



2024 Sustainability Report **SDG 11**



SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

LETTER FROM THE REPORT RECTOR



Ege University is a leading university, an example of the Turkish higher education system, which has received Turkey's first Institutional Full Accreditation Certificate and has the identity of a Student-Focused Research University.

Our University, with its 69-year deep-rooted history, strong academic staff, qualified scientific studies, distinguished students, and graduates, is to make a supreme effort to build a solid future for new generations by being sensitive to the realities of the world, our country and the society we live in. Ege University is a strong research institution with an entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem where R&D, innovation, knowledge, and technology transfer take place between industry and university.

Ege University has adopted all the goals of eliminating inequalities, strengthening economic growth and employment, improving cities and residential areas, ensuring industrialization, protecting oceans and ecosystems, producing and consuming energy more sustainably, combating climate change, developing sustainable production and consumption, and empowering human rights. Our university operates within an adequate ultrastructure designable to implement all academic and operational activities within the SDGs framework.

We steadfastly persist in our pursuit of elevating Ege University into a vanguard research institution dedicated to pioneering technological advancements in support of sustainable development.

This report not only contains in-depth information about Ege University's remarkable efforts in each of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals throughout 2024 but also reveals the key strategies of our institution. Moreover, it serves as a guiding compass, not only illuminating our efforts but also enabling a keener determination of our evolving needs and strategic plans.

In harmonious unity, we ardently endeavor to steer our institution towards a guiding and pioneering role by meticulously realizing our objectives through a management philosophy of fairness, equity, and accessibility.

I appreciate all my esteemed colleagues whose collective efforts have shaped this report.

With warm regards and respect..."

Prof. Dr. Necdet BUDAK
Rector



LETTER FROM THE REPORT TEAM

As the Sustainability Report Team, Ege University, we are proud and excited to present the third annual Sustainability Report of Ege University, one of Turkey's pioneering universities, prepared to concretize the University's commitment to sustainability and enable you to follow our sustainability-related efforts closely.

Sustainability lies at the heart of Ege University's main objectives. Besides, our university bears the responsibility of leaving a more livable world to future generations, and it emphasizes its determination to integrate sustainability principles in the fields of education, research, social contribution, and campus management. Over the years, Ege University has built a strong track record of offering sustainable solutions to address the challenges facing the university and society. In 2020, all these efforts culminated in establishing the Rankings Office. This move not only strengthened the university's commitment to sustainability but also led to the formation of sub-commissions focusing on various Sustainable Development Goals. These sub-working groups brought together academics and administrative staff from every faculty and the Rectorate, each contributing diverse perspectives and professional expertise.

What makes the Rankings Office even more dynamic is its inclusion of the Sustainability Report Team, which actively participates in all activities, thus enhancing the visibility of the office across the university.

Ege University aims to extend influence far beyond the boundaries of our institution. The EGE Sustainability Team seeks to be a trailblazer in instilling a culture of sustainability in other higher education institutions. Our Sustainability Team and its sub-working groups are going to serve as advisors to our university as well as to other universities, offering insights into Sustainable Development Goals and impact management. Furthermore, we are going to continue to be actively involved in educational initiatives that support schools on their sustainability journeys.

Beyond our campuses, we actively engage with local communities, businesses, and government entities to foster sustainable relationships, collaborate on solving common issues, and share our wealth of knowledge.

Ege University is unwavering in its commitment to the responsible management of resources to mitigate their impact on society, the environment, and the economy. This report offers a transparent and current source of information, providing valuable guidance to universities and stakeholders seeking to expand their knowledge on sustainability.

EGE University is actively dedicated to advancing sustainability through research, education, and innovation to become a leading institution in Turkey and worldwide. Our primary focus is on enhancing the accessibility, inclusivity, and affordability of our university for the benefit of our community. We cultivate positive partnerships with industry leaders to strengthen our engagement and ensure the use of environmentally sustainable practices that support innovation and research.

This report offers insight into EGE UNI's position in 2024 regarding enhancing sustainability in Turkey. We share our initiatives and commitments related to environmental, social, and economic sustainability, along with their corresponding impacts. We extend our gratitude to our sub-working groups, the Sustainability Report team, our dedicated students, EGE's esteemed academicians, and the Rectorate for their unwavering efforts this year to further our sustainable impact.

Our journey towards securing the sustainability of our world is an extensive and long way one. As the EGE Sustainability Team, we place our trust in the dedication of our university's staff and students to continue their improvements this year and sustain their endeavors well into the future.

We appreciate your interest in the Ege University Sustainability Report and eagerly welcome the feedback of our readers.

Prof. Dr. Gökür ŞİŞMAN AYDIN
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EU Sustainability Office

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Ege University, the fourth founded university of Turkey, is established in accordance with the law No. 6595 issued on May 20th, 1955 and began its educational life on November 5th, 1955.

By the year 2024, Ege University includes 20 Faculties, 10 Institutes, 3 Graduate Schools, 1 State Conservatory of Turkish Music, 11 Vocational Schools, 6 Rectorate Units, 38 Application and Research Centers.

By the academic year 2023-2024, Ege University hosts a total number of 54.807 students, 48.083 of which are undergraduate and associate degree students, and 6.724 are postgraduate students. The university has 3012 academic staff and 6.614 administrative staff.



Our vision is to become a world university pioneering in scientific research, having a strong cooperation and communication network with its national and international stakeholders, having a student-oriented, green, sustainable, accessible, and livable campus, contributing to economic, social, and cultural life and having a strong financial structure.

As a pioneering and leading research university in Turkey and in the world; our mission is to meet the regional, national and universal needs in the field of research and education, to present the R&D experience to the benefit of the society, to raise individuals who are committed to their basic values, who are professionally and culturally equipped, who are open to change and who adopt scientific thinking as a way of life.





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Ege University's vision is to become a world-class university that leads in scientific research; maintains a strong network of collaboration and communication with national and international stakeholders; fosters a student-centered, green, sustainable, accessible, and livable campus; and contributes to the economic, social, and cultural spheres while maintaining financial strength.



In this context, Ege University has adopted the "Sustainable Green Campus" policy, which prioritizes environmental awareness in all academic, administrative, and social activities. The university aims to transform social and environmental sustainability into a way of life for its students and staff. In line with this policy, the university administration strives for continuous improvement in national and international indicators that measure sustainability performance.

In line with the "Sustainable Green University Strategic Plan" published in 2016, Ege University continues its efforts toward the goal of establishing "An Evergreen and Sustainable Campus". The university is implementing a range of initiatives to strengthen its sustainable green university management system, expand environmentally friendly campus transportation services, and plan campus life in accordance with ecological principles.



Within this framework, Ege University has maintained its success in sustainability by ranking 88th globally, 4th among public universities in Türkiye, and 1st in the Aegean Region among 1,477 universities from 84 countries in the "UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2024".



Ege University offers publicly accessible cultural spaces through its museums, exhibition halls, galleries, and art collections. The university's museums are not only significant institutions contributing to Türkiye's cultural and historical heritage but also play an important role in enriching the global cultural landscape. These venues strengthen the community's engagement with cultural, historical, and artistic values, bringing art and science to a wider audience through exhibitions, workshops, conferences, and symposiums organized in the museums.

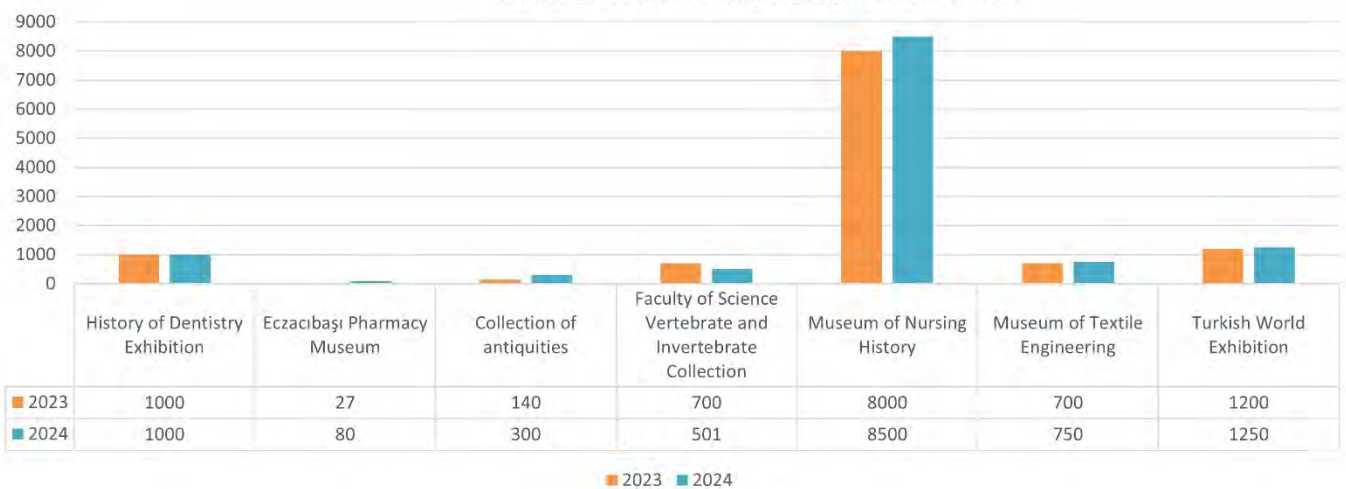
Among the Ege university's buildings of historical and cultural value, the Ege University Museum of Ethnography and the Ege University Paper and Book Arts Museum stand out prominently. The Ege University Natural History Museum, Botanical Garden and Herbarium Center, and the Ege University Observatory contribute to the promotion of natural heritage and the enhancement of scientific awareness. Additionally, facilities such as the Prof. Dr. Yusuf Vardar - MÖTBE - Cultural Center, Ege University Culture and Art House, Atatürk Cultural Center, and Yeşil Köşk foster community engagement and strengthen cultural accessibility through regular public events.

Museum Entry Fees

Cultural Center Name	Full-price (Turkish lira)	Student price (Turkish lira)	Ege University staff price (Turkish lira)
Ege University Museum of Ethnography	15	15	10
Ege University Paper and Book Arts Museum	25	15	10
Ege University Botanical Garden and Herbarium Center	Non-student visitors are not accepted.	50	Free
Ege University Natural History Museum	15	15	Free

Located within the university campus, the Ege University Faculty of Medicine Hospital and the Faculty of Dentistry Hospital ensure access to healthcare services for the public. Meanwhile, the Prof. Dr. Sermed Akgün Indoor Olympic Swimming Pool, 20 Mayıs Sports Complex, 50th Year Sports Hall, and other sports facilities promote healthy living through activities open to both university members and the wider community.

Number of Museum and Collection Visitor



PUBLIC ACCESS TO BUILDINGS

Ege University's museums, exhibition spaces and galleries or works of art are open to the public. Ege University's museums are important institutions that contribute to the cultural and historical heritage of both Turkey and the world. Museums enable the public to connect with their cultural, historical, and artistic heritage through public outreach. To that end, our museums host many events, workshops, and projects. Ege University Ethnographic Museum and Ege University Museum of Paper and Book Arts are among the buildings of historical and cultural value. These museums organize activities such as visual presentations, exhibitions, conferences and workshops.

Ege University Museum of Ethnography

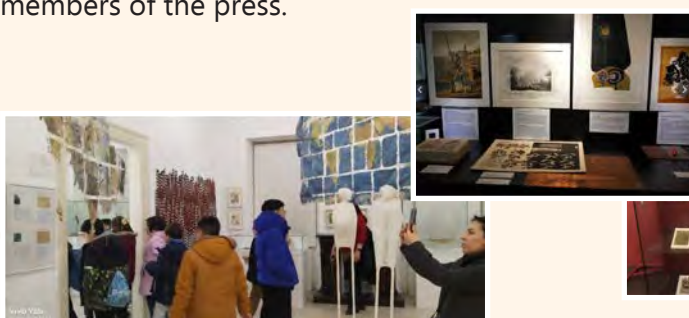
The Ege University Museum of Ethnography building, constructed between the late 19th and early 20th centuries, is a historical structure that reflects the architectural characteristics of its period. Within the museum, the section titled "Wedding House" recreates 19th-century traditional wedding practices-such as the henna night, dowry display, wedding meal preparations, and dowry documentation-in the authentic atmosphere of a traditional Izmir home.

The primary aim of the Ege University Museum of Ethnography is to contribute to the preservation and transmission of cultural heritage to future generations through exhibits representing Anatolian and Balkan cultures, including clothing, jewelry, accessories, household items, musical instruments, and traditional handicrafts. In addition, the museum features examples of traditional crafts that are on the verge of disappearing, such as tailoring, wood and copper craftsmanship, shoemaking, and leather sandal production, to help sustain these cultural professions.

The exhibition halls and galleries of the Ege University Museum of Ethnography are open to the public. Admission is free of charge for members of the military and police, families of martyrs and veterans, persons with disabilities, visitors over 65 years of age, licensed tour guides, and members of the press. A full-price ticket applies to all other visitors.

Museum of Paper and Book Arts

The Ege University Paper and Book Arts Museum aims to illustrate the historical journey of paper and the book. The museum offers free entry to members of the military and police, families of martyrs and veterans, persons with disabilities, visitors over 65 years of age, licensed tour guides, and accredited members of the press.



Ege University Natural History Museum

Among the university's educational and research-oriented facilities that preserve natural heritage, the Ege University Natural History Museum holds a distinguished place. It remains the only Natural History Museum within a university structure in Türkiye that actively contributes to the education of diverse segments of society.

Affiliated with the Ege University Natural History Application and Research Center, the museum is recognized as the second-largest Natural History Museum in Türkiye, following the one established at the General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration (MTA) in Ankara. It is also a member of UMAC (University Museums and Collections), an international network of university museums around the world. Furthermore, with its Master's Program in Natural History under the Department of Natural History, Faculty of Science, and its research staff specializing in natural history sciences, it stands as Türkiye's first academic museum operating within a university structure.

Founded in 1967, and officially opened to the public in 1973 as part of the 50th Anniversary of the Republic celebrations following a decision by the University Senate, the museum houses the oldest invertebrate fossil in its collection, dating back approximately 350 million years.



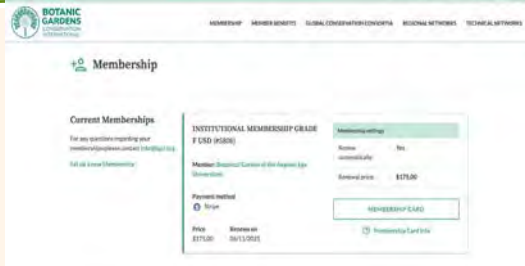
Ege University Botanical Garden and Herbarium Center

The Ege University Botanical Garden and Herbarium Center welcomes approximately 10,000 students each year from various educational levels for educational purposes. During these visits, introductory and informational presentations are delivered by the center's staff and students from the Department of Biology, Division of Botany. Located within the Ege University campus, the Botanical Garden, which hosts over 3,000 plant specimens, serves as a publicly accessible green space.



Since 2012, the Botanical Garden has hosted informative seminars held weekly or biweekly between March and June, featuring invited lecturers from Türkiye and abroad, as well as public officials from various institutions, who share insights related to their fields of study or expertise.

Additionally, the Ege University Botanical Garden and Herbarium Center is a member of the International Association of Botanic Gardens (IABG).



Ege University Observatory

Since its establishment, the Ege University Observatory has served as the laboratory of the Department of Astronomy and Space Sciences, providing educational and research facilities for both undergraduate and graduate students. The observatory offers observation and measurement opportunities not only to researchers from its own department but also to scholars from similar departments at other universities. Numerous scientific publications are produced based on the research conducted at the observatory.

In addition to its academic role, the Ege University Observatory plays a vital part in promoting astronomy and science to the public. To this end, it organizes Science-Society Events aimed at fostering scientific curiosity and awareness. These include visitation programs and science education activities for astronomy enthusiasts, providing information about celestial events, astronomical bodies, and the structure of the universe. Special events are also organized throughout the year to engage the wider public during significant astronomical phenomena. During such events, the observatory offers consultancy services for the installation of telescopes and domes for institutions and individuals. All instruments and materials required for activities-including telescopes, experimental tools, and educational visuals-are provided by the observatory.



Events are organized for groups of at least 20 and at most 40 participants, with participation fees ranging between 7,000 and 50,000 Turkish lira per group, depending on the program content.

Ege University Prof. Dr. Yusuf VARDAR -MÖTBE- Cultural Center

Among the buildings where social, cultural, and scientific events are held, the Ege University Prof. Dr. Yusuf Vardar -MÖTBE- Cultural Center holds a prominent place. As the first building constructed on the Ege University campus, the MÖTBE Cultural Center was inaugurated on September 10, 1968. The center hosts a wide range of activities, including events organized by student communities, graduation ceremonies, and professional cultural and artistic performances-all of which are open to public participation. Artists who wish to hold exhibitions at the Cultural Center must submit an application file to the University Art Committee. Artists whose applications are approved are granted the opportunity to exhibit their works free of charge at the Prof. Dr. Yusuf Vardar -MÖTBE- Cultural Center Art Gallery.

As an integral part of Ege University's cultural identity, the Prof. Dr. Yusuf Vardar -MÖTBE-Cultural Center aims to bring art into the campus, creating a vibrant environment where the entire Ege University community-especially students-can engage with culture and the arts.



Ege University Atatürk Cultural Center

The Ege University Atatürk Cultural Center (AKM) hosts a wide range of professional events organized by the university and provides public access to both the exhibitions held at the AKM Art Gallery and the various activities conducted within the center.

Serving as a venue for the scientific and artistic events of both Ege University and numerous institutions and organizations based in İzmir, the Atatürk Cultural Center is recognized as one of the city's oldest and most significant cultural venues.

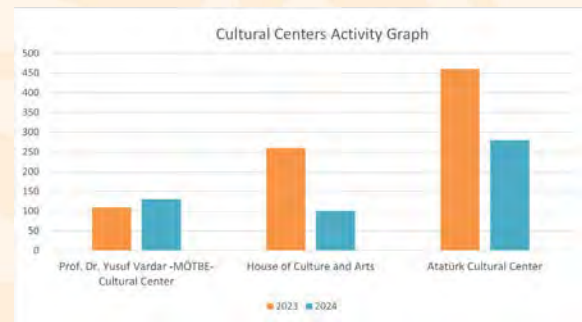
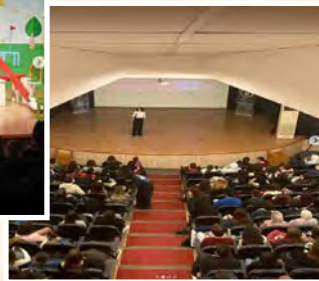


House of Culture and Arts



In addition to hosting events organized by our university's student communities, the House of Culture and Arts also accommodates professional events. With its auditorium and foyer area, it offers free access to film screenings, theater and dance performances, concerts, recitals, seminars, and talks.

At Ege University, contributions to local arts are made through one-time or ongoing programs, including annual public performances by the university choir, theater group, orchestra, and other similar ensembles.



Capacities of Cultural Centers:

Cultural Center	Hall Capacity (person)	Number of Halls	Seminar Hall	Exhibition Hall	Theater Hall
Prof. Dr. Yusuf Vardar -MÖTBE- Cultural Center	728	1	1 (for 40 people)	1 (for 150 people)	-
House of Culture and Arts	306	1	-	1 (for 100 people)	-
Atatürk Cultural Center	652 and 624	2	4 (Each for 40 people)	1 (for 800 people)	1 (for 340 people)

Ege University Faculty of Medicine Hospital

Located within the Ege University campus, the Ege University Faculty of Medicine Hospital is a fully equipped healthcare facility that provides public medical services to the community.



In 2024, the hospital's Psychological Counseling and Guidance Unit conducted a total of 3,041 consultation sessions, offering mental health support to students, staff, and the wider public.



Ege University Faculty of Dentistry

The Ege University Faculty of Dentistry is recognized as an A-Plus hospital, accredited at the national level, and provides publicly accessible healthcare services that meet world-class standards in patient care.

In line with its goal of ensuring accessible and high-quality dental healthcare, the faculty also operates two off-campus clinics open to the public: the Suat Cemile Balcıoğlu Dental Polyclinic and the Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) Polyclinic, both located in Karşıyaka.



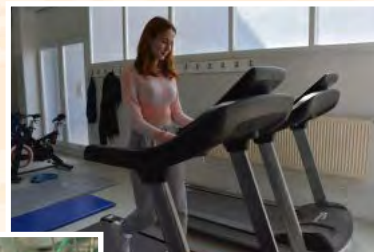
Number of Patients Served in the Ege University's Health Units

Patient / Hospital (2024)	Adult Hospital	Children's Hospital	Faculty of Dentistry	Number of Campus Polyclinic Patients	Total
Inpatient	63.283	11.633			74.916
Outpatient	1.162.673	164.064	693.000	9.405	2.029.142
Number of Surgeries	119.590	6.616	1.800		128.006
Total	1.345.546	182.313	694.800	9.405	2.232.064

Ege University Sports Facilities

To promote and sustain a healthy lifestyle, Ege University makes its indoor sports facilities available not only to its students and staff but also to members of the wider public.

In addition to hosting professional sports events, these facilities are also used for the university's fairs, promotional events, and various training courses, all of which are open to public participation for



PUBLIC ACCESS TO LIBRARIES

The principles governing the use of Ege University Libraries are defined by the Directive of the Ege University Rectorate on the Library and Documentation Department.

Located on the main campus, the Ege University Central Library provides public access to its printed materials, while its databases and digital publications are accessible to Ege University staff and students. Members of the university community can borrow printed materials free of charge through the lending service (details), and they also enjoy off-campus access to electronic resources at no cost.

Continuously expanding its digital and print collections, language learning packages, and databases, the Central Library operates on a 24/7 schedule during midterm and final exam periods. The library offers a wide range of facilities, including Eduroam wireless internet, a computer lab, an audiobook recording studio, group study rooms, and individual study areas.

The Ege University Central Library currently provides access to 247,382 printed materials, 649,028 e-books, 127,444 e-journals, 141 databases, and 621 audiobooks designed for visually impaired users. All these resources are available to library members free of charge.



Ege University Institutional Academic Archive (Dspace@Ege)

DSpace@Ege is the institutional academic repository of Ege University. It digitally archives, in accordance with international standards, all academic resources produced directly or indirectly by the university-including books, articles, theses, papers, reports, and research data.

The system enables the monitoring of the university's academic performance, ensures the long-term preservation of resources, and provides Open Access to materials in compliance with copyright regulations.



Through the Open Access Agreements established by the Ege University Central Library, users can conduct national and international publication searches free of charge.

Open-Access Agreements:

- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Cambridge University Press Journal (CUP)
- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Wiley
- Springer Nature
- Oxford Journals Online



Aligned with the university's quality policy, the Ege University Central Library operates according to well-defined service standards. Members of the Ege University community-academic and administrative staff as well as students-can access the library's electronic resources free of charge both on campus (via institutional login credentials) and off campus (via proxy settings). External users who are not affiliated with the university may have limited access to digital resources through wired internet connections within the library building and may benefit from printed materials by paying the library usage fee.

A man in a dark blue suit and red tie stands in the foreground, addressing a large group of students seated at long wooden tables in a spacious hall. The students are looking towards him, and the room is filled with people, suggesting a formal event or lecture.



The Ege University Central Library has been recognized as a “Turuncu Bayrak” (Orange Flag) candidate under the “Barrier-Free University Awards” program organized by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), in acknowledgment of its architectural and spatial accessibility improvements.



Sound recording studio

PUBLIC ACCESS TO MUSEUMS

A group of children and adults are in a museum gallery. On the left, there are glass display cases containing musical instruments. In the center, a group of children and adults are standing and looking at a large instrument, possibly a piano or organ, which is displayed on a raised platform. The room has a brick wall and large windows.



The Ege University Museum of Ethnography serves as a significant center of cultural heritage, showcasing the traditional lifestyles of Anatolian and Balkan cultures through exhibits of clothing, handicrafts, and everyday objects.

The museum is open to the public, offering free admission to members of the military and police, families of martyrs and veterans, persons with disabilities, visitors aged 65 and over, licensed tourist guides, and accredited members of the press. Admission for other visitors is subject to a standard entry fee.

In 2024, the museum welcomed a total of 6,766 visitors from various segments of society, including kindergarten, primary, secondary, high school, and university students.

In an effort to bring to light the unique cultural assets of Türkiye through scientific methods, the Department of Archaeology at the Faculty of Letters, Ege University, organized a symposium and continues to conduct archaeological excavation projects in various regions.

A symposium was organized by the Department of Archaeology at the Faculty of Letters, Ege University, with the aim of bringing to light the unique cultural assets of our country through scientific methods, and excavation works are still ongoing. The Archaeological Collection of the Faculty of Letters, Ege University, includes 797 coins and 718 archaeological and ethnographic artifacts. The collection spans a period from approximately 3000 B.C. to the 20th century A.D., and exhibits include an altar base inscribed with Egyptian hieroglyphs, cylinder



seals, cuneiform clay tablets, tomb steles with Greek and Ottoman inscriptions, pottery and tool samples, architectural ornaments, figurines, amphorae, rifles and pistols, as well as coins from the Greek, Roman, and Byzantine periods, and coin samples from the Seljuk, Beylik, and Ottoman eras.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO GREEN SPACES

Public access to green spaces is provided at Ege University, and as stated in the Ege University Strategic Plan 2024–2028, free access to on-campus green and open areas is ensured. In line with its vision of “An Evergreen and Sustainable Campus,” Ege University continues to foster a culture of green spaces that are integrated with nature, accessible, and livable.

To create a sustainable campus life and strengthen environmental awareness, Ege University has implemented the “Pedestrian-Priority Green Campus Project”. Within this framework, specific routes on the main campus and in the Faculty of Medicine Hospital area have been closed to vehicle traffic, creating pedestrian-priority zones.

In accordance with its environmentally conscious, inclusive, and green campus vision, Ege University has developed a publicly accessible and livable green space culture. In this direction, the total green area on campus has increased from 110,000 m² to 400,000 m² in recent years, and cultural centers, open spaces, and social facilities have been made accessible to all segments of society.



Graduation ceremonies, concerts, and festivals held in various parts of the campus enable thousands of participants to benefit from these green areas.

Through the "Age-Friendly Walking Track Project," the university promotes the active participation of elderly individuals in social life and supports intergenerational interaction.

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Across the campus, a 5,500-meter bicycle lane and a 2,770-meter walking track provide students, staff, and visitors with environmentally friendly transportation and healthy lifestyle opportunities.



In addition, facilities such as Healthy Living Running Tracks, grass football fields, tennis courts, a swimming pool, and sports halls are open to the public, aiming to help students and staff maintain both physical and mental well-being, foster social engagement, and integrate sports as a regular part of their daily lives.

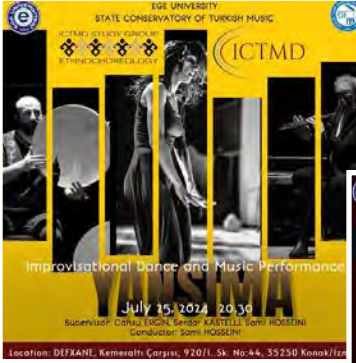


Dimensions of Outdoor Sports Field

Location	Total Area (m ²)	Description	Details (meter)
Tennis Courts (Hospital)	2.592	4 units	36x18 (1 court)
Faculty of Pharmacy Volleyball Court	252	1 unit	21x12
Faculty of Pharmacy Basketball Court	640	1 unit	32x20
Faculty of Science Basketball Court	440	1 unit	27,5x16
Faculty of Agriculture Basketball Court	633	1 unit	32,5x19,5
Faculty of Agriculture Volleyball Court	608	1 unit	32x19
Open Tennis Courts (Main Campus)	1.190	2 units	35x17 (1 court)
No. 2 Mazhar Zorlu Grass Field	2.516	1 unit	68x37
20 May Stadium Football Field (Grass Field)	7.140	1 unit	105x68
Astroturf (small)	800	1 unit	40x20
Rectorate Grass Field	3.312	1 unit	69x48

ARTS AND HERITAGE CONTRIBUTION

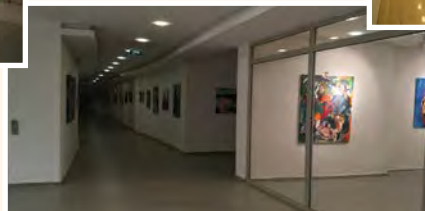
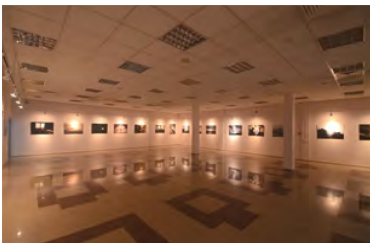
Ege University makes a consistent contribution to the preservation and promotion of local arts through the annual public performances of its university choir, theater group, orchestra, and other artistic ensembles. These events are organized as both recurring programs and one-time performances, supporting the sustainability of local art production while strengthening the interaction between the university and the wider community.



During the 2024 period, the Ege University State Conservatory of Turkish Music organized a total of 115 public art events, including concerts, recitals, theater performances, and exhibitions. These activities demonstrate the university's active participation in the local art scene and its commitment to preserving cultural heritage.

At Ege University, cultural centers, art galleries, and performance halls open to all segments of society facilitate the sharing of artistic productions and ensure the continuity of cultural exchange.

Ege University hosts a wide range of venues across its campus dedicated to the exhibition of artistic works and the organization of cultural events. These include the Atatürk Cultural Center, the Ege University Atatürk Cultural Center Art Gallery, the Ahmed Adnan Saygun Hall, the Yunus Emre Hall, the Theater Hall, the Prof. Dr. Yusuf Vardar -MÖTBE- Cultural Center, the MÖTBE Cultural Center Art Gallery, the Ege University Culture and Art House, the Exhibition Hall of the Directorate of Health, Culture, and Sports, and the Art Gallery of the Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education.



RECORD AND PRESERVE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Within the scope of preserving cultural heritage and transmitting it to future generations, a total of 21 social responsibility projects were carried out in 2024-19 by the Ege University Directorate of Health, Culture, and Sports, and 2 by the Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Landscape Architecture.

These included:

- "Cultural Textures and Stories" (6 projects),
- "Folk Dance Education" (4 projects)
- "The Sound of Music from the Aegean to the World"
- "Ethnography Exhibition Project"
- "Photography Talks and Workshop Project"
- "Excavation and Research Talks Project"
- "Mythology Talks Project"
- "Nazar Objects Project"
- "Collecting Talks Project"
- "Smyrna Talks Project"
- "Art, Archaeology, and Aesthetics Talks Project"
- "Art with Children Project"
- "Watching Theatre Project"



Additionally, in 2024, the Department of Health, Culture, and Sports conducted 18 social responsibility projects under the theme of "The Historical Journey of Paper and the Book."

These included:

- "Journey to the History of Paper and the Book" (16 projects),
- "Examining the Attitudes of Students Taking Visual Arts Courses Toward Art Museums"
- "Art Education and Teaching Through Museums"



Levantine Houses form an important part of İzmir's architectural history. These mansions were built by European-origin families, known as Levantines, who settled in İzmir primarily for commercial purposes as the city began to gain prominence from the 17th century onward.

The Büyük Ev (Great House):

It is known that there was a monastery in the area where the E.U. Rectorate is located today in the early 18th century. The house, which was first built as a single storey by a Dutch immigrant on this land, was purchased in the 1820s by James Whittall, one of the partners of the famous Whittall Company, who settled in Izmir for commercial purposes in 1817. The Great House, whose ownership passed to the Giraud family, who were related to the Whittall family, in the 1930s, was nationalized in 1960 and transferred to the T.C. Treasury, and then became the property of Ege University. The building currently serves as the E.U. Rectorate Administrative Building.





The Wilkinson Mansion:

One of the old Levantine houses of Bornova, the Wilkinson Mansion was built in 1865 by James Whittall, who lived in the famous Big House (E.Ü. Rectorate Building) of those years, for his daughter Jane, who married Richard Wilkinson, the Consul of Thessaloniki, Malaga and Manila. Built as a result of the demolition of the horse stud farms located between the St. Mary Magdalene Church and the Big House, which was opened in 1857, this mansion was used by the Wilkinson family for generations until 1985. The mansion, which the family sold to the Filidis Family in 1988, was nationalized for the use of Ege University in 1997.

Ege University embodies 10 of the Levantine houses.

The oldest of these structures is the Levantine house known as the "The Great House" in the 19th century.

Ege University houses ten Levantine residences within its campus boundaries. The oldest of these structures is the "Büyük Ev" (Great House), a 19th century Levantine mansion.

La Fontaine Mansion:

La Fontaine Mansion is located across from St. Mary Magdalene Church, next to Murat Mansion. The oldest owner of the building that can be seen in the records is James La Fontaine (1881-1933). The Mansion was purchased by Ege University from Ruby Gladys Whittall in 1963. Over time, the Mansion also served as the Social Sciences Institute and the Faculty of Education Dean's Office on behalf of the University. After the restoration in 2010, it is now serving as the E.U. Atatürk Principles and Revolution History Application and Research Center and Museum.



The Kuyulu House (English Club):

This building, located next to The Great House grounds, is also known as the "Well House" or the "English Club". The oldest owner of this house that can be seen in the records is James La Fontaine, grandson of James Whittall (1819-1863), the owner of the The Great House. It was purchased for the university in 1966. The garden behind the building was integrated with the garden of the university rectorate after the sale. The building, currently used as the E.U. Public Relations Branch Office and E.U. International Relations Coordination Office, was restored in 2011.

Most of these mansions, dating from the 19th century, were symbols of economic power and social status, and therefore hosted many notable visitors, including European travelers, sultans, and kings.

Ballian Mansion:

The Levantine residence, whose oldest registered user was the Ballian Family, was built in the second half of the 19th century. The mansion, which draws attention with its ceiling moldings and plaster decorations seen on the belly, was purchased in 1900 by Esther Marian Giraud (Wilkinson), wife of Charlton James Giraud, from his wife Attilia Ballian and children Marie, Laura, Alfred, Adelina and Albert, the heirs of industrialist Antoine Ballian. The building, which was nationalized and purchased for Ege University in 1970, currently serves as the EU Paper and Book Arts Museum.



Bardisbanian Mansion (Yeşil Köşk-The Green Mansion):

Previously known as the Pandispanya Mansion in the late 20th century, the structure now referred to as the Yeşil Köşk (Green Mansion) is believed to have been built in the last quarter of the 19th century by D. A. Bardisbanian, a merchant from İzmir. Between 1955 and 1972, the building served as the Chair of Agricultural Management and Economics within the Faculty of Agriculture at Ege University. After its restoration in 1986, it functioned for a time as a guesthouse for high-level visitors to the university. Following further restorations in 1993 and 1995, the mansion was repurposed as a cafeteria and restaurant serving as a social facility of the university. It is now used as the Yeşilay Counseling Center (YEDAM).



In addition to the Büyük Ev, other Levantine houses within Ege University also serve the university's administrative, cultural, and social activity areas.

Pasquali Mansion (Barry Mansion):

Known today as the Barry Mansion, the building is believed to have been constructed in the mid-19th century. After the death of Giovanni Pasquali in 1925, ownership passed to his wife and three surviving children, René, Christine, and Joseph. In 1941, the mansion was nationalized by the Treasury of the Republic of Türkiye for use by the Bornova School of Agriculture. Although the property lost one-third of its garden area during road expansion works, it still welcomes guests today as a restaurant surrounded by a beautiful garden.





Sari Mansion (Green Mansion):

Built in the early 20th century, the owner or first resident of this mansion is unknown. The house stands out with its ornate fireplaces, an oval pool in front, and a bust of Atatürk in the garden. The bust was placed by the Austrian sculptor Heinrich Krippell to commemorate Atatürk's visit to the mansion on June 18, 1926. Formerly used by Ege University as a guesthouse and later as the Faculty of Agriculture Clubhouse, the mansion now serves as the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences.

Sirkehane:

The building known today as Sirkehane is believed to have been constructed by a Greek family between the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The rear section of the structure was used in the 1960s by the Department of Food and Fermentation Technology of the Faculty of Agriculture at Ege University as a facility for vinegar and pickle production. Following a restoration completed in 2010, the building was inaugurated as the Ege University Museum of Ethnography, becoming the first institutional museum in Türkiye jointly established by a university and the Ministry of Culture.

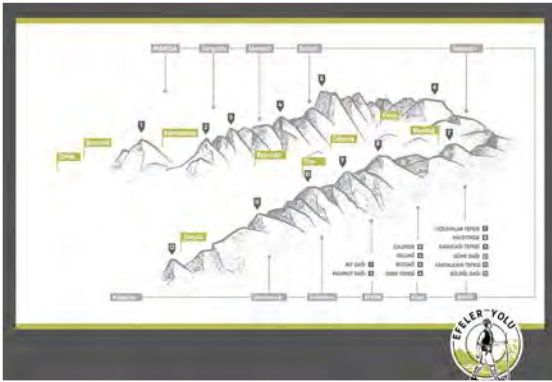


Distinguished by its rich botanical diversity and monumental trees, the Ege University Campus is home to several heritage trees that illuminate history and carry the traces of the past into the future.



Smyrna Ancient City Excavation Site

For the first time in Türkiye, a Nursing History Collection was established at Ege University Faculty of Nursing under the name "Ege University Faculty of Nursing-Nursing History Collection," with the official approval of the Ege University Senate. The collection consists of three main sections: "Teaching Materials (1955-2000s)," "Care Instruments (1955-2000s)," and "Nursing Uniforms (1854-2000s)."



Efeler Yolu Project

Additionally, under the coordination of the Ege University Faculty of Sports Sciences, the "Efeler Yolu Project" was launched in November 2023. The project received international recognition at the "Green Destinations 2023 Conference" held in Tallinn, Estonia, where it won an award in the "Culture & Tradition" category of the "Top 100 Stories" competition. As part of the project's identity design process, unique logos and seals were created for 28 destination villages located along the route. These were designed within five thematic categories-agricultural production, nature, historical structures, religious sites, and in-

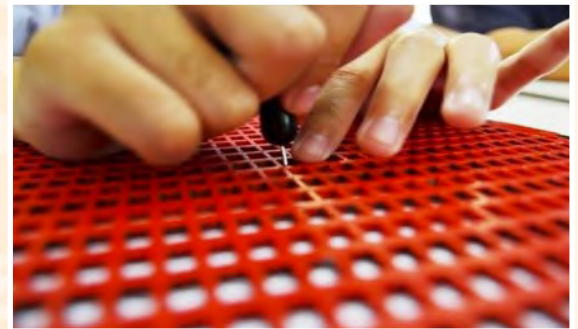
tangible cultural heritage-forming the visual identity of the Efeler Yolu Project.

The project, titled "Efeler Yolu," aims to preserve, promote, and ensure the sustainability of the natural, historical, economic, cultural, and archaeological values of the villages and route corridor located along this pathway. It aspires to become an internationally recognized and preferred cultural route on a global scale.

Ege University supports and implements various projects aimed at both the scientific advancement and wider dissemination of Turkish and regional culture.

The project titled "Four Chair, Twenty-Four Etudes for the Visually Impaired" seeks to develop aural deciphering skills in visually impaired students within the field of Traditional Turkish Art Music.

Additionally, for the first time worldwide, a folk music instrument method book titled "Kabak Kemane Method for the Visually Impaired I-II" was transcribed using Braille printing technology and made accessible to individuals with visual impairments.



The project "The Role of Women in the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage Through Living Traditions: The Case of Silk Farming and Weaving in Ödemiş" was developed in accordance with the UNESCO 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Data collected through field research conducted in Ödemiş in 2023 on the tradition of silkworm cultivation and silk weaving were analyzed within this framework.

Ege University promotes the dissemination of the Turkish language and culture and supports the development of solidarity and unity among Turkic communities with shared cultural heritage through the Orhun Exchange Program, conducted under the coordination of TÜRKÜNİB. Within the scope of this mobility program, students not only receive academic education but also participate in scientific, technological, and cultural activities.



Through its bilateral agreements and dual degree programs with universities around the world, Ege University attracts students from various countries to pursue higher education in Türkiye. These students receive Turkish language education, enabling them to adapt to life in Türkiye, engage with Turkish culture, and promote it in their home countries after completing their studies.

The Management Plan for the Bergama Multilayered Cultural Landscape, included in the UNESCO World Heritage List and recognized as İzmir's first World Heritage Site, covering the period 2023-2028, was published and made publicly accessible on the websites of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Bergama Site Directorate with the contribution of Ege University. The plan aims to ensure the sustainable conservation, preservation, and promotion of the Bergama Multilayered Cultural Landscape and consists of 6 main objectives, 27 targets, and 253 actions.



Ege University allocates a portion of its institutional budget to the preservation, restoration, and promotion of arts and cultural heritage.

According to the official correspondence provided by the Ege University Rectorate, Directorate of Strategic Development – Budget and Performance Program Branch Office, the total annual university budget amounts to ₺8,734,206,000 of which ₺4,500,000 is specifically allocated to the Restoration of Historical Buildings Project under the Arts and Cultural Heritage expenditure category.

These funds are used to support the maintenance, restoration, and conservation of the university's historical buildings and heritage assets. This financial commitment reflects Ege University's ongoing dedication to safeguarding cultural values and integrating the preservation of tangible and intangible heritage into its sustainable campus development strategy.

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES TARGETS

At Ege University, several initiatives have been implemented across the campus to prioritize pedestrian mobility and promote sustainable modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, and other non-motorized vehicles, as well as minibus and carpooling systems, shuttle buses, public transportation, motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, and electric vehicles. The actions carried out within the Ege University campus in this context are listed below.



Campus information screens



Speed bumps and three-dimensional horizontal markings throughout the campus to increase pedestrian safety and control vehicle speeds



Bicycle parking areas



Barriers that enhance the safety of bicycle users



The campus features a total of 5,500 meters of bicycle lanes, which have been enhanced with horizontal markings to improve visibility. Protective barriers have been installed along existing routes to ensure the safety of cyclists. Additionally, new bicycle parking areas have been established at the exit of the Ege University Metro Station to support integrated and eco-friendly campus transportation.

To support on-campus student mobility, free shuttle services operate between the Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK) residence halls and the Student Village. Shuttle stops are designed to protect students from adverse weather conditions, facilitating easy access within the campus and contributing to the promotion of environmentally friendly transportation.



Reorganized shuttle stop



Shuttle services



In both the main campus and the medical campus, recreational and breathing areas have been designed to allow users to spend time in close contact with nature. Maps and directional panels indicating the locations of these areas are placed at accessible points throughout the campus, providing information about natural shaded zones, walking paths, and rest areas.



Breathing areas map

PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE COMMUTING

Ege University implements a variety of initiatives to promote sustainable transportation and expand environmentally friendly mobility options within the campus.

On-campus transportation is facilitated through bicycle lanes and free shuttle ring services, which enhance student and staff mobility while encouraging the use of eco-friendly transportation alternatives. To improve student accessibility, free shuttle services operate regularly every 30 minutes between the Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK) residence halls and the Ege University Student Village. The shuttle stops have been redesigned to protect students from adverse weather conditions, ensuring comfort and safety during travel.



Reorganized shuttle stop



Shuttle services



Bicycle paths



Disabled-friendly shuttle application

In addition, accessible shuttle services have been introduced to support the mobility of individuals with disabilities. This "Disability-Friendly" initiative facilitates safe and convenient access for students with special needs to their academic units, ensuring equal spatial participation in campus facilities.

The campus also features Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations and dedicated parking spaces, which further encourage environmentally conscious transportation choices and contribute to the strengthening of sustainable mobility infrastructure at Ege University



Electric vehicle charging station and parking area

ALLOW REMOTE WORKING



While Ege University does not currently maintain a formal remote-working policy for administrative or academic personnel, the university ensures flexibility and digital accessibility in teaching and learning processes through the Distance Education Application and Research Center (UZEM), established 2018.



Under the coordination of UZEM, several foundational undergraduate courses are delivered via distance education methods. In addition, multiple degree programs are offered through distance learning platforms.

Within the structure of UZEM, Ege University Academy TV serves as a digital learning channel that hosts online seminars, training programs, and certification courses for students, staff, and the wider public. This platform further strengthens the university's commitment to accessible and lifelong learning while indirectly supporting flexible working and teaching arrangements.



By integrating these digital education tools, Ege University contributes to sustainable operations, promotes technological innovation in education, and reduces the need for on-campus commuting.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR EMPLOYEES



Ege University provides affordable housing services to support the accommodation needs of its employees. Within the university, there are a total of 146 residential units, designed in five different types-A, B, C-lower, C-upper, and D-to meet various household sizes and needs. This initiative offers staff members safe, cost-effective, and campus-integrated living spaces, fostering a sense of community and well-being within the university environment.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR STUDENTS

Ege University provides affordable accommodation options for its students, ensuring a safe and sustainable living environment throughout their academic journey. Within the university campus, there are two main student housing facilities: the Ege University Student Village and dormitories operated by the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Youth and Sports-Credit and Dormitories Institution (Ege and Zübeyde Hanım Dormitories).

Ege University Student Village

Built in compliance with the earthquake safety regulations, the Ege University Student Village consists of 12 blocks with double rooms, offering accommodation for a total of 2,063 students. Additionally, through educational, cultural, and sports activities organized within the facility, the Student Village hosted 375 students in total, including 218 international students.



To accommodate a larger number of students, two large-scale dormitories-Ege Dormitory and Zübeyde Hanım Dormitory-operated by the Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK) under the Ministry of Youth and Sports, are also located within the campus boundaries. These residential areas facilitate students' integration into campus life and contribute to social sustainability by offering economic, accessible, and secure housing options.



Zübeyde Hanım Dormitory



Ege Dormitory

PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY ON CAMPUS

At Ege University, pedestrians are given priority, and environmentally friendly transportation practices are implemented as one of the core components of the university's sustainable campus policies. These practices are carried out in line with Ege University's goal of creating an accessible, safe, and environmentally conscious campus environment.



Within the scope of the "Pedestrian-Priority Green Campus" Project, certain routes in both the main campus and the Faculty of Medicine Hospital campus have been closed to vehicle traffic, transforming them into pedestrian-priority zones. This initiative has contributed to the reduction of carbon emissions, the enhancement of pedestrian safety, and the development of an eco-friendly transportation culture in harmony with nature. The project has been established as a permanent component of the university's sustainable transportation policies.

Across the campus, informational site maps and directional signs have been installed at strategic points to facilitate pedestrian navigation.



In addition, speed bumps and three-dimensional speed-reducing systems have been implemented to limit the speed of motor vehicles and enhance pedestrian safety within the campus.



LOCAL AUTHORITY COLLABORATION REGARDING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ege University maintains strong cooperation with local and national authorities to enhance disaster preparedness, strengthen urban resilience, and support sustainable development within its region. These efforts demonstrate the university's integrated approach to risk management, combining education, research, and institutional collaboration to build a safer and more sustainable environment.



In collaboration with the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), the university established the Ege University Search and Rescue Community (EGE-KUT), a volunteer organization composed of trained students and staff. This initiative contributes to regional emergency-response capacity while promoting a culture of preparedness and social responsibility across the campus community.

In addition, the Faculty of Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, carries out scientific research and field studies on earthquake-resistant construction and structural vulnerability within the Aegean region - one of Türkiye's most active seismic zones. Ege University experts have also taken part in the Türkiye National Risk Shield Model, coordinated by the Ministry of Interior and AFAD, through which Ege University contributes technical expertise and academic insight to national-level urban and rural infrastructure planning.



PLANNING DEVELOPMENT – NEW BUILDING STANDARDS

Ege University ensures that all new constructions and renovation projects comply with national building codes, environmental sustainability principles, and earthquake safety standards. The university's Strategic Plan 2024–2028 emphasizes environmentally responsible infrastructure, energy efficiency, accessibility, and the preservation of green areas as key components of sustainable campus development.



Roof reconstruction of Emel Akın Vocational School

Under the supervision of the Directorate of Construction and Technical Works, the university carries out renovation and repair projects such as the facade restoration of Ege Vocational School and the roof reconstruction of Emel Akın Vocational School, both aligned with Türkiye's national building and sustainability codes.



Facade restoration of Ege Vocational School

Furthermore, the Ege University Student Village represents sustainable housing developments within the campus. Constructed in accordance with current earthquake-resistant design codes, the Student Village comprises 12 blocks and accommodates over 2,000 students. In addition to ensuring structural safety, the complex contributes to both environmental and social sustainability on campus.



Ege University Student Village

BUILDING ON BROWNFILED SITES

Ege University prioritizes the preservation of natural areas within its campus and avoids unnecessary land consumption through its sustainable campus planning principles. The university focuses on renovating and repurposing existing buildings rather than developing new facilities on undeveloped or natural lands.

Although no new construction projects have been implemented on brownfield or previously industrial sites during the current assessment period, the university's approach aligns with the principles of resource efficiency, landscape preservation, and sustainable land use outlined in the Ege University Sustainable Green Campus Strategy and Ege University 2024-2028 Strategic Plan.



THE Impact Rankings Methodology 2026 & GRI Index Matrix

THE	Impact Rankings Methodology 2026 Version 1.1	GRI	Disclosure	Reported	Page
11.1	Research on sustainable cities and communities			Fully	
11.2	Support of arts and heritage			Fully	4-20
11.2.1	Public access to buildings Provide public access to buildings and/or monuments or natural heritage landscapes of cultural significance	GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021 GRI 203: Indirect Economic Impacts 2016	2-1 Organizational details 2-2 Entities included in the organization's sustainability reporting 203-1 Infrastructure investments and services supported	Fully	4-9
11.2.2	Public access to libraries Provide public access to libraries including books and publications	GRI 203: Indirect Economic Impacts 2016	203-1: Infrastructure investments and services supported	Fully	10-11
11.2.3	Public access to museums Provide public access to museums, exhibition spaces or galleries, or works of art and artefacts			Fully	11-12
11.2.4	Public access to green spaces Provide free public access to open spaces and green spaces			Fully	12-13
11.2.5	Arts and heritage contribution Contribute to local arts, in terms of number of annual public performances of university choirs, theatre groups, orchestras etc... either ad-hoc or as part of an ongoing programme			Fully	14
11.2.6	Record and preserve cultural heritage Deliver projects to record and preserve intangible cultural heritage such as local folklore, traditions, language, and knowledge. This can include the heritage of displaced communities.			Fully	15-20
11.3	Expenditure on arts and heritage			Fully	20
11.3.1	Arts and heritage expenditure	GRI 203: Indirect Economic Impacts 2016	203-1: Infrastructure investments and services supported	Fully	20
	University expenditure			Fully	20
	University expenditure on arts and heritage			Fully	20
11.4	Sustainable practices			Fully	21-27
11.4.1	Sustainable practices targets Measure and set targets for more sustainable commuting (walking, cycling or other non-motorized transport, vanpools, carpools, shuttlebus or public transportation, motorcycle, scooter or moped, or electric vehicles)	GRI 203: Indirect Economic Impacts 2016	203-1: Infrastructure investments and services supported	Fully	21
11.4.2	Promote sustainable commuting Undertake actions to promote more sustainable commuting			Fully	22
11.4.3	Allow remote working Promote or allow telecommuting or remote working for employees as a matter of policy or standard practice, or offer a condensed working week to reduce employee commuting			Fully	23
11.4.4	Affordable housing for employees Provide affordable housing for employees Evaluating affordability Providing housing directly Providing financial support			Fully	23
11.4.5	Affordable housing for students Provide affordable housing for students			Fully	24
11.4.6	Pedestrian priority on campus Prioritise pedestrian access on campus	GRI 203: Indirect Economic Impacts 2016	203-1: Infrastructure investments and serv	Fully	24-25
11.4.7	Local authority collaboration regarding planning and development Work with local authorities to address planning issues and development, including ensuring that local residents are able to access affordable housing			Fully	25
11.4.8	Planning development - new build standards Build new buildings to sustainable standards			Fully	26
11.4.9	Building on brownfield sites Build on brownfield sites, where possible			Fully	26-27



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