



PARTNERSHIPS NGOs FOR THE GOALS

Student Volunteering Programmes

Ege University collaborates with national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working towards the Sustainable Development Goals through student volunteering programmes. These collaborations aim to engage students in social responsibility, environmental protection, and sustainability-oriented community initiatives.

1. Ege University Young TEMA Community

Ege University collaborates with the [TEMA Foundation](#) (The Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats) through its officially recognized student organization, the [Ege University Young TEMA Community](#). As one of the **81 active student communities at the university**, the group has **688 registered members**, all Ege University students ([Ege University 2024 Annual Activity Report](#), p.85), and serves as a bridge between the university and the NGO to promote environmental protection, climate action, soil and forest conservation, and biodiversity awareness. Supported by the university's Directorate of Health, Culture, and Sports, the community organizes educational and outreach programmes for both **students and the wider public**. In 2024, it conducted **23 activities** ([Ege University 2024 Annual Activity Report](#), p.85), demonstrating Ege University's effective collaboration with civil society organizations through student groups in advancing the SDGs.

Selected event for Ege University Young TEMA Community



[Clean Environment Clean Campus awareness event](#),
February 20, 2024



[Zero Waste Fest 2024](#) (May 8, 2024)



[Animal Rights Education Area Activity](#) (April 2024)



[Acorn Collection Event](#) (November 2, 2024)

The [event](#) was carried out by the **Ege University Young TEMA Community**. Acorns collected by students were planted in the soil to support nature and sustain the oak ecosystem



The Ege University Young TEMA Community participated in the TEMA Foundation Field Coordination Meeting hosted by Özyeğin University from August 14-17, 2024. The meeting was attended by approximately 400 people, including the Foundation's Board of Directors, executives, Young TEMA Presidents, and provincial, district, and neighborhood representatives. [Ege Young TEMA Community won](#) an Instagram contest with their "We Volunteer to Let Live to Live" reels video, shot by TEMA to raise awareness.

The Volunteer Harvest Project



- The Volunteer Harvest Project had been coordinated by the Konak (Izmir, Turkey) District Directorate of Agriculture and is in partnership with the FAO, the Izmir Commodity Exchange, and the Faculty of Agriculture at Ege University. The project aims to collect produce—especially deformed or overripe produce—that farmers believe will not be profitable, are deemed unsightly, or are unable to harvest due to a lack of labor. These harvests will be sent to charities operating in the Konak district to reduce food loss and provide local fresh produce to those in need. Six harvests were planned and completed within the project's scope in 2024.

- The fifth event of the "Voluntary Harvest" project, which is carried out under the coordination of Konak District Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry, in partnership with FAO and Izmir Commodity Exchange and with the support of Ege University, was held in Selçuk district. The harvested grapes were sent to Charity Organizations operating in Konak district to be delivered to those in need.



Ege University students attended the EU Youth Forum hosted by CCET&ACCI

Students from Ege University's Faculty of Communication participated in the "European Union Turkey Youth Forum" held in Antalya under the title "Critical Thinking in the Digital Age." The forum, hosted by the European Union Delegation to Turkey and coordinated by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (CCET), the Antalya Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), and EU Information Centers, addressed the fight against disinformation and potential challenges of the digital age. Panels and workshops were held on the fight against disinformation and potential challenges of the digital age with the participation of leading figures from writers, media ombudsmen, journalists, and academics.

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