In line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Boğaziçi University cooperates with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) within the scope of various projects and voluntary work. These collaborations are carried out in various ways such as volunteer student programmes, research projects and development of educational resources. Below are examples of these collaborations.

1. Boğaziçi Ayvalık Schools

Boğaziçi Ayvalık Schools, carried out in cooperation with Boğaziçi University and Ayvalık Olive Kernels Association, aims to introduce children to different areas of interest and provide them with experience in these areas through workshops organised by volunteer university students, consultant academics and programme coordinators in the field.

The programme focuses on activities that raise awareness on themes such as ecological life, recycling, children's rights, children's memory and identity. Within the scope of the 2023 September Summer School held between 27 August-10 September 2023, photography, fairy tale, yoga, dance, music and art workshops were held with 50 children.



For more information, please click here: <https://bogaziciayvalikokulu.com/>



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2. Boğaziçi University Social Work Club (BUSOS) Festivities

Boğaziçi University Social Work Club (BUSOS) aims to produce permanent solutions to social problems by working one-to-one with disadvantaged groups. In the Children's Festival, which is traditionally organised every year, children are provided with a day where they can learn about children's rights while having fun and playing games. In addition, BUSOS organises the NGO Festival every year, where students can get to know NGOs and learn how they can play a role in NGOs. On 2 April 2023, at the NGO Festival, speeches titled 'Women in the Earthquake Region', 'Earthquake and its Impact on Education', 'How Can We Pursue Our Right to Shelter?', 'Earthquake and Women's Rights', 'Earthquake and its Impact on Foster Care Awareness', 'We Heal with Solidarity' were delivered.



For more information click here:

<https://ogrencifaaliyetleri.bogazici.edu.tr/kulup-etkinlikleri/sosyal-hizmet-kulubu>



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3. 180 Degrees Consulting Boğaziçi and ESEV Cooperation: Celiac Awareness Project

An agreement was signed in 2023 between the Boğaziçi representative office of 180 Degrees Consulting, an international student consultancy network, and Elele Health Education and Solidarity Foundation (ESEV) to carry out joint studies on 'raising awareness about celiac disease and increasing the awareness of ESEV'. This cooperation provides an opportunity for volunteer Boğaziçi University students to increase their impact by contributing to the solution in non-governmental organisations.



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4. Women Leaders in Health Certificate Programme

Implemented by Boğaziçi University Lifelong Learning Center (BÜYEM) and Professional Business Women's Association (PWN Istanbul) with the support of UN SDSN and Awen for Us, the 'Women Leaders Leading Health' Development Certificate Programme aims to expand the pool of mid- and senior-level female talent in the health sector and support the development of women in the sector. The programme, which brought together senior executives from healthcare and pharmaceutical companies with the participants, is based on the Harvard University 'Women in Leadership: Online Certificate Programme for Emerging Leaders' at Harvard University. 50 mid-level women graduated from the 'Women Leaders in Health' certificate programme, which was repeated twice in 2022-2023.



Click here for more information:

<https://buyem.bogazici.edu.tr/course/sagliga-yon-verecek-kadin-liderler-gelisim-programi>

<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/mezun/3/sagliga-yon-verecek-kadin-liderler-programi-i/2686>



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5. Boğaziçi University Electrotechnology Club (BUEC) STAR Project

STAR Project of Boğaziçi University Electrotechnology Club (BUEC) is an online social responsibility project organised for high school girls within the sub-board of Society of Women Engineers and Scientists (SWES). The aim of the project is to bring together female role models who have successfully progressed in male-dominated professions and sectors such as engineering and technology with high school students and to encourage them in the profession they want to pursue. The project organises inspiring, interactive sessions, trainings and workshops with CSOs and relevant organisations.



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6. 'Digital Inclusion for 65+' Project

In the Civil Society Dialogue between Turkey and the European Union VI (2023) report, the achievements of the project 'Digital Inclusion for 65+', in which Boğaziçi University Computer Engineering Department was a participant, are presented. The project enabled the development of a sustainable dialogue between NGOs working on the elderly in Turkey and Greece in order to contribute to improving the living conditions and standards of the elderly. Within the scope of the project, a digital literacy training programme for the elderly in Turkish, Greek and English was prepared, a total of 724 elderly people were trained, and awareness raising and advocacy activities were organised in Istanbul and Athens.

These collaborations between Boğaziçi University and NGOs contribute significantly to raising social awareness, developing educational materials and making progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.



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Boğaziçi University aims to provide a meaningful education to all students throughout the university by integrating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into social, environmental and academic practices. By integrating the SDGs into education, it is aimed that students understand their global responsibilities and gain a perspective towards finding solutions to sustainability problems. Information on the organisations and activities towards this commitment is given below.

1. UN SDSN Turkey Members Board Meeting

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Naci İnci, Rector of Boğaziçi University, emphasised that higher education institutions have an important responsibility in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the UN SDSN Turkey Members Board Meeting held at our university on 14 June 2023. Prof. Dr. İnci stated that universities should rapidly update their education programmes taking into account the increasing SDG-oriented education demands. In addition, he stated that universities should be sustainability champions not only to look better in the indices, but also to be sustainability champions with joint studies that will benefit the society, environment and economy.



Click here to read the related news:

<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/akademik/1/un-sdsn-turkiye-toplantisinda-konusan-rektor-/2890>

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FOREWORD

We Fulfil Our Responsibility for a Sustainable Future



As Boğaziçi University, we continue to fulfil our responsibility in building a sustainable future with great determination. As the 2024 United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Report reveals, global cooperation and innovative financing solutions are critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Unfortunately, the report reminds us that there has been insufficient progress on most of these goals set in 2015 and that the global community needs to do more in this regard. As Boğaziçi University, we are focused on making a difference both locally and globally with our sustainability efforts. Established in 2014 under the auspices of our university, the United Nations SDSN Turkey Network plays an important role in achieving our country's sustainable development goals. In this context, we continue to develop projects that produce solutions for environmental, social and economic sustainability through our scientific research and academic collaborations. From energy efficiency projects on our campus to educational activities that raise environmental awareness, we act with this awareness together with our students, academic and administrative staff. We are determined to maintain our goal of becoming an 'exemplary sustainable campus' both nationally and internationally. We will work harder together for a sustainable future and carry this responsibility into the future.

Mehmet Naci İNCİ
Rector of Boğaziçi University

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2. UE4SD Project

Boğaziçi University represented Turkey in the University Educators for Sustainable Development (UE4SD) project, which brought together 55 partners from 33 countries in Europe between 2014-2016. Within the scope of this project, opportunities were provided for university educators to develop their professional competences and academic leadership capacities related to sustainable development education. It also aimed to identify teaching approaches to guide students' understanding and implementation of their global and professional responsibilities in sustainability. As a result of the project, an online resource platform was created as the first compilation of materials for university educators and awareness on the importance of sustainable development in higher education was raised. The stakeholders of the project support the 'Education Academy for Sustainable Development in Higher Education'.



Boğaziçi, Türkiye temsilcisi oldu

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma ve Temiz Üretim Merkezi (BU-SDCPC), yükseköğretimde sürdürülebilir gelişme yönündeki çalışmaları desteklemek amacıyla Avrupa Birliği Projesi olan UE4SD'nin Türkiye temsilcisi oldu. Avrupa'daki 33 ülkeden 55 kurumu bir araya getiren UE4SD projesi, Erasmus Akademik Ağı "Yaşam Boyu Eğitim" programı

kapsamında Avrupa Komisyonu tarafından finanse edilecek ve 3 yıl sürecek. 2016'da tamamlanacak projeye, İngiltere'den Gloucestershire, İspanya'dan Madrid Autonomous ve Almanya'dan Lunenburg Leuphana üniversiteleri destek veriyor. Hedef kitlesi eğitim kurumları ve sivil toplum kuruluşları olan projeye eğitimde kalitenin artırılması hedefleniyor.

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<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/akademik/1/bogazici-universitesi-turkiyeyi-avrupada-tems/95>

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3. Sustainable Green Campus Practices Commission

Boğaziçi University carries out meaningful studies on issues such as raising environmental awareness, improving energy and natural resource management, reducing emissions and waste generation with the 'Sustainable Green Campus Practices Commission' established in 2014. The aim of this commission is to create an exemplary green campus life by supporting the understanding of environmental and social sustainability throughout the university and integrating it into educational programmes.



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4. Peace Education Application and Research Centre

Boğaziçi University aims to promote the understanding and culture of peaceful solutions through the Peace Education Research and Application Centre, the first and only peace education centre established under the roof of a university in Turkey. Founded in 2007, this centre aims to combat discrimination and eliminate the concept of 'other' by integrating peace education into university programmes.



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<https://peaceedu.bogazici.edu.tr/tr>

<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/kampus/2/baris-egitimi-uzun-bir-maraton/40>

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5. 'SDSN Youth Turkey' and Sustainability Festivals

SDSN Youth Turkey, led by Boğaziçi University, organises 'Sustainability Festivals' at universities in order to explain the concept of sustainability in an interactive way. These festivals are designed to raise awareness about sustainable development among students and young people and provide a meaningful educational process.



Click here for more information:

<https://www.sdsnyouth.org/networks/turkey>

<https://sdcpc.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news-02.asp>

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Training for the SDGs: Specialised Courses on Sustainability

Boğaziçi University offers a variety of undergraduate courses and graduate programmes that address sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These programmes include courses and degrees that aim to specialise in environmental, social and economic sustainability. Some of the programmes and courses offered at the university in line with these objectives are as follows:

1. Institute of Environmental Sciences Programmes

Boğaziçi University Institute of Environmental Sciences offers master's and doctoral degrees in the fields of 'Environmental Sciences' and 'Environmental Technology'. Students can specialise in Urban Waste Management and Renewable Energy (W2E), Pollution Control and Modelling (PCM), Molecular Ecology and Microbial Biotechnology (MNM), Socio-Ecological Sustainability (SES) according to their courses and thesis studies. In addition, the Institute of Environmental Sciences offers undergraduate courses on sustainability such as 'Sustainable Development', 'Global Climate Change', 'Social Ecology'.

Click here for information about the programmes:

https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr_TR/Content/Akademik/Lisansustu_Katalogu/Cevre_BilimleriEnstitusu

Click here to see the graduate course contents:

<https://iesc.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/graduate-courses>

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<https://iesc.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/courses>

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2. Chemical Engineering Programmes

Chemical Engineering undergraduate and graduate programmes offer a remarkable diversity of sustainability-oriented educational content. At the undergraduate level, there are courses such as 'Renewable Energy Technologies,' 'Operation and Environmental Safety in Chemical Plants,' and 'Hydrogen Technologies,' while the master's and doctoral programmes include 'Analysis of Sustainable Technologies' and 'Catalysis for Green Technologies' courses. These courses aim to equip future engineers with both theoretical knowledge and practical approaches by addressing the concept of sustainability in the context of energy, environment and technology.

Click here for information about the undergraduate programme:

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Click here to get information about the graduate programme:

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3. Civil Engineering Programmes

Civil Engineering undergraduate and graduate programmes offer a variety of sustainability-related course content. At the undergraduate level, courses such as 'Environmental Engineering Design,' 'Hydraulic Engineering,' 'Transportation Systems Engineering,' 'Foundation Engineering,' and 'Environmental Engineering' provide students with basic knowledge on sustainable infrastructure, resource management, and mitigation of environmental impacts. At the graduate level, advanced courses such as 'Environmental Geotechnology' and 'Soil Behaviour' focus on the study of soil and environmental relations within the framework of sustainability. These programmes aim to provide the necessary knowledge and skills to develop sustainable engineering solutions.

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Click here for information about the undergraduate programme:

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Click here to get information about the graduate programme:

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4. Master's Programme in Sustainable Tourism Management

This programme is a master's programme that aims to reassess the existing tourism activities in Turkey in line with global trends and within a sustainability perspective. From this perspective, it aims to contribute to the human resources required for the development of sustainable tourism in Turkey and beyond. The programme is the first and only programme that provides education in the field of sustainable tourism in our country .

For more information about the programme click here:

<https://strm.bogazici.edu.tr/en>

Click here to see the course content:

<https://strm.bogazici.edu.tr/en/course-descriptions>

5. Fuel and Energy Technologies Non-Thesis Master Programme

It is a master's programme that teaches sustainable energy technologies to engineers who aim to play a leading role in the fuel and energy sector. The programme is structured to include the efficient conversion and utilisation of new and clean energy sources such as hydrogen and biomass as well as traditional sources such as oil, coal and natural gas. The programme also includes compulsory and elective courses on renewable and sustainable alternative energy technologies, energy-environment relationship and sustainability.

Click here to get information about the programme:

https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr_TR/Content/Akademik/Lisansustu_Katalogu/II_Ogretim_Tezsiz_Yuksekk Lisans_Programlari/Yakit_ve_Enerji_Teknolojileri_Programi

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6. Executive MBA and MBA Programmes

Executive MBA Programme is a one-year training programme for experienced executives committed to the pursuit of excellence. The programme includes compulsory and elective courses on sustainable energy and its impact on financial decision-making, renewable energy and carbon finance, corporate social responsibility and ethics, green marketing, sustainable real estate development and its social, environmental and economic consequences, environmental law and sustainability.

In the MBA programme, there is a compulsory course 'Management of Ethical Issues and Sustainability' which covers the ethical foundations of sustainability, examination of the relationship of companies with the social environment, interference with private life, discrimination, trade secrets, harassment, plagiarism, unfair competition, unethical marketing practices, cyberethics, environmental ethics, sustainable business ethics, identification and resolution of real cases, corporate ethical behaviour structure and ethical programmes.

Click here to get information about Executive MBA Programme:

https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr_TR/Content/Akademik/Lisansustu_Katalogu/II_Ogretim_Tezsiz_Yuksekk_Lisans_Programlari/Executive_MBA_Yuksekk_Lisans_Programi

Click here to get information about the MBA Programme:

https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr_TR/Content/Akademik/Lisansustu_Katalogu/Sosyal_BilimlerEnstitusu/Isletme_Lisansustu_Programi

7. Social Policy Master Programme

Social Policy Master's Programme focuses on the root causes of poverty and inequalities and the dynamics of social exclusion based on factors such as social class, gender and ethnic identity. The programme aims to examine the effects of these dynamics in areas such as employment, labour relations, health, education, social services, care and income, and to address policies designed to deal with these problems.

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There are many elective courses on Sustainable Development Goals, including 'Dimensions of Poverty and Inequality', 'Economics for Social Policy', 'Gender and Social Policy', 'Child Well-being', 'Care Policies', 'Health Policies', 'European Social Policy', 'Globalisation and Social Policy', 'International Organisations and the Impact of Civil Society Organisations on Social Policy'.

Click here to get information about the programme:

https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr_TR/Content/Akademik/Lisansustu_Katalogu/Sosyal_BilimlerEnstitusu/Sosyal_Politika_Yuksekk_Lisans_Programi

8. Peace and Conflict Lectures

The 'Peace and Conflict' course offered by the Department of Political Science and International Relations and the 'Introduction to Peace Education' and 'Conflict Resolution' courses offered by the Department of Educational Sciences comprehensively address various dimensions of peace education. In these courses, issues such as human rights, social justice, disarmament, intercultural solidarity, environmental protection and internal peace are discussed; psychological, social, political and religious factors that shape conflicts are examined. In addition, theories of peacebuilding and reconciliation are analysed, focusing on issues such as conflict management, transformation and resolution at interpersonal, intergroup and organisational levels.

Click here to see the course contents:

<https://peaceedu.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/dersler-0>

<https://ed.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/undergraduate-course-descriptions>

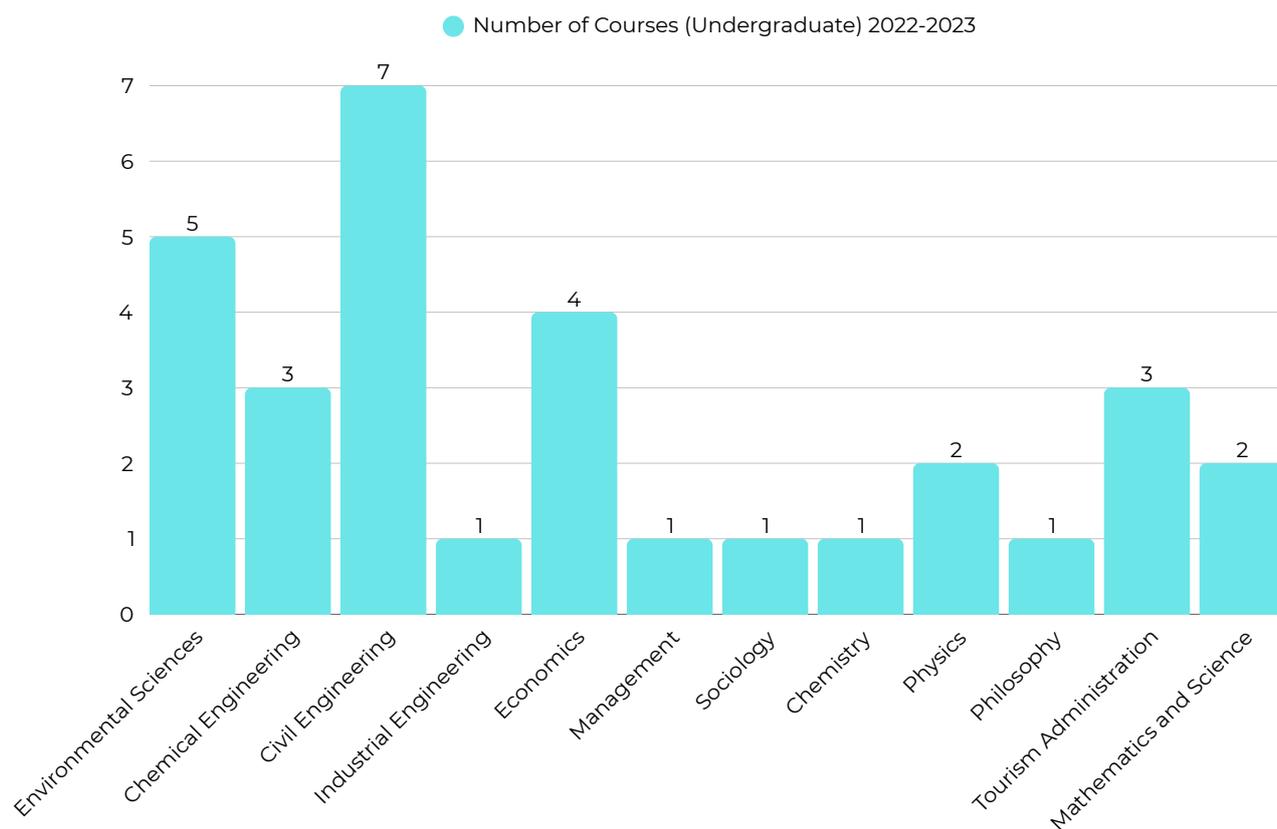
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Training for the SDGs: Specialised Courses on Sustainability

University-wide Sustainability Focused Courses

Boğaziçi University aims to provide its students with an interdisciplinary perspective on environmental, social, economic and political sustainability through its sustainability-focused education programmes. In addition to prominent programmes and courses such as Environmental Sciences, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Sustainable Tourism Management, Fuel and Energy Technologies, all students gain a basic awareness in this field with the sustainability-related courses of different departments spread throughout the general education curriculum of the university.

In the 2022-2023 Academic Year Autumn and Spring Semesters, a total of 65 courses, including 31 undergraduate and 35 graduate courses, were offered on environmental sustainability and environmental issues.



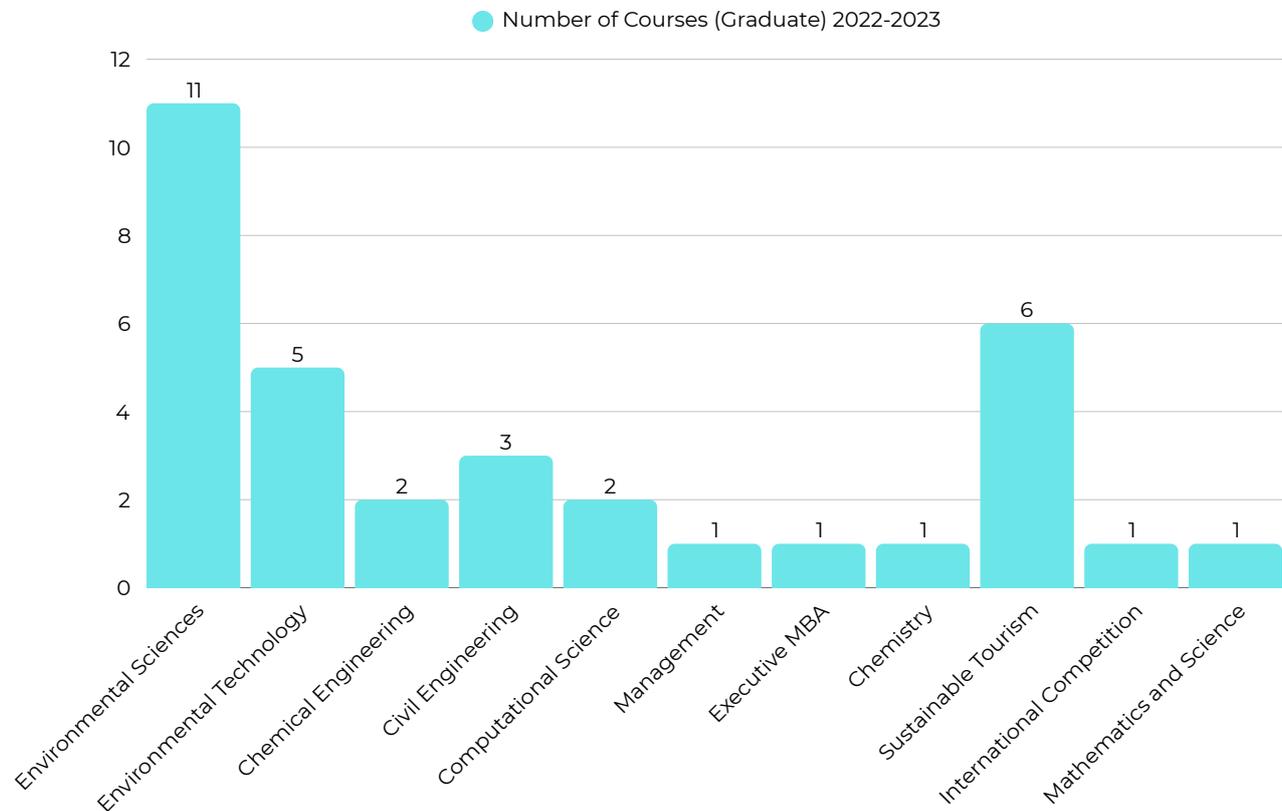
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University-wide Sustainability Focused Course



Boğaziçi University aims to educate individuals focused on sustainable development and solutions to social problems through its undergraduate and graduate programmes, which adopt an interdisciplinary approach. The University strongly reflects its responsibility to society and the environment by equipping its students with the knowledge and skills to produce effective solutions that are sensitive to global problems.

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Boğaziçi University carries out specialised training activities for the Sustainable Development Goals for the wider community, including alumni, local people and refugees. Examples of these trainings are given below.

1. Boğaziçi European School of Politics

Boğaziçi European School of Politics aims to provide young people between the ages of 25-35 from different provinces of Turkey with the opportunity to discuss different policy alternatives and to provide them with skills that will support them in achieving their career goals in politics, civil society and local governments through trainings and various events organised twice a year.

24 young people from 15 different cities of Turkey participated in the Winter 2023 Training Programme held between 5-12 February 2023. The programme covered important topics such as Foreign Policy, Human Rights Law, European Union Agenda, Communication, Education Policies, Voter Trends and Gender.



For more information please click here:

<https://avrupasiyasetokulu.org/>



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2. Go Zero - Zero Waste Management in Food Sector Project: Training Activity

The European Union project titled 'Zero Waste Management in the Food Sector', of which Boğaziçi University is a project partner and coordinated by Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change, aims to improve the waste management skills of food sector employees and food department students of vocational high schools. The project also aims to raise awareness on the environmental and financial impacts of zero waste management.

The short-term staff training activity of the 'Zero Waste Management in the Food Sector' project was held in Istanbul, hosted by Boğaziçi University between 19-23 June 2023 with the participation of all partner institutions. The participants were trained on sustainable consumption and production practices and initiatives, food packaging, biomethanisation and composting of organic wastes including food residues, chemical recycling of agricultural residues, integration of environmental sustainability practices into the production sector, environmental performance of bread using cradle-to-grave life cycle assessment methodology, solid waste management, zero waste management, adult learning, using project training contents and platform. On 18 October 2023, a training on 'Zero Waste & Zero Waste Management in Olive and Olive Oil Sector' was held at Etiler Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School.



Click here for more information:

<https://sdcpc.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news-04.asp>

https://sdcpc.bogazici.edu.tr/PROJECTS/Go%20Zero%20Brochure_ENG.pdf

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3. Boğaziçi Ayvalık Schools: Workshops Inspiring Children

Boğaziçi Ayvalık Schools enable children to explore different areas of interest and gain experience in these areas through workshops conducted by volunteer university students, counsellors and programme coordinators in the field. It also aims to raise awareness with activities focusing on themes such as ecological life, recycling, children's rights, children and identity, and children's memory. In Ayvalık Schools 2023 September Summer School, 50 children participated in workshops in various fields such as photography, fairy tales, yoga and dance, music and art.



Click here for more information:

<https://bogaziciayvalikokulu.com/>

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4. BÜYEM and Zorlu Holding Cooperation: Sustainability Trainings

In cooperation with Boğaziçi University Lifelong Learning Centre (BÜYEM) and Zorlu Holding, the 4th term of the 'Sustainability 101' training organised within the framework of the Smart Life 2030 vision was completed with the participation of 300 Zorlu Group employees in 2023.

In addition, within the scope of the Zorlu Energy Experience (ZExperience) Programme, which was launched in April 2023, 49 young scholars received 17 online trainings on Academy 101, Climate & Sustainability, Technology, Energy and Communication with the contributions of academics from BÜYEM, Istanbul Technical University and Bilgi University. These programmes aimed to raise sustainability awareness and contribute to the development of new generation leaders.

Click here for more information:

- 1) <https://www.zorlu.com.tr/akillihayat2030/yazilar/akilli-hayat-akademisi>
- 2) <https://imece.com/temalar/zorlu-enerji-experience>

5. Teachers 2030: Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Mobilisation Training

'Teachers 2030: Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Mobilisation Training' was held between 24 October - 7 December 2023 in cooperation with Schneider Electric, UN SDSN Turkey and Boğaziçi University Lifelong Learning Center (BÜYEM). Within the scope of this programme, it was aimed to increase the knowledge and skills of teachers working in K12 schools on sustainability. The training focused on the concepts of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals and education for sustainable development; practical examples such as lesson plans and classroom practices were shared. In addition, activities to support students' skills such as solution-oriented thinking, creativity and entrepreneurship were shared.



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6. Womomentum: Education Programme for Women Students

Enerjisa Üretim, a member company of BCSD Turkey, which initiated the 'Future of Work and Women's Employment' project, carries out the 'Education Programme for Women Students (Womomentum)' project, which aims to increase women's participation in education and economic life. The programme, which covers 3rd and 4th year female students studying at all universities and vocational colleges in Turkey, is designed within the framework of gender equality.

The training content of the Womomentum programme, developed by Enerjisa Üretim in cooperation with İmeceLAB, was created with the contributions of Boğaziçi University Lifelong Learning Center (BÜYEM) and Sabancı University by making use of the Power MBA programme. A total of 2030 female students from 68 different provinces participated in the programme held in 2023. Participants received a total of 19 trainings in the fields of sustainability, personal development, career, energy, finance and digital during the 8-week programme.



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7. Womomentum: Education Programme for Women Students



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8. Innovative Agribusiness Training Programme

The 'Innovative Agribusiness Training Programme' organised by Boğaziçi University Innovative Agriculture and Food Business Platform (bountarım) aims to contribute to the creation and development of a sustainable structure in the agricultural sector. Within the scope of the programme, topics such as the application of sustainability principles in farms, the role of the agri-food supply chain in sustainability and the importance of marketing in the agricultural sector are discussed. In the courses, sustainability practices are discussed through successful and unsuccessful examples and professional development opportunities are offered to the participants.

Click here for more information:

<https://www.bountarim.net/yenilikci-tarim-isletmeciligi>



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9. Publicly Available Educational Materials from İklimBU

Boğaziçi University Climate Change and Policy Research and Application Centre (iklimBU) publishes educational materials on topics such as climate change, carbon footprint, environmental pollution and sustainable development on its website. These contents, which can also be used by individuals outside the academia, include informative articles, blogs, newsletters and video series, thus aiming to raise awareness by reaching a wide segment of the society.



Click here for more information:

<https://climatechange.bogazici.edu.tr/iklim-degisikligi/#bunlaribiliyormusunuz>

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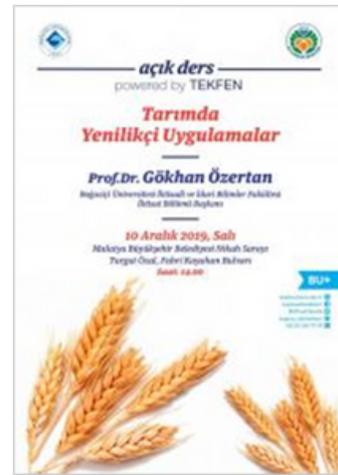


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10. 'Open Lecture' Seminar Series on BU+ Platform

The 'Open Lecture' seminar series, organised by Boğaziçi University Culture and Arts Commission, addresses all segments of society with content covering Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) themes such as health, education, economy and climate. The videos of these seminars are publicly available on the BU+ web platform.



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Assessment of Students' Sustainability Literacy

UE4SD Project Survey Evaluation

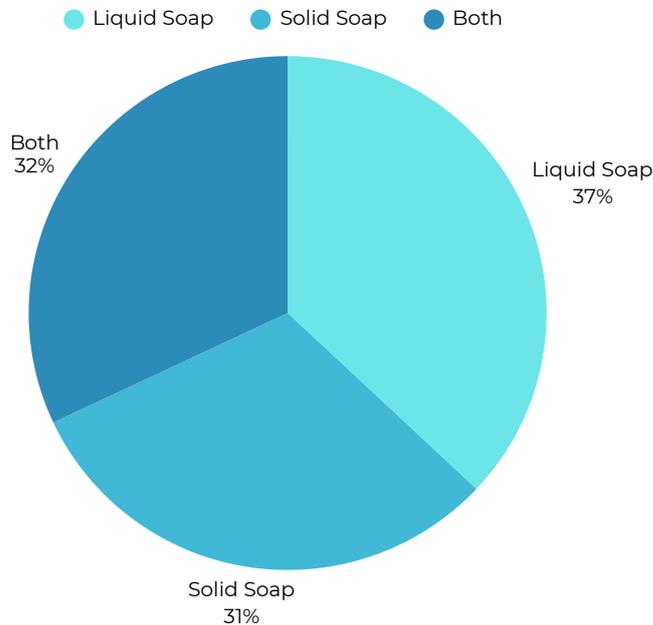
The 'University Educators for Sustainable Development (UE4SD)' project, supported by the Erasmus Academic Network of the European Commission and completed in 2017, increased the sustainable environmental awareness of students. After the project, sustainable production and consumption studies were expanded with surveys. In the context of campus sustainability, a comprehensive questionnaire was administered to students from different disciplines and levels on academic and social sustainability, waste management, carbon footprint and energy management to understand students' awareness and expectations.

The prominent results of the survey results are as follows:

- Environmental Sustainability has the highest priority, followed by social, good governance and economic sustainability.
- Among all groups, students have the highest level of sustainability awareness, followed by faculty, administration and campus staff.
- 73.6% of the respondents are aware that there are one or more green buildings on campus.
- 67.7 per cent of the responses indicated that student interest in more sustainability research and projects is a top priority.
- Most respondents think that social media and other digital communication channels should be used more effectively to disseminate sustainability information at the university.
- 75.7% of the respondents are aware that sustainable energy sources are used on campus.
- In terms of waste management, students equally value the availability of waste sorting bins and increased recycling awareness.
- Most students favour refilling and reusing printer cartridges, while recycling is the most popular solution for paper, plastic and glass solid waste.

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Personal care product consumption habits of the students staying in the dormitory are evaluated through periodical surveys conducted every year. According to the survey conducted in 2023, 37% of the students use liquid soap, 31% use solid soap, and 32% use both. While 41% of the residents wash their hands every 2 hours, those who use liquid soap use the pump at least twice.

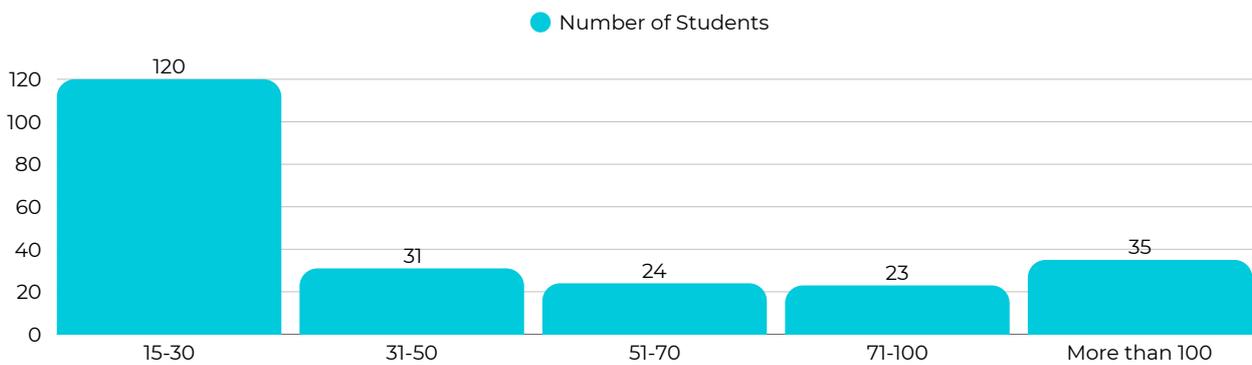
Evaluation of Carbon Footprint in the Context of Students' Transportation to School

More than 200 students participated in the survey conducted at Boğaziçi University in the Spring semester of 2023 to assess students' common modes of transport and carbon footprints. The survey results revealed that the majority of students prefer public transport, especially the metro. This finding shows that students make a significant contribution to the reduction of carbon emissions through their transport choices.

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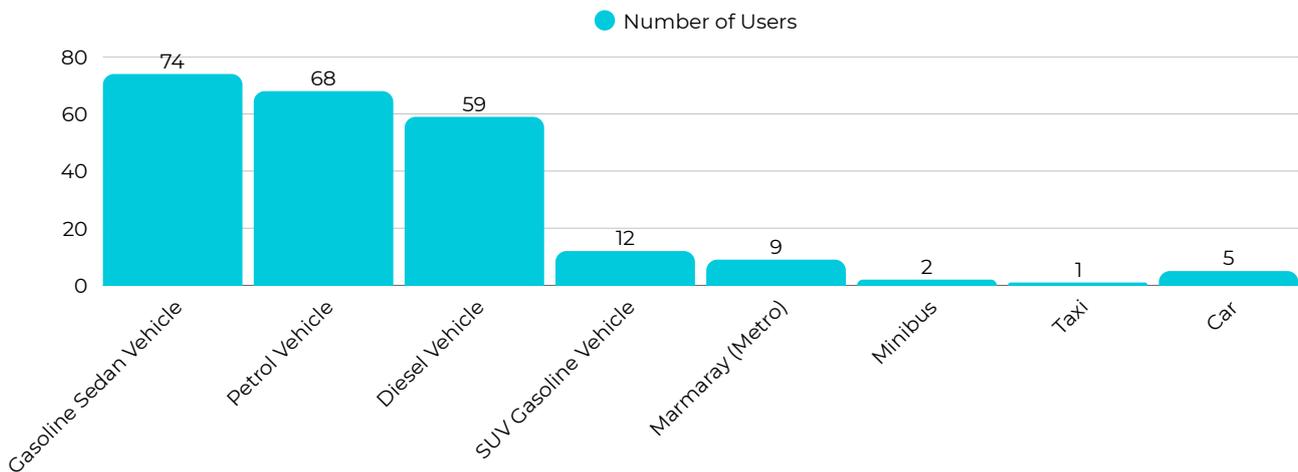
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- "How much time do you typically spend commuting between your home and university each day (in minutes)?"



The results show that many students commute to and from school more than once during the day, usually for 15-30 minutes.

- "What type of fuel-powered vehicle do you use when commuting to school?"



Most of the students travelling to school by private car prefer sustainable vehicle types. This conscious approach that prioritises environmentally friendly options reflects the effort to reduce individual carbon footprint. Students who choose sustainable and environmentally friendly transport modes contribute significantly to reducing carbon emissions. This collective consciousness creates a positive impact by strengthening a sustainable ecosystem.

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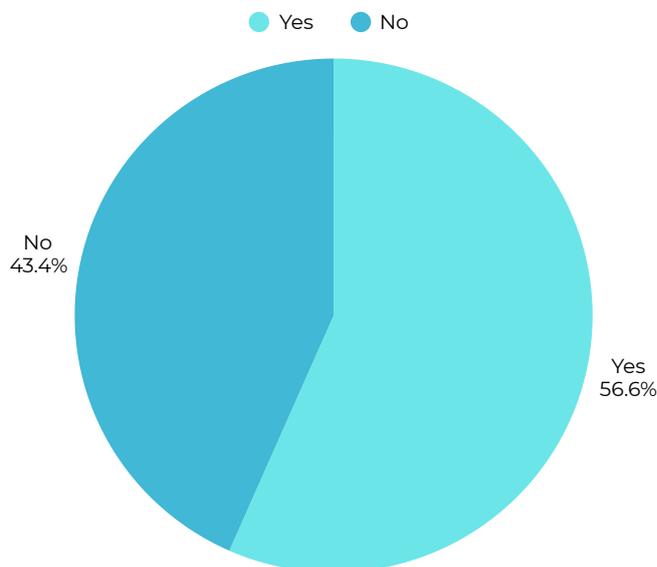
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Boğaziçi University aims to be an exemplary 'green campus' in national and international platforms with its environmentally and socially sustainable education and training practices. In this direction, various surveys are organised to raise student awareness.

The Green Campus Survey, which was conducted in the Spring semester of 2023 with the participation of 242 students from different departments taking the 'ESC 351 Sustainable Development' course, examined students' awareness of sustainability and how they integrate this awareness into their lives.

In the survey, students' motivations for choosing "ESC 351 Sustainable Development" course were specifically questioned and the main reasons were identified. Most of the students emphasised that sustainability is a vital issue and stated that they chose this course in order to learn basic information about environmental problems, to be sensitive to future problems and to find solutions. In addition, many students stated that they aimed to apply the knowledge they gained to both their personal lives and careers.

- "Do you consider yourself adequately aware and conscious of environmental issues?"

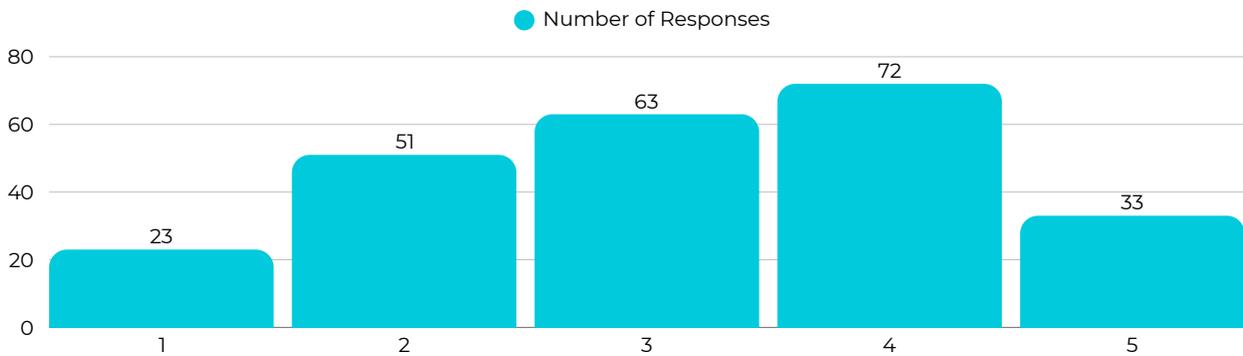


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Within the scope of the questionnaire, students were asked whether they consider themselves as a sufficiently conscious individual in terms of their awareness of environmental problems. To this question, 56.6% of the students answered 'yes' and 43.4% answered 'no'.

- "How do you utilize the separate waste bins (paper, plastic, glass, electronic waste, and others) placed inside and outside the university buildings?"

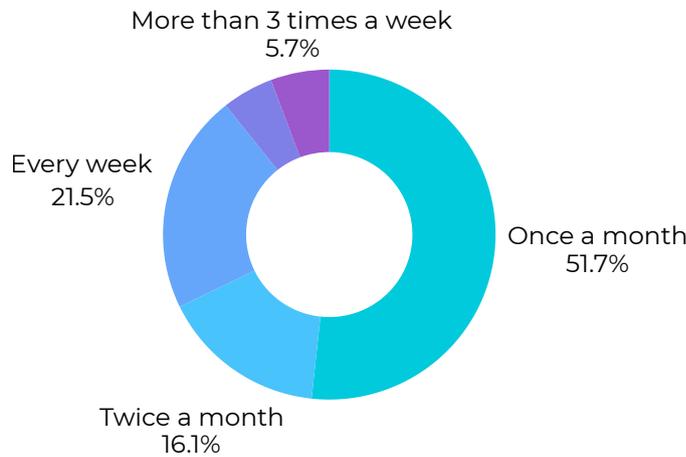


As seen in the figure, when the students were asked to make an evaluation out of 5, the most frequently chosen score was '4'. '3' is the most preferred option following the "4" score. According to this, it can be concluded that most of the students who participated in the survey see the waste bins separated according to waste types in university buildings and campuses at a good level.

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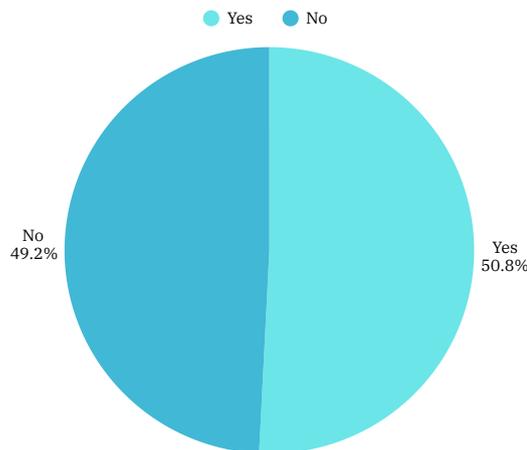
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- "How often do you collect waste separately and bring it to waste collection points around the university?"



When students were asked how often they sort the waste generated in their campus life and dispose of it at waste points on and around the campus, 51.7% of them answered ‘once a month’.

- "In addition to LEED-certified buildings, have you heard that Boğaziçi University is the first campus in the world to have its own wind power plant that meets all its electricity needs?"



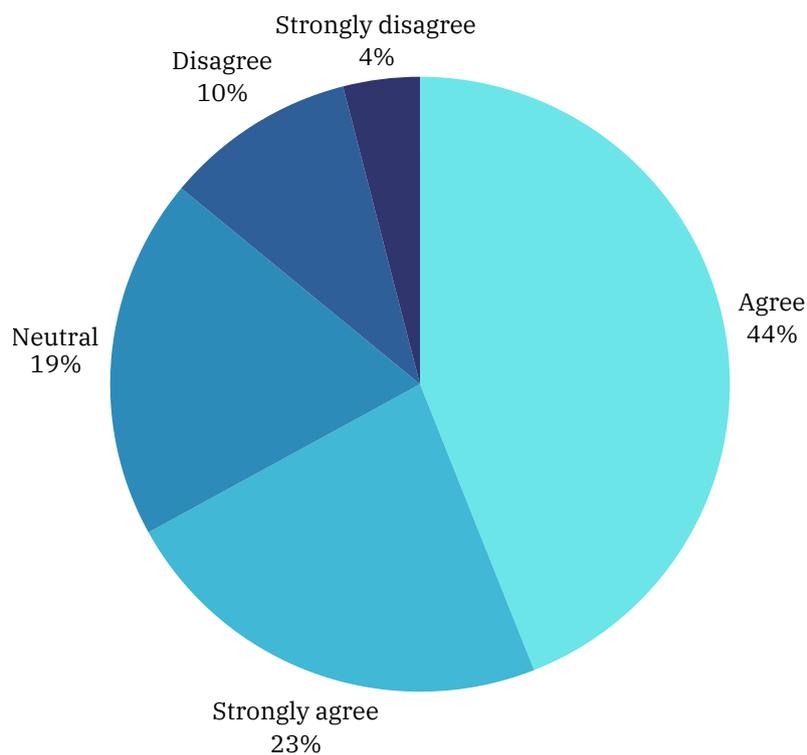
When students were asked whether they were aware of the sustainable green campus achievements of our university, 50.8% of them answered ‘no’ and 49.2% answered ‘yes’. While sustainable green campus practices continue in different areas, it is of great importance to publicise these achievements and raise awareness through various seminars and trainings as well as studies such as the Green Campus Survey.

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In one part of the questionnaire, students were asked whether they consider sustainability criteria in their daily habits and product purchases and sales.

- "I often look for alternatives to disposable products."

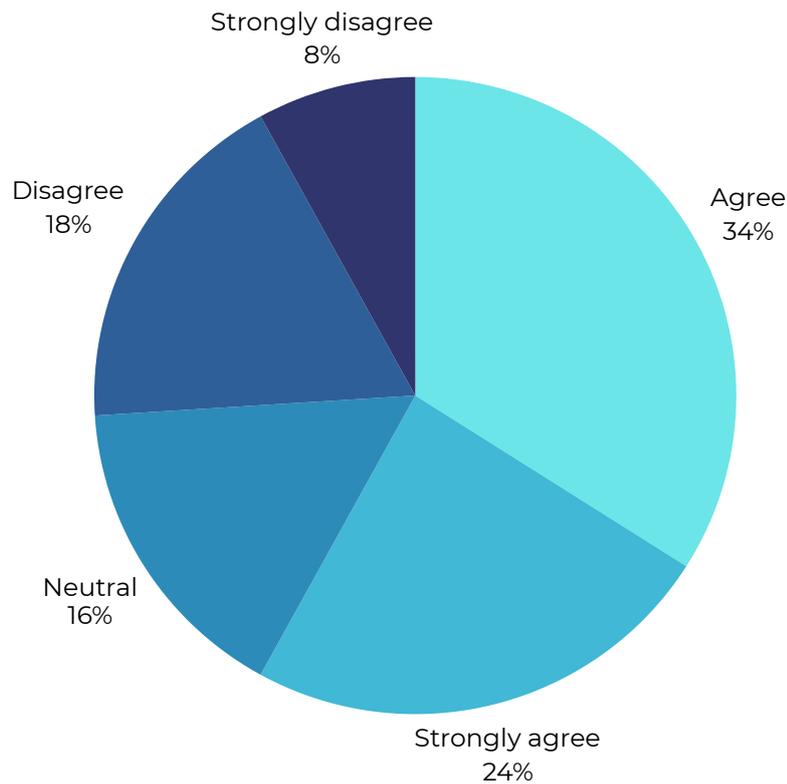


In the questionnaire, students were asked whether they prefer reusable, environmentally friendly alternatives to disposable products in their daily lives. 44% of the participants answered 'agree', 23% answered 'strongly agree' and stated that they generally prefer alternative products. This result reveals the sensitivity of the majority of students to environmental problems and their awareness of sustainability.

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- "I sort my household waste according to its type (plastic, glass, paper, etc.)."

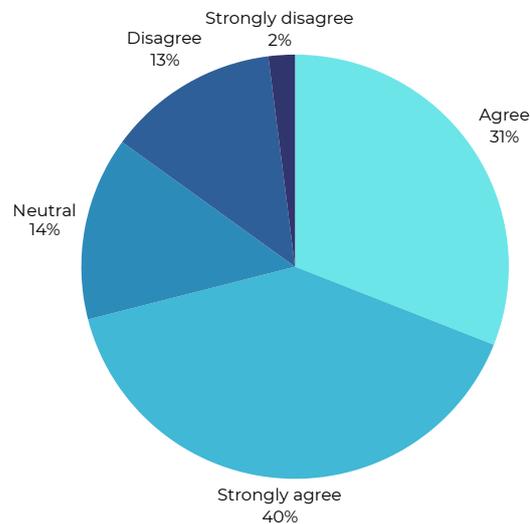


In the questionnaire, students were asked whether they sorted their wastes at home according to their types. 34% of the participants answered 'agree' and 24% answered 'strongly agree', indicating that they segregate their waste. This result shows that students attach importance to waste separation not only in campus life but also at home and are conscious about environmental and sustainability issues.

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- "I carry a reusable water bottle, thermos, cutlery and/or straws."



In the questionnaire, students' habits of using reusable products in their daily lives were questioned. 40% of the participants answered 'strongly agree', 31% answered 'agree' and stated that they use and carry reusable products with them. This result shows that most of the students have a significant awareness of sustainability and adopt environmentally friendly habits.

The Green Campus Survey, which was organised to examine the sustainability awareness of students at Boğaziçi University and the extent to which they integrate this awareness into their daily habits, was conducted with the participation of 242 students. The reasons why students from different departments chose the course 'ESC 351 Sustainable Development' and the results obtained are quite valuable. It has been observed that most of the students have sustainability awareness both on and off campus and reflect this awareness to their habits. It is an important achievement for our university to determine that students' awareness and motivation towards sustainability are high with the questionnaires organised.

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Boğaziçi University Student Wins Second Place in the EU Young Translators Contest

Boğaziçi University's approach to translation studies not only equips students with advanced technical language skills but also fosters a comprehensive understanding of the linguistic structures and conceptual frameworks used by European Union institutions. A testament to this approach came when Eda Duman, a student in the Department of Translation and Interpreting Studies, achieved second place in the English category of the 2023 Young Translators Contest organized by the Directorate for EU Affairs.

The competition brought together 125 students from 41 universities. Reflecting on her success, Duman highlighted the strong foundation she built at Boğaziçi University and noted that her preparation included working closely with Department Chair Prof. Dr. Mehmet Şahin on adapting EU terminology into Turkish, guided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' official reference manual on EU language use.

Boğaziçi University's comprehensive training in translation equips students not only with advanced linguistic proficiency but also with the professional and conceptual expertise necessary to contribute to global cooperation. Duman's achievement illustrates the university's broader commitment to providing all students—across disciplines—with meaningful, applicable knowledge that aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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AGRICOMPET Project: Governing the Agri-Food Supply Chain

Led in Turkey by Prof. Dr. Gökhan Özertan from Boğaziçi University's Department of Economics, the AGRICOMPET Project is a multilateral research initiative conducted simultaneously in Spain, Italy, France, Greece, and Turkey under the EU PRIMA (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area) program. The project focuses on strengthening the institutional and organizational structures of agricultural cooperatives, developing inclusive roadmaps for cooperative managers, and enhancing e-commerce infrastructures.

In Turkey, fieldwork and survey analyses carried out in collaboration with local producer organizations such as Marmarabirlik, Trakyabirlik, and the Hayrabolu Önder Farmer Advisory Association contribute to the development of concrete policy recommendations aimed at improving cooperative governance capacity. Hosting this international collaboration across five countries, Boğaziçi University provides a key platform for advancing sustainable agricultural practices and for developing comparative best-practice models to strengthen cooperatives' resilience against crises.



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Our Participation in Global Evaluation Systems

Boğaziçi University's inclusion in internationally recognized ranking systems such as QS and THE contributes to global data collection and monitoring efforts aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By being evaluated across areas such as education, employability, research, international collaboration, and sustainability, the University actively supports the advancement of global benchmarking and progress tracking initiatives.

Boğaziçi University's Global Achievement in QS Subject Rankings

Boğaziçi University has demonstrated significant progress in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024, which evaluates institutions across five key criteria: academic reputation, employer reputation, research citations, h-index, and international research collaboration. The University ranked within the top 300 globally in three major fields—Social Sciences & Management, Arts & Humanities, and Engineering & Technology—while securing positions in the top 150 in two sub-disciplines, the top 250 in eight sub-disciplines, and within the top 400 across 14 sub-disciplines in total.



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Innovative Collaborations for Sustainable Development in Life Sciences

The Boğaziçi University Center for Life Sciences and Technologies (Boğaziçi LifeSci) develops international best practice models contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals through projects carried out in collaboration with the European Union. To date, the center has delivered more than 100 advanced research projects, produced over 1,200 high-impact academic publications, and secured more than 20 international patents, making a significant contribution to Turkey's healthcare entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Strategic initiatives such as the CHIRON-T3 project, which foresees the establishment of a Targeted Therapy Technologies Center, represent a concrete step toward enhancing Turkey's R&D capacity at the European level. At the same time, the development of Turkey's first domestically owned drug candidate, the establishment of preclinical research infrastructures, and the planning of new Horizon Europe-funded centers demonstrate Boğaziçi University's determination to transform research-based knowledge into global success stories.

Furthermore, as the only Turkish higher education institution represented before EU institutions in Brussels and an active member of the UniLion network, Boğaziçi University strengthens both the sustainability and strategic impact of these international collaborations.



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International Scientific Leadership and Model Collaborations of KOERI's New Director, Prof. Dr. Nurcan Meral Özel

Prof. Dr. Nurcan Meral Özel, newly appointed Director of the Boğaziçi University Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KOERI), exemplifies scientific leadership that advances the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through her internationally recognized work in earth sciences and disaster monitoring technologies. A recipient of Japan's prestigious State Order, Prof. Dr. Özel has led the establishment of terrestrial and submarine monitoring stations across a vast geography extending from Antarctica to the Equator. From 2014 to 2022, she served as Director of the International Monitoring System (IMS) at the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), where she oversaw the scientific and technological coordination of the global nuclear test monitoring network spanning 98 countries. Under the auspices of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, she spearheaded the creation of Turkey's first tsunami early warning system and has played a pivotal role in strengthening scientific collaboration and technology transfer between Turkey and Japan in seismology.



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Symposium on Competition in Labor Markets

Organized in collaboration between Boğaziçi University and the Turkish Competition Authority, the “Symposium on Competition in Labor Markets” provided a vital platform for interdisciplinary dialogue, bringing together representatives from government, the private sector, academia, and civil society. The symposium, structured around three panels, addressed competition in labor markets within a multi-stakeholder framework, examining regulatory approaches in Türkiye, the European Union, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Discussions highlighted the need to strengthen cross-sectoral cooperation in the face of emerging policies, evolving legal frameworks, and innovative business models shaping the future of work.

Led by Boğaziçi University’s Innovation Center, the event fostered an inclusive and participatory environment that promoted knowledge exchange and social engagement, reinforcing the university’s commitment to advancing sustainable development goals through policy dialogue and collaborative practices.



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A Visit from the United Kingdom to Europe's First and Only Carbon-Negative Biorefinery

Europe's first and only carbon-negative biorefinery, located at Boğaziçi University's Sarıtepe Campus, was visited in 2024 by a delegation that included experts from the British Embassy in Ankara, the British Consulate General, and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.

As part of the visit, Dr. Berat Haznedaroğlu from the Institute of Environmental Sciences delivered a presentation on the EU-Türkiye co-funded INDEPENDENT Project and provided insights into innovative microalgae-based R&D initiatives designed to support the Sustainable Development Goals in sectors such as energy, food, health, and the environment.

The delegation was also briefed on the promising outcomes of the "Microalgal Life Support Units for Space Missions" (UzMAN) project—conducted within the framework of Türkiye's National Space Program and tested on the International Space Station by astronaut Alper Gezeravcı—which examines the ability of microalgae to convert carbon dioxide into oxygen. This visit stands as a significant example of promoting and disseminating best practices in sustainable development at the international level.



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International Excellence in Chemistry: Prof. Dr. Amitav Sanyal Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry

Prof. Dr. Amitav Sanyal, faculty member of the Department of Chemistry at Boğaziçi University, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) in 2024, joining one of the most prestigious global scientific communities in the field of chemistry. Prof. Sanyal conducts internationally significant research in areas such as polymer and materials chemistry, biomaterials for bioimmobilization, development of biological sensors, novel scaffold systems for cell and tissue growth, and metallic and polymeric nanoparticles.

The Fellow group within the Royal Society of Chemistry is composed of distinguished scientists recognized for their contributions to scientific excellence and their role in shaping science policy. This fellowship not only reinforces Boğaziçi University's capacity for global collaboration but also contributes to strengthening science-based international partnerships in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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A New Collaboration for Sustainability Goals from Boğaziçi University

In 2024, Boğaziçi University and the Development and Investment Bank of Türkiye signed a Sustainability Cooperation Protocol, establishing a model partnership that strengthens university–industry collaboration while advancing sustainable development goals in Türkiye.

Under this agreement, joint projects, workshops, and training programs will be carried out in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), focusing on areas such as climate change mitigation, renewable energy, natural resource efficiency, sustainable finance, low-carbon transportation, and water and waste management.

As the institution chairing UN SDSN Türkiye, Boğaziçi University contributes to the development of best practices in sustainability at both the national and international levels through this initiative. The partnership serves as a model for fostering multi-stakeholder engagement among the public sector, academia, and industry, providing a concrete example of how the SDGs can be effectively implemented.



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Türkiye's First Impact Investment Summit at Boğaziçi University

The Impact Investment Advisory Board (EYDK), which works to shape and advance Türkiye's impact investment landscape, held the country's first Impact Investment Summit on May 23–24, 2024, at Boğaziçi University's Albert Long Hall on the South Campus. The summit brought together key figures including Minister of Industry and Technology Mehmet Fatih Kacır, Vice President of the Presidential Investment Office Bekir Polat, EYDK Chair Şafak Müderrisgil, as well as numerous experts from Türkiye and abroad.

In his address, Minister Kacır emphasized that building a sustainable and inclusive economy is an urgent necessity to ensure a livable world for future generations. He highlighted the launch of a €300 million financing package, developed in collaboration with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to support SMEs preparing digital transformation roadmaps. He also pointed to the \$450 million green industry project, carried out in partnership with the World Bank, which aims to fund SMEs and producers engaged in R&D and investment activities in green innovation, renewable energy, and resource efficiency.

Hosted by Boğaziçi University, the summit marked a significant milestone in Türkiye's sustainable development agenda and provided a platform for forging new partnerships that will accelerate the country's sustainability-focused development trajectory.



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A Multi-Stakeholder R&D Ecosystem in Targeted Therapy Technologies at Boğaziçi LifeSci

The Targeted Therapy Technologies Symposium, organized by the Boğaziçi University Center for Life Sciences and Technologies (Boğaziçi LifeSci) on May 24–25, 2024, convened leading health experts and industry representatives from Turkey and abroad, contributing to the development of a multi-stakeholder R&D ecosystem in targeted therapy technologies.

Within Boğaziçi LifeSci's laboratories, more than 100 scientific research projects are currently being conducted with the support of national and international institutions, including the Presidency of Strategy and Budget, the Ministry of Industry and Technology, the Istanbul Development Agency, TÜBİTAK, and the European Union. Boğaziçi LifeSci Director Prof. Dr. Rana Sanyal emphasized that groundbreaking projects aimed at the treatment of diseases such as cancer are being advanced through collaborations with both national and international companies, and she invited all stakeholders to contribute to this growing ecosystem.

The advanced research infrastructure and global collaborations established within Boğaziçi LifeSci represent best practices in sustainable development, offering innovative pathways to improve health and well-being.



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Developing SDG-Oriented Best Practices through International Collaboration in Computational MR Imaging

Led by Prof. Dr. Esin Öztürk Işık from Boğaziçi University's Institute of Biomedical Engineering and supported by the European Commission's Horizon Europe Program, the Twinning Project aims to strengthen Türkiye's academic and technological capacity in computational magnetic resonance (MR) imaging. Through collaboration with leading research institutions such as the University Medical Center Amsterdam and Fraunhofer MEVIS (Bremen), the project focuses on developing innovative imaging techniques for the early diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS). The project's joint research initiatives and training programs contribute to advancing comparative approaches in global health research, fostering deeper scientific collaboration, and generating SDG-oriented best practice models in the field of medical imaging.



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Boğaziçi University Climbs 96 Places in QS World Rankings, Reaching 418th Position

Boğaziçi University has made a remarkable leap in the QS World University Rankings 2025, climbing 96 places to reach the 418th position—an overall advancement of nearly 350 places in the past three years. This achievement reflects the measurable outcomes of the university's global collaborations and sustainability-focused initiatives, as assessed through multidimensional indicators such as research impact, employability, international reputation, sustainability, and academic visibility.

The university stands out particularly in the areas of graduate employability, employer reputation, and sustainability, while actively engaging in data-driven international benchmarking and evaluation mechanisms. These developments highlight Boğaziçi University's contribution to global data collection and monitoring processes linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), demonstrating its strengthened position in international rankings through continuous progress in academic excellence, social impact, and sustainability.



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International Collaboration in Earthquake Research: Scientists from Türkiye and Japan Gather at Boğaziçi University

Hosted by Boğaziçi University's Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KOERI) on June 10–11, 2024, the TÜBİTAK & JST J-Rapid Kandilli Workshop brought together leading scientists from Türkiye and Japan to share research findings on earthquakes and explore joint solutions. The workshop featured in-depth assessments of seismological data and damage analyses from the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes, serving as a tangible example of more than 50 years of scientific collaboration between the two countries. By fostering knowledge exchange and technology transfer aimed at reducing seismic risks, the workshop contributed to the development of best practices that strengthen disaster resilience. In this context, the event stands as an important example of international cooperation aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in advancing disaster risk reduction and resilient infrastructure.



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Global Dialogue for Energy Sustainability: IAAE International Conference Held at Boğaziçi University

From June 25–28, 2024, Boğaziçi University hosted the 45th IAAE International Conference, which brought together 450 experts from 70 countries to engage in an interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder dialogue on issues of energy sustainability, security, and accessibility. Leading academics in energy economics, policymakers, private sector representatives, and civil society organizations convened in panels and workshops throughout the conference to discuss the challenges of the global energy transition and explore pathways toward effective solutions. Through this major international event, Boğaziçi University not only provided a platform that fosters cross-sector dialogue between government, academia, and industry within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, but also highlighted Türkiye's contributions to advancing a sustainable energy vision on the global stage.



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Sustainable Development Report 2024

Boğaziçi University actively contributes to international data-gathering and measurement efforts for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through its role as the host and an active member of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN) Turkey Hub. Within this framework, the annually published Sustainable Development Report serves as a key reference, reviewing global progress toward the SDGs and providing comparable data across UN member states. By coordinating with global partners, Boğaziçi University supports the monitoring, measurement, and reporting of Türkiye's sustainable development performance, thereby strengthening international data production and sharing mechanisms essential for evidence-based SDG implementation.

Key Findings of the Sustainable Development Report 2024: Insufficient Global Progress

- The report highlights that achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 is no longer feasible.
- Only 16 % of targets show measurable progress, while 84 % are experiencing limited advancement or regression.

Country-Level Performance

- Nordic countries (Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France) continue to lead the Sustainable Development Index.
- BRICS and BRICS+ countries (including Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE) have progressed faster than the global average since 2015.
- Türkiye ranks 72nd out of 167 countries, scoring 70.5 points.

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Global Financing and Investment Needs

- Financing gaps are identified as the most critical barrier to achieving the SDGs.
- Low- and lower-middle-income countries face significant challenges in securing resources for essential investments in infrastructure, education, and health.
- The report underscores an urgent need to reform the global financial architecture, recommending:
 - Increased official development financing
 - Strengthened performance of national development banks
 - Implementation of global taxation mechanisms
 - Reform of private capital markets and restructuring of existing debt obligations

Food and Land Systems

- Without decisive action, around 600 million people could face hunger by 2030, and global obesity rates are projected to rise.
- The report calls for reducing animal-based protein consumption, investing in agricultural productivity, and deploying robust, transparent monitoring systems to halt deforestation.



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QS Europe University Rankings 2025

Boğaziçi University continues to strengthen its global presence by contributing to the collection of international higher education data through annual participation in global university rankings. These rankings provide valuable metrics on education quality, research and development capacity, research infrastructure, international collaboration, and sustainability performance.

In the QS Europe University Rankings 2025, prepared by the London-based higher education analytics organization QS Quacquarelli Symonds, European universities were assessed across key dimensions, including research impact, academic reputation, employability, employer reputation, learning experience, internationalization, and sustainability. Boğaziçi University achieved remarkable progress and strong standings in this comprehensive evaluation:

•Overall Ranking in Europe: Ranked 165th among 685 universities across 42 European countries, Boğaziçi University demonstrated significant advancement in academic excellence and institutional impact.

•Fastest-Improving Institution: Drawing on data from QS's World University Rankings 2025, Boğaziçi University recorded a 34-place rise, earning the distinction of being Europe's fastest-rising university in the 2025 regional ranking.

•Outstanding Performance in Employability and Employer Reputation: Boğaziçi achieved its strongest results in graduate employability and employer reputation, ranking 35th in employability and 32nd in employer reputation, with a notable 10-place climb in the latter category.

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•Solid Gains in Academic Reputation, Mobility, and Sustainability: The university advanced nine places to 137th in academic reputation, ranked 140th for outbound exchange students, and placed 152nd in sustainability, reflecting the societal and environmental impact of its sustainability initiatives.

•National Leadership within Türkiye: Among 72 Turkish universities evaluated, Boğaziçi University ranked 1st in graduate employability, and 3rd in both employer reputation and sustainability, confirming its position as one of Türkiye's most competitive and future-oriented higher education institutions.



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High-Quality Language Education Aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals through EAQUALS Accreditation

Boğaziçi University's School of Foreign Languages (YADYOK) English Preparatory Program has once again demonstrated its excellence in language education by earning EAQUALS (Evaluation and Accreditation of Quality Language Services) accreditation through September 2028—one of the most prestigious international benchmarks for language education.

During the comprehensive EAQUALS evaluation, which covered twelve key areas including governance and administration, quality assurance, student services, teaching and assessment practices, YADYOK achieved “excellent” ratings in six areas and “high standards” in all remaining categories. This outcome provides formal recognition that Boğaziçi University delivers English language education that meets globally recognized standards of quality and rigor.

This accreditation goes beyond ensuring foreign language proficiency. It stands as tangible evidence of the university's commitment to inclusive, high-quality education aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By delivering language instruction at a truly international standard, Boğaziçi University enhances students' access to interdisciplinary knowledge linked to the SDGs, fosters global awareness, and strengthens intercultural communication skills—key competencies for addressing the challenges of sustainable development in a global context.



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Visit of Dutch Delegation and Russia-Based Energy Company to Boğaziçi University's ALGBU Microalgae Technologies Center

The microalgae research carried out at Boğaziçi University's Kilyos Campus, home to Europe's first and only carbon-negative biorefinery under the INDEPENDENT project, provides a tangible example of the potential of international scientific collaboration to develop global best practices.

A Dutch delegation, led by Rory Nuijens, Innovation Attaché of the Netherlands, and composed of representatives from the Ministries of Economic Affairs; Climate and Green Growth; Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Safety and Nature; and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, visited the center and created an important platform for knowledge exchange and the development of international best practices in low-carbon, microalgae-based solutions for the energy, food, health, environmental, and agricultural sectors



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In addition, Tatneft Group CEO Nail Maganov and Turkey Representative Radik Gimatdinov from the Russia-based energy company Tatneft toured the biorefinery to gain insight into Boğaziçi University's microalgae and energy R&D initiatives. During the visit, Prof. Dr. Bekir Cem Avcı (Director of the Energy Policy Research Center), Tamer Bayhan (Facility Director), and Umutcan Kural (Business Development Manager) delivered comprehensive presentations on microalgae production for the food, energy, agriculture, livestock, and environmental sectors, as well as on innovative microalgae projects tested aboard the International Space Station (ISS) within Türkiye's National Space Program.

The discussions further enabled an exploration of joint R&D projects and technology transfer opportunities in green energy and microalgae research between Boğaziçi University and Tatneft. Overall, these meetings represented a significant step toward comparing international experiences, generating joint solutions, and advancing global best practices in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025

Boğaziçi University has once again demonstrated its academic excellence and strengthened its contribution to international data analysis by securing a place in the *Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025*. Excelling across all five key criteria—teaching, research environment, research quality, industry engagement, and international outlook—the University achieved the highest overall score increase in Türkiye compared to the previous year. Ranked in the 601–800 band globally, Boğaziçi University recorded significant gains across multiple indicators:

- Research Quality rose from 57.4 to 62.0
- International Outlook improved from 50.6 to 52.9
- Research Environment increased from 26.6 to 29.7
- Teaching Quality advanced from 26.1 to 28.0

In addition, Boğaziçi University showcased strong university–industry collaboration, achieving 85 points in the Patents sub-metric and 83.7 points in Industry Income, underscoring its dynamic role in translating scientific knowledge into innovation and societal impact.



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Educational Cooperation between Boğaziçi University and YETEV

Boğaziçi University is committed to advancing innovative educational models that contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by fostering strong partnerships with civil society organizations. As a significant step in this vision, the University has signed a “Montessori Teacher Training Practices and Educational Cooperation Protocol” with the Yeni Türkiye Eğitim Vakfı (YETEV) in 2024.

Under this protocol, Boğaziçi University’s academic expertise will be combined with YETEV’s field-based pedagogical experience to establish internationally recognized Montessori teacher training programs, enabling teacher candidates to obtain globally valid Montessori certification. At the same time, faculty members from the Faculty of Education will have opportunities to observe field practices and translate them into academic research, while innovative events such as “Philosophy for Children” symposia and educational activities will be organized to strengthen children’s analytical and critical thinking skills.

This comprehensive university–NGO partnership exemplifies how higher education institutions can advance inclusive, high-quality education and lifelong learning, serving as a model for effective SDG-aligned educational innovation and societal impact.



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Europe's Leading Universities Convene at Boğaziçi University within the NeurotechEU Alliance

On 13–14 November 2024, Boğaziçi University hosted the NeurotechEU (The European University of Brain and Technology) Istanbul Meeting, bringing together eight of Europe's leading universities to advance international collaboration in neuroscience. Established in 2020 under the European Universities Initiative, the alliance includes Radboud University (Netherlands), Miguel Hernández de Elche University (Spain), Karolinska Institute (Sweden), University of Bonn (Germany), Iuliu Hațieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj-Napoca (Romania), University of Lille (France), Reykjavík University (Iceland), and Boğaziçi University. The meeting gathered rectors, scientists, researchers, and students from these partner institutions.



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Discussions focused on R&D in neuroscience, as well as on curriculum development, accreditation, and academic exchange, evaluating how joint projects foster robust scientific integration across Europe. In his address, Boğaziçi University Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Naci İnci emphasized that this collaboration has already produced globally significant outcomes in neuroscience, while Prof. Dr. Can Ali Yücesoy, NeurotechEU Coordinator and faculty member of Boğaziçi University's Biomedical Engineering Department, highlighted that major advancements that would take years to achieve individually have been accelerated through the alliance's strong integration. This landmark event reinforced Boğaziçi University's leadership in strengthening international academic and scientific partnerships, promoting the exchange of comparative approaches in research and education, and generating SDG-oriented solutions on a global scale.



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Times Higher Education Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025

Boğaziçi University has achieved a global ranking of 90th in the Times Higher Education (THE) Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025, prepared for the first time in collaboration with the Schmidt Science Fellows, affirming its international leadership in interdisciplinary scientific research and innovation. This new ranking evaluates universities' capacity for interdisciplinary research based on key criteria such as research funding and industry sponsorship, cross-departmental collaboration structures, institutional support for interdisciplinary team management and promotion, physical infrastructure, and the quality, volume, and impact of academic publications.

Boğaziçi University delivered its strongest performance in the "Inputs" category, earning 77.3 points for its robust funding and sectoral support for interdisciplinary research. In the "Outputs" category, the University scored 56.7 points, reflecting the high quality, volume, and international reputation of its scholarly publications.

Through its inclusion in this pioneering global ranking, Boğaziçi University reinforces its contribution to the collection and analysis of international data for monitoring and advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), demonstrating its commitment to impactful, cross-cutting scientific solutions on a global scale.



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Symposium on News Copyright and Artificial Intelligence in the Media

Boğaziçi University, in collaboration with Anadolu Agency (AA) and with the support of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, hosted the 2nd Symposium on News Copyright and Artificial Intelligence in the Media on 2–3 December 2024 at its South Campus, creating a high-level multi-stakeholder dialogue platform for the development of sustainable and ethical media policies. The symposium brought together national and international scholars, media executives, technology experts, and policy makers to address critical issues such as artificial intelligence, digital platform business models, copyright law, data security, disinformation, and the protection of news content.

In his opening remarks, Boğaziçi University Rector Prof. Mehmet Naci İnci underscored that artificial intelligence is a strategic research priority for the university. Presidency Communications Director Fahrettin Altun highlighted the urgency of integrating news content within copyright protection, while Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism Nadir Alpaslan and Anadolu Agency Chairman Serdar Karagöz assessed the transformative impact of digitalization on the media ecosystem. The evolving roles of global technology companies such as Google, Meta, and Instagram were examined from an international legal perspective by Prof. Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan (University of Cambridge) and Dr. Valentina Moscon (Max Planck Institute).

This symposium provided a constructive and inclusive forum to support the development of ethical, legal, and economically sound media policies, reinforcing cross-sector collaboration among media, technology, academia, and government in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue for Sustainability: UN SDSN Türkiye 10th Anniversary Meeting

On 27 December 2024, Boğaziçi University hosted the 10th Anniversary Event and Members' Meeting of UN SDSN (United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network) Türkiye, creating a multi-stakeholder and globally oriented dialogue platform focused on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The meeting convened university presidents, government representatives, civil society organizations, and international experts to review progress toward the 2030 SDG targets and to address the key challenges that remain.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Mehmet Naci İnci, Rector of Boğaziçi University and Chair of UN SDSN Türkiye, highlighted that only 16 % of the SDGs show progress worldwide, while 84 % are stagnating or regressing. He emphasized that universities must act as sustainability leaders not merely to improve rankings, but through collaborative efforts that benefit society, the environment, and the economy. Speaking online, Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs, President of UN SDSN Global, stressed that sustainability cannot be achieved without peace, noting Türkiye's pivotal role in the Gaza and Ukraine crises as well as its strategic importance in regional climate and environmental issues. This milestone gathering provided a rich forum for debate and solution-building, bringing together academia, government, and civil society to strengthen Türkiye's and universities' collective responsibility and capacity for collaboration in advancing the global sustainability agenda.



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International R&D Collaboration to Develop a “Real” Personal Assistant AI Agent Model

The Boğaziçi University Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, supported by the European Union’s Digital Europe Programme, is developing next-generation AI agents capable of functioning as personal assistants through its project “On-Device AI Agents: Transforming Real-Time API Interactions with Privacy-Preserving Intelligence.” Led by Assoc. Prof. Şener Özönder and Asst. Prof. Mustafa Taha Koçyiğit, the initiative leverages the state-of-the-art GPU infrastructure of the Barcelona Supercomputing Center (MareNostrum 5) to enhance open-source large language models such as LLaMA and Phi with advanced reasoning, uncertainty management, and real-world interaction capabilities.

Beyond enabling user-friendly voice assistants for mobile and automotive applications, the project directly supports sustainable development goals by designing energy-efficient, on-device AI architectures that protect privacy, reduce energy consumption, and foster digital inclusion. Conducted in collaboration with industry partners such as Turkcell Global Bilgi and ArtificaX Bilişim, this international R&D effort stands as a global best practice in digital innovation and ethical AI development, strengthening Boğaziçi University’s leadership in responsible, sustainability-driven technology research.



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Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2025

Boğaziçi University strengthened its international visibility and global performance across multiple disciplines in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject 2025. Demonstrating notable upward momentum, the University advanced to the 151–175 band in Education, 251–300 in Social Sciences, 301–400 in Business and Economics, and 501–600 in Physical Sciences, while maintaining solid standings in Engineering and Arts and Humanities. Significantly, Boğaziçi University was ranked for the first time in Psychology, entering the 401–500 band, thereby broadening its academic portfolio and research impact.

Based on THE’s comprehensive assessment criteria—including teaching quality, research environment, research excellence, industry engagement, and international outlook—this achievement highlights Boğaziçi University’s strong growth in interdisciplinary research funding, high-quality scholarly output, and collaborative data generation with international partners. By contributing subject-specific research and data to global academic networks, the University plays an active role in advancing the collection and analysis of international data for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reinforcing its commitment to globally impactful and cross-cutting scientific progress.

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TQS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

Boğaziçi University strengthened its global academic standing and its contribution to international data gathering for sustainable development by achieving exceptional results in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025. The University ranked within the global top 300 in eight subjects and top 500 in seventeen subjects, underscoring its expanding multidisciplinary research capacity and international influence. Notably, Boğaziçi advanced 85 places in Social Sciences and Management to reach 225th, and climbed 36 places in Engineering and Technology to 257th. It further distinguished itself by entering the global top 100 in Hospitality and Leisure Management, while also ranking among the top 300 in Linguistics, History, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Business, and Education, reflecting the breadth and depth of its research and teaching excellence.

High scores in the H-index and International Research Network (IRN) indicators demonstrate Boğaziçi University's active engagement in global research data sharing and collaboration, directly supporting the creation of robust scientific datasets for tracking and measuring progress toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Combined with rising academic and employer reputation, these achievements highlight the University's leadership in co-producing, sharing, and applying research-driven evidence to inform global policies and sustainable development strategies.

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Boğaziçi University's Achievement in the THE Asia University Rankings

The Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Rankings provide a key benchmark for evaluating universities' global standing within one of the world's most competitive academic regions. In the 2025 rankings, Boğaziçi University rose 18 places from the previous year to 123rd, and advanced from the top 27% to the top 15% globally since 2020, marking a significant achievement in international higher education.

This upward trajectory reflects enhanced research quality aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the expansion of international collaborative projects, and a growing volume of high-impact, multilingual scientific publications. Improvements across THE's core indicators—teaching quality, research influence, international outlook, and industry collaboration—underscore Boğaziçi University's emergence as a leading hub of academic excellence and influence within Asia, strengthening its global profile and regional academic impact.



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Financial Leadership and Meaningful Education for the SDGs: The Boğaziçi Impact

In the Turkey's Top 50 Most Influential CFOs 2025 list, prepared by BMI Business School of Management in collaboration with DataExpert, ten Boğaziçi University alumni were recognized, once again demonstrating the impact of the university's sustainability-oriented, multidisciplinary, and globally minded education on the business world. Their leadership roles across critical sectors such as energy, finance, manufacturing, and technology stand as tangible outcomes of Boğaziçi University's commitment to providing all students with a meaningful, practice-based education aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This achievement underscores that Boğaziçi University equips its students not only with technical expertise but also with a leadership vision encompassing strategic decision-making, social responsibility, and sustainable development perspectives—preparing them to lead transformative change in both local and global contexts.



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Boğaziçi University Finance Summit 2025

On 10–11 May 2025, Boğaziçi University hosted the inaugural Finance Summit, creating a cross-sector dialogue platform that brought together leaders from government, the private sector, academia, and the financial industry under the theme “Financial Transformation in an Age of Uncertainty.”

Over two days, the summit addressed macroeconomic balances, central banking, green and digital transformation, investment strategies, fund management, financial technologies, and sustainable development. Discussions explored shared solutions to price stability, the strengthening of capital markets, climate and energy policies, and the green and digital transformation of industrial infrastructure, highlighting the critical intersection of finance and sustainability.

The event fostered interactive engagement among key public institutions—including the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye (CBRT), the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye Investment Office, and the Ministry of Industry and Technology—as well as private sector leaders, financial institutions, academics, and entrepreneurs. By bridging these diverse actors, the summit contributed directly to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in advancing sustainable economic growth, twin (green and digital) transitions, employment generation, and energy efficiency, serving as a prominent model of multi-stakeholder dialogue for sustainable finance.



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SDSN Türkiye Members and Stakeholders Meeting at Boğaziçi University

The UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Türkiye, hosted by Boğaziçi University since 2014, held its annual Members and Stakeholders Meeting on the university's South Campus under the theme "SDSN Initiatives in Light of Current Developments."

Participants reviewed progress and emerging challenges in key areas such as sustainable energy, climate action, peace and justice, inclusive economic development, and social equity, working together to formulate joint strategies for advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This gathering further reinforced Boğaziçi University's role as a neutral and collaborative platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue on global sustainability priorities.



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QS World University Rankings 2026 – Boğaziçi University Ranks Second in Türkiye for QS Sustainability Indicator

According to the QS World University Rankings 2026, Boğaziçi University advanced 47 places to 371st globally, reaching its highest position since 2012. The university's overall score rose sharply from 28.5 to 40.3, while it achieved 335th worldwide in academic reputation and 88th in employer reputation, placing among the top two universities in Türkiye in this category. Boğaziçi also ranked first nationally for Graduate Employment Outcomes, reflecting the strong visibility and success of its alumni in the job market. Research impact indicators further highlight this upward trend: citations per faculty increased from 10.7 to 23.7, and in the sustainability indicator Boğaziçi attained an impressive 68.5 points, ranking second in Türkiye.

These gains in academic reputation, employer reputation, sustainability, and research output confirm the university's expanding international research capacity and global collaboration strength. In particular, the strong performance in the sustainability metric underscores Boğaziçi University's active contribution to international data-gathering and monitoring efforts for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reinforcing its role as a key actor in advancing global sustainable development.



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10th National Geosynthetics Conference Held at Boğaziçi University

On 29–30 May 2025, Boğaziçi University hosted the 10th National Geosynthetics Conference at its Grand Conference Hall, bringing together government agencies, private-sector experts, academics, and students to discuss the multi-dimensional applications of geosynthetic materials in transportation, environmental protection, dam and reservoir construction, soil stabilization, and sustainability. Organized in coordination with the International Geosynthetics Society (IGS) Turkey Chapter, the conference featured technical sessions on railway geosynthetic applications, microplastic interactions, dam engineering, software development, and EPS geofam systems.

This high-level gathering strengthened cross-sector collaboration in sustainable infrastructure, waste reduction, recycling, and environmentally responsible engineering solutions, fostering shared knowledge and practical innovation. By hosting the event, Boğaziçi University provided a key platform for advancing the informed and innovative use of geosynthetic materials in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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The Role of International Law in Post-Conflict Societies Discussed at Boğaziçi University

Hosted by the Faculty of Law at Boğaziçi University, the Boğaziçi University International Law Conference (BILC 2025) convened on 5–6 July 2025 under the theme “Justice and Reconstruction in Post-Conflict Societies.” The conference brought together leading legal scholars, political scientists, and experts from multiple continents, providing a robust cross-sector platform to examine the role of international law in the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

With distinguished speakers from Princeton, Leiden, King’s College London, Cornell, Peking, and other renowned universities, the sessions addressed key topics such as international criminal law, refugee rights, economic reconstruction, migration policies, structural justice reforms, and critiques of Western-centric legal traditions.

By engaging academia, government representatives, and international organizations in open dialogue, the conference facilitated an in-depth exploration of the critical links between post-conflict justice, peacebuilding, and sustainable development. Boğaziçi University’s leadership in hosting BILC 2025 not only contributed to rethinking the global role of law and justice but also fostered a lasting platform for international cooperation focused on peace and sustainability.



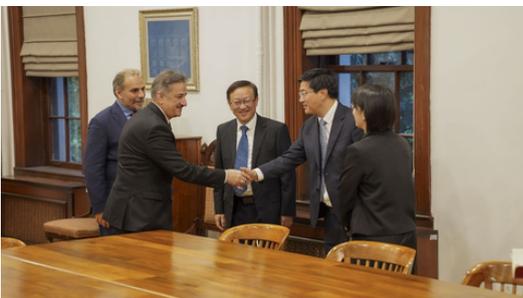
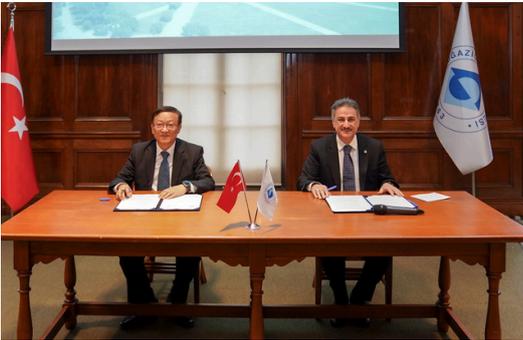
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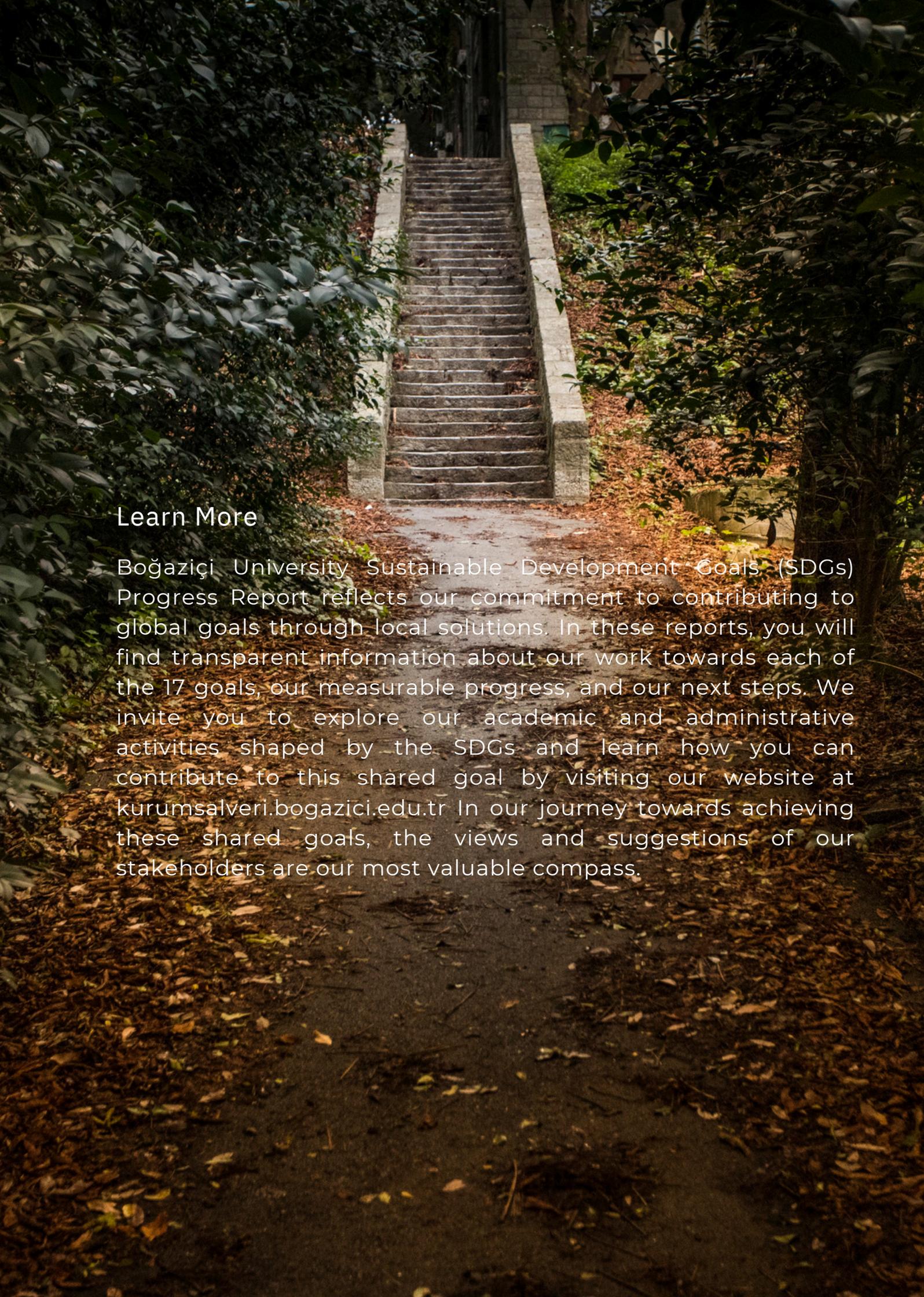
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Strategic Academic Partnership Between Boğaziçi University and Central South University

On September 29, 2025, during the visit of the Central South University (CSU) delegation to Boğaziçi University, a five-year cooperation agreement was signed. Central South University, located in Changsha, the capital of Hunan Province in China, was established on April 29, 2000, through the merger of three institutions: Hunan Medical University, Changsha Railway University, and Central South University of Technology. Recognized as one of China's leading research universities, CSU is distinguished by its strong academic expertise in medicine, engineering, materials science, and transportation. The agreement foresees academic staff and student exchanges, joint research projects, co-authored scientific publications, and a variety of academic events. Through this partnership, the two universities aim to strengthen collaboration in education and research while fostering the development of new joint initiatives.



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