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Research Collaborations

Ege University collaborates with national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and local authorities on research projects that address environmental, social, and economic challenges in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through these joint initiatives, the university integrates scientific research with community-based expertise to develop practical, evidence-based solutions for sustainable development

Ege University – NGO Strategic Collaboration on Climate Change Adaptation: Ege University-Society for Urban Ecology (SURE) partnership:



The “Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment of Urban Coastal Districts in İzmir” Project was led by Ege University (Faculty of Agriculture – Department of Landscape Architecture) in partnership with the Austria-based NGO Society for Urban Ecology (SURE). The project was supported within the scope of the “Grant Programme for Climate Change Adaptation”, as financed by the European Union and the Republic of Türkiye and realized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and was officially launched at Ege University on 22 January 2024.

The opening meeting was attended by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdulkadir Bektaş (Deputy Head of the Climate Change Presidency, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change), SURE representatives, Ege University academics, and the EU Delegation to Türkiye.

This transnational project enhances climate change adaptation capacity by combining scientific assessment, stakeholder engagement, and sectoral vulnerability analysis. Coastal districts of İzmir were assessed for major climate hazards (heatwaves, urban flooding, storm-surge coastal flooding), vulnerability hotspots were identified, and nature-based solutions (green infrastructure and ecosystem-based adaptation) were co-developed.

The consortium included academics from Türkiye and Romania, as well as an international NGO partner (SURE) from Austria. The project delivered capacity-building programs for local authorities, universities, municipalities, NGOs, and communities, and contributes to the EU Green Deal priorities and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The project will have been completed in June 2025.

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