

2023-2024
SDG 17 REPORT



17.

Partnership for Goals



Scholarly Output:
17



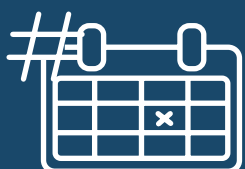
International
Collaboration:
7



Field-weighted
Citation Impact:
1.94



Number of Current
Projects:
0



Number of Annual
Events:
1

1. ÖzU Sustainability Platform

The Sustainability Platform is a multidisciplinary, multi-participant, comprehensive, and integrated model to present ÖzU's commitment to partnerships and sustainability. The office offers an integrated model to manage sustainability initiatives of ÖzU 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. ÖzU's commitment to partnerships with institutions

ÖzU 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. ÖzU 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. Özyeğin University started a collaboration with the Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSİAD) in 2015 for institutional representation. Other partnerships of ÖzU on tackling SDG's include institutions like the International Sustainable Campus Network, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, WWF, Women in Renewable Energy, Xi'an Jiaotong University, government institutions, municipalities.

3. 2C1N

Mentored by ÖzU 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.

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. Adaptable Technological Solutions based on Early Design Actions for the Construction and Renovation of Energy Positive Homes

Center for Energy, Environment and Economy, is a partner in the LEGOFIT project which aims to work adaptable technological solutions based on early design actions for the construction and renovation of Energy Passive Homes. The LEGOFIT consortium represents a multi-disciplinary team composed of 18 partners representing 10 EU countries with a diverse geographic distribution as well as business roles. The team is coordinated by a partner experienced in EU projects, DEM, which aims to use its experience in Smart Cities and Communities (SCC) and Positive Energy District (PED) projects. DEM is an experienced SME in LEGOFIT partners contribute specific cluster of knowledge to meet its objectives, according to their role in this Innovation Action. Roles are replicated in each one of the demonstration teams (Spain, Turkey, Luxembourg, Hungary, Belgium), including in all cases local partners with the relevant technical expertise and capabilities to perform the interventions in the demonstration sites.

6. Turkey & Europe: An Integrated Service-Device-Technology Roadmapping for Smart and Green Cities Alliances

TÜSİAD, in partnership with TÜRKONFED, Institut du Bosphore, Berlin Bosphorus Initiative, Özyeğin University (ÖZÜ), and ÖZÜ - TÜSİAD Sustainable Development Forum, has initiated a project called 'Turkey and Europe: Integrated Services - Tools - Technology Roadmap Project for Smart Cities.' This project aims to strengthen coordination among municipalities, providing a platform for experience and knowledge sharing.

As part of the project, a roadmap proposal has been prepared to facilitate the design of short, medium, and long-term smart city strategies in selected cities. The pilot cities for the project include Istanbul, Izmir, Gaziantep, Konya, Bursa, Ankara, London, Paris, and Berlin. Within the project, participation in virtual workshops on 'Data Management,' 'Access to Financing,' and 'Disaster/Risk Management' was facilitated (January 13, January 31, February 16).

Furthermore, considering that smart cities can produce more effective and sustainable strategies only when enriched with different perspectives and experiences, a workshop on 'Collective and Integrated Data Management' was held in Istanbul in cooperation with the Consulate General of Germany in Istanbul. In this workshop, the pilot cities selected from Turkey and their initiatives discussed common challenges and proposed solutions in a workshop format. The Sustainable Development Forum supported the creation of the workshop's content and assisted in moderating sessions on 'Integrated Data Management | Interdepartmental (Transportation, Energy, Environment, Disaster, Risk)' and Interinstitutional topics.

7. Open Dialogue Meetings

In our pursuit of ways to open up and intersect knowledge produced in different disciplines for the public, we conducted two Open Dialogue meetings to strengthen connections within the university, learn from each other, and exchange ideas on projects we have developed and could develop together. Students and academics from faculties of architecture, engineering, and social sciences, along with student clubs, administrative units, and participants from civil society organizations, discussed possibilities for freshwater resources and particularly actions for the campus stream, drawing on various sources and experiences.



8. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ÖZU & WiRE

Özyeğin University has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Women in Renewable Energy (WiRE) network. Signed by our President, Prof. Barış Tan, the MoU aims to identify areas of collaboration between our university and WiRE, facilitating cooperation and joint initiatives in areas of shared interest. The collaboration includes collaborative research, joint events, workshops, and other activities to be mutually agreed upon by both parties. Founded in 2013 in Toronto, Canada, WiRE has rapidly expanded to over 25 chapters worldwide. Its mission is to advance the role and recognition of women and other underrepresented groups in the renewable energy sector while promoting equal opportunities. The MoU will open new horizons for effective communication and advanced learning opportunities. Through this collaboration, Özyeğin University seeks to strengthen productivity and extend the impact of its current sustainability initiatives.

9. Social Sciences for Democracy

T. Deniz Erkmen runs 'Social Sciences for democracy: A training program for improving research on illiberal systems and finding ways to build more robust democracies' which is supported by: Horizon-Widera Grant Agreement No.101119678

The project "SOS4democracy" is a training program for improving research on illiberal democracies and examining ways to build more robust democracies, organized and led by the Institute of Criminology at University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. It aims to bring together academic and non-academic partners in SouthEastern Europe to deepen intersectoral cooperation in research and increase research capacity, communication, and exchange of ideas regarding illiberal democracies. The project started in September 2023 and will run until September 2027. It comprises 10 partners (6 universities and 4 non-academic institutions) from 5 countries (Slovenia, Italy, Belgium, Turkey, and Bosnia-Herzegovina). Dr. T. Deniz Erkmen is the lead partner from Özyeğin University and for the project, she will spend time in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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10. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ÖZÜ & Xi'an Jiaotong University

Özyeğin University and Xi'an Jiaotong University have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance academic collaboration between the two institutions. Signed by the Presidents of both universities, the MoU encompasses a comprehensive range of scientific and academic collaborations, including student and staff exchange programs, joint research initiatives, co-supervision of doctoral students, and scholarship opportunities for qualified students. Xi'an Jiaotong University has invited Özyeğin University to join the University Alliance of the Silk Road. The meeting also emphasized the significant growth in bilateral trade volume in recent years, underscoring the potential for both universities to foster sector-specific collaborations with Chinese and Turkish companies and explore multi-faceted strategic partnerships.

This collaboration aims to pave the way for joint academic and scientific endeavors, ultimately enhancing both universities' international engagement.



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11. 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 collaborated with 10 different organizations including universities and NGOs to create five main online education modules on sustainability (water, energy, food consumption, waste, and transportation). Piloted in 5 different universities in 5 different countries, this model can now be implemented in any university. Over the past academic year, ATTUNE has achieved the following results:

- 5 universities across Europe leading change on their campuses against Climate Change
- 50,000 visits to the website
- Active participation of 1700 members from the university community
- 31 research-action teams working on specific topics on campus



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