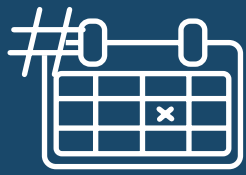


# 17. Partnership for Goals



Number of Current Projects:

10



Number of Annual Events:

47

## 1. Özü Sustainability Platform

The Sustainability Platform is a multidisciplinary, multi-participant, comprehensive, and integrated model to present Özü's commitment to partnerships and sustainability. The office offers an integrated model to manage sustainability initiatives of Özü such as encouraging cross-disciplinary and cross-faculty research on sustainability, designing, delivering, and promoting extracurricular activities related to SDGs and maintaining a sustainable campus.

## 2. Özü's commitment to partnerships with institutions

Özü recognizes that the success of the SDGs agenda requires [genuine collaboration among governments, the private sector and civil society](#) and the universities can play an important role in fostering cooperation and amplifying sustainable development work through innovation and leadership. [Özü Social Contribution Framework](#) is a statement of the University's commitment to adopt a leadership role at a national and international level to shape a sustainable environment and society, contributing to the SDGs.

Özyegin University started a collaboration with the [Turkish Industry and Business Association \(TÜSİAD\)](#) in 2015 for institutional representation. Other partnerships of Özü on tackling SDG's include institutions like the International Sustainable Campus Network, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Sustainable Mobility Initiative, government institutions, municipalities.

## 3. ATTUNE

The project "[Activate The University for Climate Change](#)" (ATTUNE) has produced an innovative learning program that directly addresses climate change on the university campus and encourages students, academic staff, and administrative personnel to act together. The program is being simultaneously conducted at five different universities in Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, and Turkey as part of the [Erasmus+ KA220-HED project](#).

We collaborate with [10 different organizations including universities and NGOs](#) to create five main online education modules on sustainability (water, energy, food consumption, waste, and transportation). The program aims to successfully unite students, academicians and administrative staff to create a project that offers a sustainable solution to any of the problems.





## 4. Co-Art Co-Act

The 2022 Co-Art Co-Act activity aims to leverage the university's art collection for a deeper awareness of planetary challenges and as a springboard for multidisciplinary discussions toward 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

During 2022 we launched the Co-Art Co-Act exhibition where 17 works of art signifying each of the SDGs were identified and displayed at the 400m2 two-story glass building at the campus quad. One wall of this exhibit hall was dedicated to visitors as a "call to action" for posting their feelings, thoughts and suggestions. Using the exhibit as a springboard, Sustainability Platform team organized discussion panels, video and photography studios, ecological art workshops and upcycle design workshops with byproducts of the aforementioned activities throughout the year. In the process, Co-Art Co-Act became a catalyst for building partnerships across the whole spectrum of K12 to university students, businesses, community groups, municipalities and NGOs.

In 2022, we started working on showcasing our campus-wide sustainability movement with the creation of a collaborative artwork involving all Özü constituents in celebration of our university's 15th anniversary and the 100th year of the Turkish Republic. At Özü, we are committed to the innovative use of arts to inspire others to develop their own model for making a positive impact toward a world where all living things thrive.

## 5. 2C1N



Mentored by Özü Sustainability Platform and conducted with the collaboration of Zorlu Holding and Simurg Association, 2C1N Project aims to assist young people in making their voices heard about the SDGs. 2C1N is a project in which high school students analyze the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set for the year 2030, and the question of 'What will happen after 2030?' is discussed by high school students, and the answers are compiled into reports by university students. The 2C1N project, which will take place over a period of 9 years starting in 2021, publishes Sustainable Youth Reports every August 12th, Youth Day. Its goal is to publish the Sustainable Youth Manifesto on August 12, 2030. As of 2023, pilot reports on the first 9 SDG's are completed.

## 6. FAO Partnerships

In line with its role as a national hub for discussions on suggesting solutions to societal problems, Özyegin University organized several events with the Food and Agriculture Organization of UN (FAO).

On the occasion of World Food Day 2022, FAO-Türkiye launched the 2022 edition of The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World at Özyegin University. This annual flagship report, jointly prepared by FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO, contains the most recent and authoritative estimates of the extent of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition around the world. Özü students had an opportunity to ask questions of the heads of the respective UN agencies in Türkiye, who will also participate in a panel to examine the facts presented in the 2022 edition of The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World.

As part of World Food Day 2023, FAO has organized the event "Sustainable Water Policies for Sustainable Living" in conjunction with Özyegin University and the Water Institute of Türkiye. The event discussed the place of water within the 2030 Sustainability Agenda, and featured the participation of public research institutions, universities, private sector and university students.

The Panel "Understanding Global Developments Through Water Footprint" took place under the auspices of Özyegin University in observance of World Food Day took place at Özü on October 16 marking the anniversary of FAO. This year's World Food Day on October 16 is being celebrated with a series of distinguished events under the theme of 'Water is Life. Water is Food. Leave No One Behind,' spanning across the globe, including Türkiye in 2023. The events are designed to foster global awareness and drive change toward the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

