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EGE UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

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Statutory Bases

As a public institution governed by the Higher Education Act (Law No. 2547), Ege University (EU) has established robust internal procedures to prioritize and ensure sustainable procurement practices. These practices are consistently applied across the acquisition of equipment, consumables, movable assets, and construction projects.

The internal procedures in question are rooted in national legislation, as well as in both national and institutional rules and guidelines. Below is a list of the relevant laws and regulations that form the foundation of these mechanisms:

- [Public Procurement Act](#), Law No. 4734
- [Public Procurement Contracts Act](#), Law No: 4735
- [Public Financial Management and Control Act](#), Law No. 5018
- [Allowances Act](#), Law No. 6245
- [Movable Property Regulations](#), Official Gazette Date: 18.01.2017 and No. 26407

In addition to the aforementioned national laws and regulations, Ege University (EU) ensures that its internal mechanisms for sustainable procurement are reinforced by internationally recognized quality management systems, including ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 9001:2015. These systems are further supported by internally developed policies inspired by these standards and aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). These policies include the following:

- [TS EN ISO 9001:2015, Last Validity Date: 16.01.2027](#)
- [ISO 14001:2015, Last Validity Date: 17.02.2027](#)
- Zero Waste Certificate, TS/35/B2/6/1-Date of Issue: 05.11.2020
- [GPRO-030- Zero Waste Procedure](#)
- [EU Climate Change Action Policy 2022-2054](#)
- [Ege University Sustainable Green University Strategic Plan](#)
- [EU Societal Impact Policy](#),
- [Ege Zero waste handbook](#)
- [EU Strategic Plan](#), 2022-2023 (revised 2024-2028)
- [Green University Guide](#)
- [EU Zero Waste Management Plan](#)
- [EU Hazardous Waste Management policy](#)
- [Operational directive - Hazardous Waste management policy](#)
- [EU indoor waste management policy](#)

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Overview

Building on the aforementioned national regulations, international quality management certifications, and comprehensive organizational action plans and policies, Ege University (EU) ensures that all procurement-related processes adhere to the principle of sustainability. This commitment is clearly understood by all stakeholders, including administrative and academic staff, students, and external suppliers and contractors, emphasizing the significant economic, social, and environmental impact of sustainable purchasing practices.

This policy serves as the EU's declaration of its dedication to sustainable procurement. The EU strives to minimize any adverse social, economic, or environmental impacts across its operations. By implementing robust internal policies and meticulous purchasing mechanisms, the EU ensures that sustainability remains a core principle in all activities undertaken by its academic and administrative units.

Sustainable Procurement Policy at EgeUniversity

Administrative and financial affairs directorate assumes the responsibility of sustainable procurement through each of the steps in purchasing goods and services. The head of the directorate makes sure that each procurement activity is carried out as per the statutory bases of this policy document. EU commits itself to making sustainable procurement procedures work in alignment with its sustainable campus initiative.

Objectives

EU is committed to

- ensuring that each purchasing case abides by the objectives and policies stated in the sustainable campus initiative, where the nature of the purchase is evaluated thoroughly and diligently within economic, social, and environmental contexts.
- going out of its way to make efficient and effective use of its human, material, and financial resources for sustainable budget proposals, plans, and programs.
- Ensuring that each procurement aligns with the goals and policies outlined in the sustainable campus initiative, carefully assessing the nature of each purchase within economic, social, and environmental frameworks. Going above and beyond to optimize the use of human, material, and financial resources by developing sustainable budget proposals, strategic plans, and programs to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.

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- Collecting accurate and detailed documentary and statistical data on purchasing trends and needs at regular intervals (e.g., quarterly, bi-annually, or annually) to enable informed decision-making and future projections for acquiring goods, services, or consumables.
- Establishing and implementing professional mechanisms for comprehensive needs analysis to guide purchasing activities, facilitating the efficient reallocation of materials, finances, and resources, and ensuring sustainable procurement while avoiding wastefulness.
- Offering in-service training for procurement staff to enhance their skills and knowledge, enabling them to address the multifaceted challenges of sustainable procurement and become adept in resource-conscious purchasing.
- Prioritizing the acquisition of energy-efficient goods, services, and equipment, adopting water-efficient landscaping practices, and encouraging the use of biodegradable materials across campus facilities to advance the vision of a sustainable campus.
- Sharing this policy document with all stakeholders and the surrounding community to promote awareness, foster societal impact, and garner social support for the university's sustainability objectives.

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