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# **RECTOR'S MESSAGE**



Message from our Rector, Prof. R. Cüneyt ERENOĞLU

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU) aims to be a leading university in its region in all areas, while also being aware of its responsibilities to society and the environment, in addition to its educational and research activities. Our university carries out work that contributes to science and society and creates economic value on a national and international scale with its strong academic and administrative staff. The 2024 Sustainability Report, prepared with this vision, transparently presents our institution's performance in the areas environmental, social, economic. research/education, and governance, summarizing the steps we have taken towards achieving our sustainability goals and outlining our vision for the future.

It is our shared responsibility to protect the well-being of society and future generations by addressing the challenges facing our world and working to contribute to environmental, social, and economic sustainability. Established in December 2023, the Sustainability Office Coordination has, for the first time at our university, applied the GreenMetric; prepared the University's first Sustainability Report (2023); drafted and implemented the Climate Action Plan; organized sustainability workshops; conducted training on zero waste/Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), among other initiatives; applied to international sustainability networks and ensured the university's representation at these meetings; and shared knowledge in sustainability meetings organized by the Trakya Universities Association (TÜB) and other universities. Achieving 465th place in the GreenMetric ranking and entering the world's top 500 universities for the first time has been a significant source of pride for our university.

The 2024 Sustainability Report, prepared under the coordination of the Sustainability Office, presents the measures taken by our university to ensure sustainability in education, research, community engagement, and campus life while prioritizing environmental protection and social rights. It also outlines the university's future plans in line with these efforts, highlighting both our strengths and areas for improvement. The 2024 Sustainability Report indicates that while the university has made significant progress in many areas, further work is particularly needed in infrastructure, data management and monitoring, integrating sustainability into education and research, energy, waste management, water/rainwater management, transportation, green supply chain and procurement, circular economy, and related areas, necessitating accelerated actions in accordance with the Climate Action Plan. To ensure sustainability, which is a continuous process of transformation and development, we invite our partners to support our sustainability initiatives to produce innovative and environmentally exemplary projects for society.

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, demonstrating its strong determination to be recognized as a leading university both nationally and internationally, presents the 2024 Sustainability Report for your review and consideration. On this occasion, I would like to extend my gratitude to all our partners, as well as our valued academic and administrative staff and students.



# SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Partners,

**Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University established the Sustainability** Office Coordination in December 2023 in line with its mission and goals. Despite being a newly established unit, The Office has implemented many pioneering projects. As we leave our first year behind, we are proud to prepare our Sustainability Report for the second time and, after an intensive preparation process, to apply to GreenMetric for the first time and rank among the top 500 universities in the world. As part of the GreenMetric preparations, many information meetings and discussions were held, and intensive efforts were made to ensure the process ran smoothly. During this process, fundamental concepts were established that will guide our university's future GreenMetric efforts. Our Coordination Office took an active role in the evaluation and publication process by preparing a draft Climate Action Plan in collaboration with our partners. Furthermore, it contributed to the spread of a culture of sustainability at our university by organizing numerous trainings, workshops, and events.

Our primary objectives include increasing the awareness of our students and staff on sustainability, collecting data to analyze the current situation, coordinating education, research, and socially oriented activities, ensuring that sustainability is embraced by all our partners/departments, and developing innovative solutions in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. Additionally, our university plays a significant role in integrating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into our education and research processes.

As the Sustainability Office Coordination of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, we are delighted to share with you the Sustainability Report prepared for 2024 and the exemplary work carried out within the scope of the SDGs. This report, prepared for the second time at our university, outlines our activities for 2024, allows for comparison with the previous year's data, and contributes to identifying areas for improvement and planning accordingly.

We thank all our partners who contribute to our university's sustainability journey and look forward to continuing to work together to protect our planet, increase social welfare, and contribute to economic, social, and environmental sustainability. We express our gratitude to our valued academic and administrative staff, students, and all partners who contribute to our sustainability goals through their work.

> Prof. Dr. NİLGÜN AYMAN ÖZ SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE COORDINATOR





# **METHODOLOGY**

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University Sustainability Report has been prepared with reference to the GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) Standards. This report aims to document the university's economic, environmental, and social impacts/contributions in the context of sustainability using quantitative and qualitative indicators, and to holistically relate these impacts to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). In this framework, data on the university's sustainability activities were obtained from multiple sources distributed across the institution, primarily from academic and administrative units. The data collection process was conducted via form.comu.edu.tr, prepared by our Coordination Office, and was further supported by documents requested through the Academic Data Management System (AVESiS), ÜBYS, and content published on the university's official website. In addition to activities carried out with the contributions of internal partners, the report also includes initiatives conducted with the participation of external partners such as alumni, local authorities, media, and non-governmental organizations. The content of this report is structured under five main headings according to a materiality analysis that identifies the most important issues for our partners. The materiality analysis was organized based on key topics highlighted in sustainability workshops conducted by our Coordination Office, survey results on forms.comu.edu.tr, and the institution's strategic objectives.

ÇOMU initiated sustainability reporting with the first report published in 2023 and has committed to publishing the report annually. Accordingly, the 2024 report aims to monitor sustainability performance annually and compare it with the previous year.

# **Reporting Scope**

All information and data presented in this report have been obtained from the university's administrative and academic units located in the Çanakkale central campus and its nine districts. The report includes data on projects, activities, conferences, workshops, collaborations, awards, and similar initiatives conducted between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024. In addition, institutional information reflects developments and data up to the date of report preparation.

# The Core Documents of This Report

The following documents of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University form the basis of this report:

- 2024–2028 Strategic Action Plan
- 2024 Annual Activity Plan
- ÇOMU Climate Action Plan
- Sustainability Policy
- Gender Equality Plan
- Quality Assurance Policy
- Management System Policy
- Education Policy
- Research Policy
- Community Engagement Policy
- Internationalization Policy
- Official Communication Channels of ÇOMU



# METHODOLOGY OF THE REPORT Conducting a

Materiality
Analysis with
Partner
Participation

Data Collection
from Academic and

Other
Official
Sources

Monitoring Data
on an Annual and
Comparative

Administrative Units

and

Reporting with reference to GRI Standards





Basis



# MISSION, VISION **OUR VALUES**

### **Our Values:**

COMU

- Justice and Merit
- Academic Competence
- Institutional Belonging and Participation
- Sensitivity to Society and Nature
- Commitment to Ethical Values
- Respect for People and Differences
- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation and Creativity
- Accessibility
- Transparency and Accountability
- Quality-Oriented Institutional Culture
- Commitment to National and Cultural Values
- Inclusive Education Approach



# **CANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART UNIVERSITY**

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University is committed to educating competent individuals through a contemporary, sustainable, and inclusive educational approach; and to contributing to society at the national and international levels through the scientific knowledge and technologies it produces, and the cultural, sporting, and artistic activities it carries out.



Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University embraces the vision of becoming a pioneering higher education institution in the fields of science, technology, art, sports, and culture, contributing to the quality of life in society by nurturing innovative and entrepreneurial individuals.



# SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE COORDINATION

The Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University Sustainability Office Coordination coordinates education, research, and community contribution activities with an approach that focuses on sustainable development goals, embraced by all partners and units of the university. It develops innovative solutions and is committed to contributing to society.



In line with our university's vision of "being a pioneering university in the fields of science, technology, art, sports, and culture, contributing to the quality of life of society with the innovative and entrepreneurial individuals it nurtures," it aims to be a unit that carries out sustainability-focused activities and benefits university units and all partners.











Terzioğlu Campus-Main Campus



# **Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University**

Established: 1992



**ACCREDITATION** 











College



Research and **Application Center** 





Data Source: Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University 2024 Administrative Activity Report













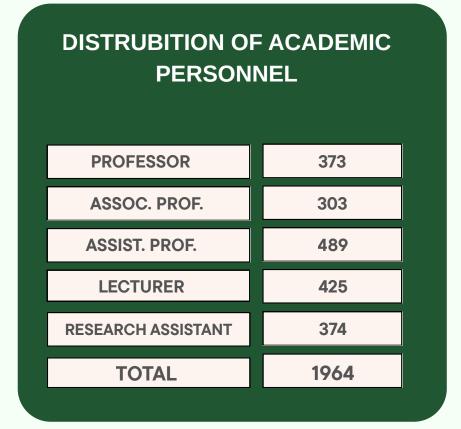


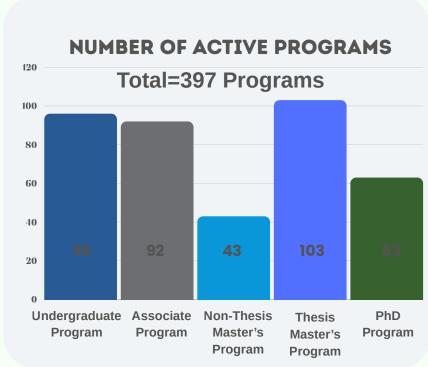




# **IN NUMBERS-2024 CANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART UNIVERSITY**

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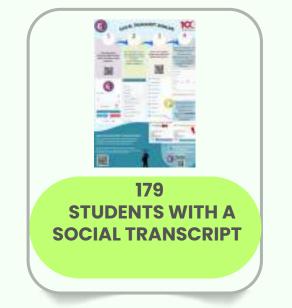












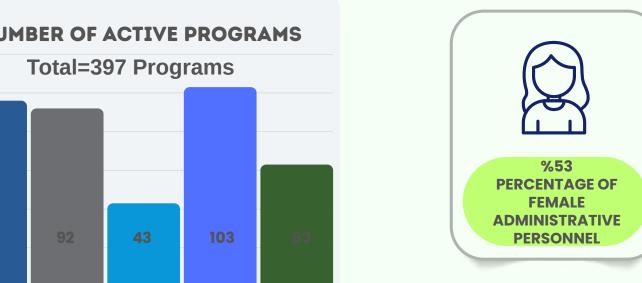




























22 **SYMPOSIUMS AND CONGRESSES** 



89 CONFERENCES



28 **PANEL SESSIONS** 

# **ACTIVITIES**



29 **SEMINARS** 



23 **DIALOGUE SESSIONS** 



28 **THEATERS** 



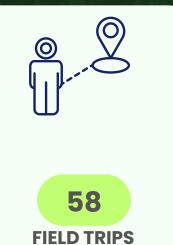
**CONCERTS** 

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**EXHIBITIONS** 











Type and Number of Activities Conducted in 2024 at Our University's Conference Halls and by Student Clubs





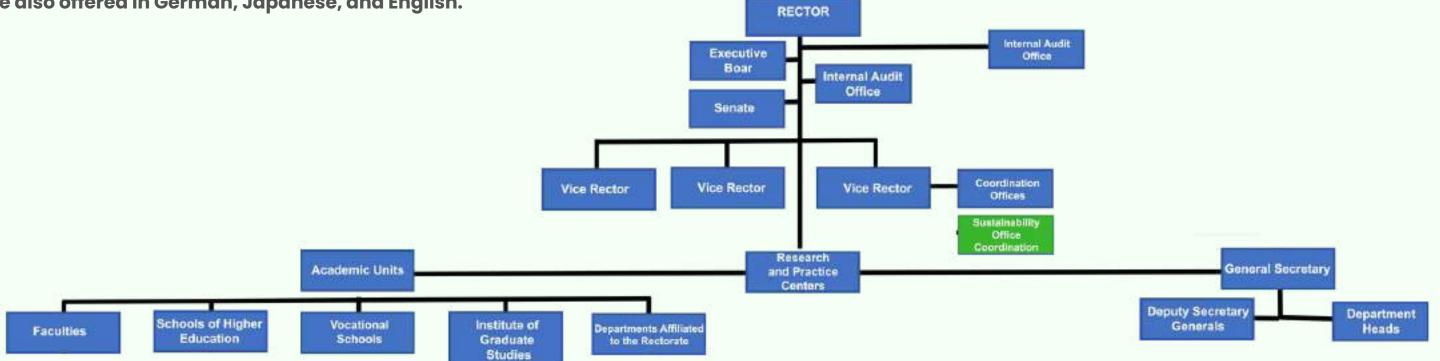
# **ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

# ADMINISTRATION ABOUT ÇOMU

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, which began its activities in the 1992–1993 academic year, continues its education and training activities as of 2024 with a Graduate School, 21 faculties, 3 colleges, and 13 vocational schools. In addition, there are 36 Research and Application Centers operating in different disciplines. The university's academic program structure consists of 96 undergraduate programs, 92 associate degree programs, 103 thesis-based master's programs, 43 non-thesis master's programs, 13 distance learning non-thesis master's programs, and 63 doctoral programs. While the language of instruction is predominantly Turkish, some programs are also offered in German, Japanese, and English.

The administrative structure of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University consists of three main institutional bodies: the Rector, the University Senate, and the University Administrative Board.

The University Administrative Board operates with the participation of the Rector, Vice Rectors, Faculty Deans, and three members selected by the Senate. The University Senate consist of the Rector, Vice Rectors, Deans, representatives from the faculties, and the directors of the institutes.



The university's academic and administrative processes are carried out in accordance with internal directives and institutional strategies. Current regulations and institutional documents are accessible on the university's official website: <u>www.comu.edu.tr</u>. As a state university, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University complies with all laws of the Republic of Turkey. In this context, it complies with all relevant laws such as the Occupational Health and Safety Law No. 6331, the Labor Law No. 4857, the Law on the Protection of Personal Data No. 6698, the Law on the Trial of Civil Servants and Other Public Officials No. 4483, the Law on Higher Education No. 2547, and the Law on the Right to Information No. 4982. Documents such as laws, regulations, guidelines, policies, procedures and principles are available on the official websites Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (https://mevzuat.comu.edu.tr/ and https://kalite.comu.edu.tr/).

Based on a management mentality focused on continuous improvement and quality, the Quality Development and Institutional Monitoring Coordination Office is responsible for monitoring, evaluating, and improving quality processes across the university. It also provides technical and strategic support for accreditation processes at the institutional and program levels and plans internal evaluation and monitoring processes. Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University earned Institutional Accreditation in 2022 as a result of the evaluation process conducted by the Higher Education Quality Council, thereby officially certifying its quality assurance system. Detailed information about quality and accreditation processes can be found at kalite.comu.edu.tr.





COMU

# STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL INTEGRATION

**COMU** integrates sustainability into all decisionmaking processes, management policies, and university approaches practices. The environmental, economic, and social sustainability principles holistically, aiming to promote sustainable practices across all units. In this context, it works on establishing the necessary requirements to ensure a transparent, trackable, and reportable sustainability management system.

# **EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND SOCIETAL CONTRIBUTION**

**COMU** has adopted the principle of raising awareness in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and integrating these goals into all education, research, and social contribution activities. **Sustainability-focused** research and entrepreneurship initiatives are supported by encouraging student and partner participation, and strong partnerships are established with the public sector, industry, and NGOs.

### **GREEN CAMPUS AND RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

The university has committed to prioritizing energy efficiency, waste reduction, water management, and renewable energy systems to reduce its carbon and water footprint through its climate action plan. While implementing environmentally friendly projects with a green campus approach, reducing energy costs and responsible use of resources are among the key objectives.

# **SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY**

**COMU** is committed to equal opportunities with the vision of being an inclusive and equitable university. **Through Barrier-Free Campus initiatives, accessible** spaces are created for everyone, while occupational health and safety principles are integrated into the work environment. Additionally, the university contributes to enhancing social welfare through social responsibility projects and community-based programs.





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# **SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT**

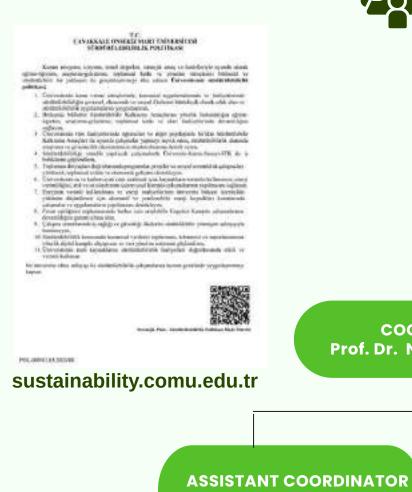


**COMU Sustainability Office Coordination was established to promote a** culture of sustainability across the university and to coordinate strategic efforts in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Formally established by a Senate resolution dated December 14, 2023, the Coordination guides all units in applying sustainability principles through its interdisciplinary academic structure. Awareness is raised through workshops and training sessions organized with the participation of students and staff. COMU's Sustainability Policy aims to integrate environmental, social, and economic dimensions into decision-making processes. Green campus practices such as energy efficiency, waste, and water management are being implemented; action plans are being developed with partners, particularly in line with "Climate Action" (SDG 13).

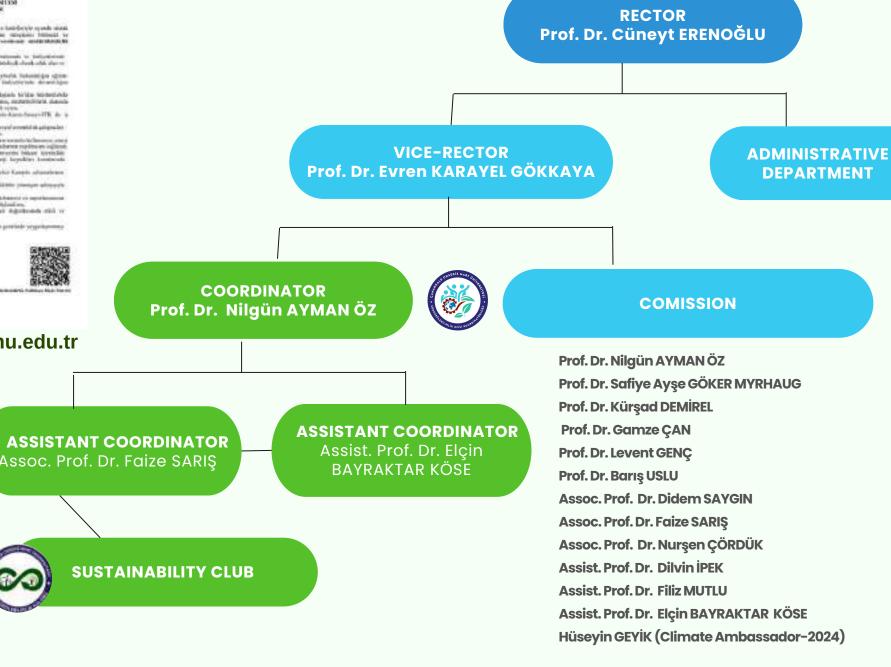
The Sustainability Office Coordination initiated GreenMetric efforts in its first year and organized the university-wide data collection infrastructure in accordance with the GreenMetric system. Within the scope of the GreenMetric application, numerous meetings and consultations were held across the university to ensure the smooth implementation of activities. In its first participation, COMU ranked 465th globally, placing within the top 500. In 2023, the Coordination Office prepared COMU's first Sustainability Report, and a draft Climate Action Plan was developed and shared for partner feedback. The office contributes to fostering a sustainability culture at the university through a wide range of training sessions, workshops, and events.

The Coordination Office focuses on analyzing the current situation through data collection, coordinating education-, research-, and communityoriented initiatives, promoting the adoption of sustainability by all university partners and units, and developing innovative solutions with a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Furthermore, it plays a role in integrating the SDGs into the university's education, research, and quality processes. Our Coordination Office also supports the university's Zero Waste initiatives.

# **SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**



# SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE COORDINATION **Organizational Structure**













**UI GreenMetric 2024 Certificate** 

# GREENMETRIC

**COMU Ranked 465th Globally and 44th** Nationwide in Türkiye in the UI **GreenMetric 2024 for Sustainability.** 

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**THE Impact Rankings 2025 Score Table** 

# THE IMPACT RANKING

In the Times Higher Education (THE) 2025 Impact Rankings, ÇOMU was ranked 1001–1500 globally and 54th nationwide in Türkiye.

**Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University** has been ranked in prestigious indices such as GreenMetric and THE Impact Rankings through comprehensive work in the areas of environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

These rankings demonstrate that **University's** sustainability practices are recognized on a global contribute scale and recognition. international These achievements serve as a clear indication of the sustainable future that COMU is jointly shaping with its students, faculty, and partners.





**RESEARCH** 



As of 2024, COMU is a member of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN). The network was established by the United Nations in 2012 and is a prestigious network that brings together universities, research centers, and other institutions worldwide in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

# SDSN

This network enables the development of international collaborations in the fields of sustainable development, environmental awareness, innovative research, and social responsibility projects.

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart Üniversitesi, Birleşmiş Milletler Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma Çözümleri Ağı (SDSN) Üyeliğine Kabul Edildi



Prof. Dr. Nilgün AYMAN ÖZ, Coordinator of the COMU Sustainability Office, represented our university at the SDSN Turkey Event and Members Meeting held at Boğaziçi University on December 27, 2024.

# **Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University**

# **WORLDWIDE INTEGRATED UNIVERSITY**







As of 2024, ÇOMU is also a member of the European Network of Social Authorities (ENSA).

# **Benefits of ENSA Membership**

Being part of this important network is expected to offer numerous new opportunities for our university:

- Participation in innovative projects at the **European level**
- Development of effective dialogues with local and regional institutions
- Active contribution to the European Union's social policies
- Opportunities for ÇOMU researchers to establish international project partnerships











**ADMINISTRATION** 

### **REPORTING CONCERNS AND** TO **REQUESTS** THE **ADMINISTRATION**

CAMPUS 24/7: EVERY FEEDBACK COUNTS!

Thanks to the Campus 24/7: Digital Feedback and Support System, students and academic and administrative staff can directly submit their thanks, suggestions, and improvement requests to the relevant units; these notifications are evaluated and responded to within the scope of the Quality Management System, and the process is effectively monitored.





# **COMU DIGITAL SUPPORT SYSTEM: CONTINUOUS ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF**

**Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University** provides 24/7 support to its students, academic staff, and administrative staff, in line with its vision of adapting to a digitalizing world.

### **SUPPORT TOPICS**

- Information security
- Digital signature
- Email
- Wireless network (Wi-Fi)
- Computer technical support
- UBYS support
- Distance learning support
- Web pages and management

**ONE-CLICK TECHNICAL SUPPORT** 





# **Output Management**



The data collected by the Sustainability Office is classified according to academic units and student clubs and presented to senior management. This information, shared with the Strategic **Quality Development Coordination, is used for institutional** development. Additionally, events and projects conducted within the scope of sustainability are collected by our Coordination Office from the units and entered into the Strategic Plan Monitoring and Evaluation System, where the university tracks these data as part of its strategic planning processes.



The Sustainability Office Coordination successfully completed sustainability reporting and the GreenMetric data collection process throughout 2024, contributing corporate sustainability management.

# **Continuous Improvement in Education**



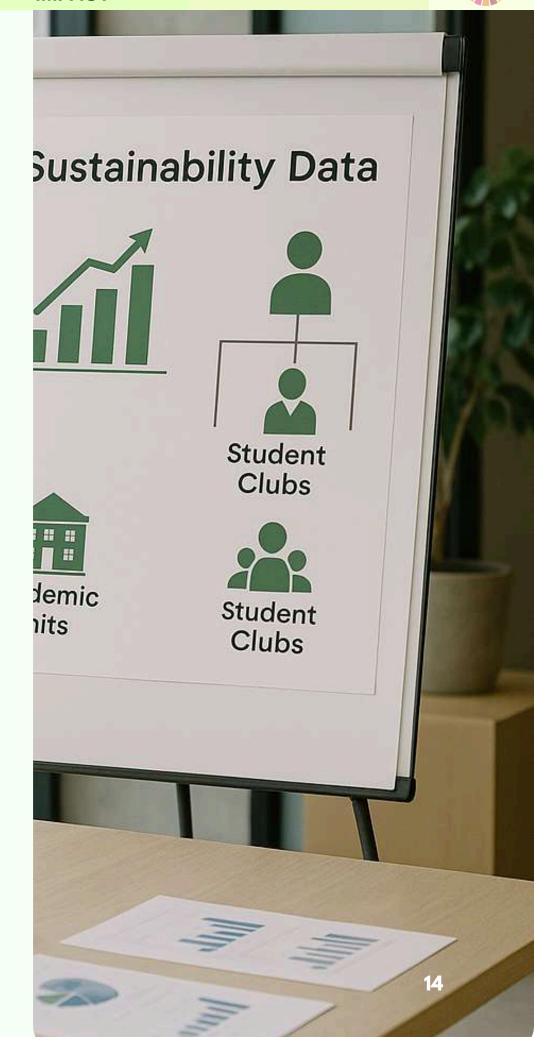
Course objectives and program outcomes are defined by faculty members; curriculum changes are monitored by the Bologna **Process Coordination Office. Student and graduate satisfaction** and educational success are measured and monitored through surveys conducted via the University Information System (ÜBYS).

# **Empowered Administration Through Feedback**

Requests submitted through the Campus 24/7 system serve as an effective tool for addressing issues and improving processes. Additionally, applications such as weekly cafeteria surveys reflect students' preferences regarding daily campus life in the decision-making processes.



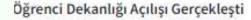




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# STUDENTS IN **ADMINISTRATION**

Through the Student Dean's Office and the Student Senate, students actively participate in education, quality assurance, and institutional decision-making processes.



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ÇANAKKALE ONSEKİZ MART ÜNİVERSİTESİ

Öğrenci Dekanlığı

# **Participation in Campus Life**

Through tools such as weekly cafeteria surveys, students also have a voice in decision-making on matters that shape campus life.

### **Students' Contribution to Quality**

The Student Quality Commission is structured to represent different groups.

Student representation is also provided in the commission within Sustainability Office Coordination.

**COMU** aims to ensure that students are not only recipients of education but also active participants in university governance.





# **STUDENTS ARE POSITIONED** ÇANAKKALE ONSEKİZ MART ÜNİVE **NOT ONLY AS LEARNERS BUT ALSO AS ACTIVE CONTRIBUTORS AND LEADERS** WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY.

# Öğrenci Dekanlığı Değerlendirme Toplantısı Gerçekleştirildi

6 May 2024 - 12:56 Günzelleme: T3 May 2024 - 15:00



### Öğrenci Kalite Komisyonu Toplantısı Gerçekleştirildi











Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University has achieved significant success in international student mobility!



In the 2025 World University Rankings published by Study Abroad Aide, our university was ranked within the top 23% of 8,536 universities worldwide, marking a notable achievement. Compared to last year's rankings, significant progress has been made. This success once again highlights ÇOMU's global impact and the contribution of its quality education to international students.

In 2024, 78 students went abroad for education and 38 students went abroad for internships through Erasmus. During the same period, 28 students came to **Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University for** education and 7 students came for internships.



# INTERNATIONAL **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**





# **INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY**

# Strong Steps in Academic Collaboration with Europe

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU) was awarded a grant of €333,590 in the 2024 Erasmus+ KA131 application period, reflecting its success. This impressive budget serves as a tangible indicator of the university's vision to advance international mobility.



# MEETING WITH ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY ON SUSTAINABILITY



# New Horizons In Academic Cooperations

Thanks to academic teaching mobility supported by a budget of €28,650, academic staff members are strengthening their academic collaborations with partner universities in Europe.



### With this budget:

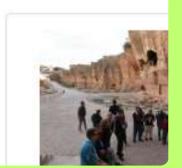
- 95 students will study in Europe,
- 13 students will undertake internships abroad,
- 27 academic staff will conduct teaching activities, and
- 8 administrative staff will have the opportunity to receive training in Europe.





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Yurtdışı Türkler ve Akraba Topluluklar Başkanlığı Heyeti Üniversitemizi Ziyaret Etti

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# The Largest Erasmus+ Grant in the Trakya Universities Union

ÇOMU has been one of the institutions receiving the highest grant within the Trakya Universities Union under the 2024 Erasmus activities.





# **Robust Infrastructure Supporting Practical Education**

At COMU, students are supported not only through opportunities such as foreign language programs and EU exchange initiatives but also through practice-oriented education. The Technopark, laboratories, application centers, observatory (housing Turkey's largest telescope), radio-TV studios, sports facilities, and theater stages form the foundation of this approach. Additionally, field applications are conducted at historical sites such as Troy, Assos, and Gallipoli.



# **DEAN OF RESEARCH**

Established in 2024, the Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University Research Dean's Office (ARDEK) operates to coordinate research across the university, promote interdisciplinary studies, and strengthen research infrastructure.

ARDEK supports academic staff and students in developing national and international projects while providing strategic guidance to enhance the quality and impact of research outputs. Taking on critical roles such as efficient use of university resources, project management, publication support, and guidance in patent processes, ARDEK contributes holistically to ÇOMU's research ecosystem.





# **Experimental Research Application and Research Center** (COMUDAM)

The center, established in 2012, has held a laboratory animal production permit since 2013.





- Projects funded by TÜBİTAK and BAP are carried out.
- Research is conducted on gene expression, wound healing, and biochemistry.
- Stem cell and cancer cell culture laboratories are available.
- Experimental studies are performed using live animals such as rats, mice, and rabbits.
- The center is equipped with advanced devices, including hyperbaric oxygen and ozone machines.
- It provides experimental infrastructure for TEKNOPARK projects.

# **Science and Technology Application** Center (ÇOBILTUM)

Established in 2004, the center provides services for university, researcher, and industry collaborations.

- High-tech product/material development
- Support for interdisciplinary research
- Research environment for graduate students
- Industry-specific design and consultancy













# **Potassium Magnesium Phosphate Smart Fertilizer Production Project**

In the Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, the project titled "Production of Smart Fertilizer with Potassium Magnesium Phosphate" focuses on producing slow-release fertilizer for the agricultural sector by utilizing waste materials.





In the Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, Microbial Pigment Production from Whey is being conducted.

# **SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH**



# **Production of Biodegradable Food Packaging** with Antimicrobial Properties from Food Waste

In the Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, the project titled "Production of Biodegradable Food Packaging with Antimicrobial Properties from Food Waste" focuses on producing environmentally friendly and food-safe packaging from pumpkin shells that prevents food spoilage.





### **Eco-STEAM with Biology Teachers**

The project entitled 'Eco-STEAM with Biology Teachers' by a faculty member of the Faculty of Education has been supported under the TÜBİTAK **4005 Innovative Education Applications Support** Programme project call.



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# SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES

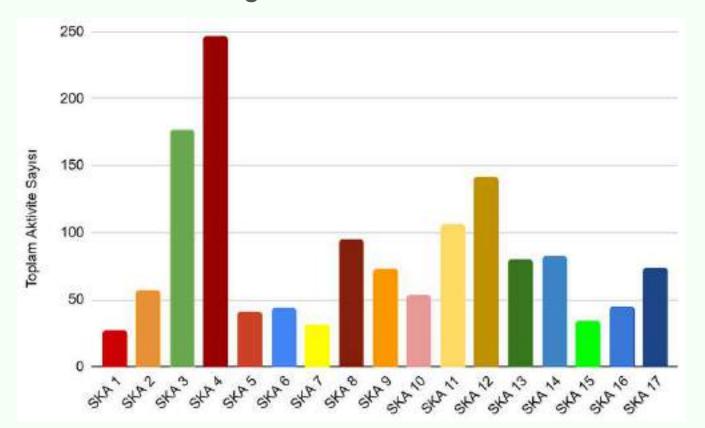
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# SUSTAINABILITY-THEMED ACTIVITIES/COURSES

ÇOMU tracks activities and courses aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through AVESIS. However, due to data that are not entered or updated in the AVESIS system, the figures do not fully reflect the university's efforts. Therefore, in the upcoming period, courses and activities should be updated annually to ensure the correct SDG assignments. Strengthening data integration will be an important step in enhancing the visibility of sustainability-focused education and initiatives.

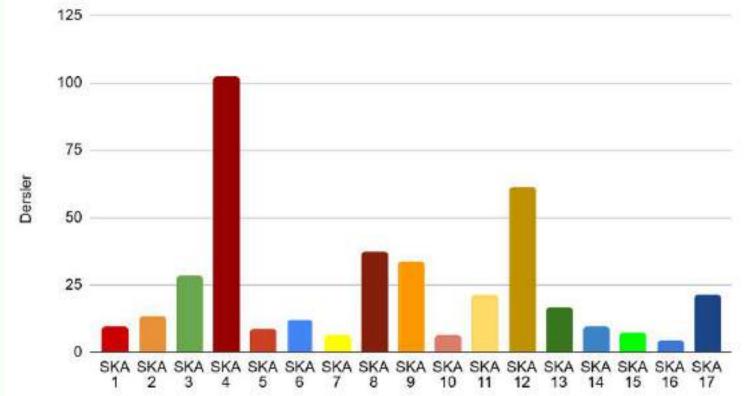


### **Total Activities Aligned with SDGs in 2024: 1,339**



AVESIS access date: July 22, 2025

# Number of Courses Aligned with SDGs in 2024: 409



Total activities include publications, courses, projects, theses, artistic activities, conferences, awards, communication duties, research groups, and similar activities entered into the AVESIS system.

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# **SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVITIES**

# **Climate Action Plan Workshop**

The "Climate Action Plan Workshop", covering topics such as energy efficiency and renewable energy, biodiversity, buildings and ecosystems and infrastructure, water efficiency, transportation, education and research, and waste management, was held at the Abide Hall of Dardanos Campus, organized in collaboration with Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU) and the Sustainability Office Coordination.

In his opening speech, COMU Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu emphasized that, following intensive work with the Sustainability Office Coordination, the draft of the Climate Action Plan had been prepared. He stated, "In recent years, the rapid implementation of Climate Action Plans has become crucial for raising awareness and addressing global climate challenges."

During the workshop, Prof. Dr. Nilgün Ayman Öz provided information about the Sustainability Office's activities and briefed participants on the workshop. The workshop concluded with the collection of opinions and suggestions from attendees.





# **GREENMETRIC Meetings**



The UI GreenMetric 2023-2024 Evaluation Meeting, organized by the Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU) Sustainability Office Coordination, was held in the Rectorate Senate Hall. The meeting, organized by the university rectorate, was attended by administrative units and relevant coordinators. At the meeting, data contributing to our university's success in the UI GreenMetric 2024 ranking was reviewed, and sustainability activities and documents for the period May 2023-May 2024 were evaluated.

The meeting, which detailed our university's work in the areas of green campus, carbon reduction, waste management, energy efficiency, and sustainable education, served as an important platform for illuminating future goals. COMU continues to enhance its sustainability performance in international rankings such as GreenMetric, taking strong steps toward environmental responsibility and global visibility.

# **Green Campus Workshop of the Trakya Universities Union**

The "Sustainable Energy and Green Campus" workshop, organized by the Energy Sub-Working Group of the Trakya Universities Union, was held online on March 28, 2024, hosted by Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU). The opening of the workshop was delivered by ÇOMU Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu.

Academic presentations focused on energy efficiency, renewable energy applications, and GreenMetric sustainability indicators. Prof. Dr. Nilgün Ayman Öz shared insights on the "ReYou" project, which aims to train energy leaders in universities, while Environmental Engineer Tuba Doğru from Trakya University provided technical information on the GreenMetric process. Academics from Bandırma Onyedi Eylül, Tekirdağ Namık Kemal, and Kırklareli Universities presented examples on solar power systems, biodiesel production from waste oils, and wind potential.

The workshop laid the groundwork for developing a shared vision among universities in the Thrace region, contributing to their collective sustainability journey.







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# **SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVITIES**

# **COMU City Fest: Youth, Culture, and** Sustainability

The "ÇOMU Kent Fest", organized by Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU) for new students, brought together youth through culture, arts, science, and sustainability-focused activities. Held in collaboration with the Çanakkale Governorship, Municipality, and ÇOMU, the festival took place over two days at the Halk Bahçesi with high participation.

The festival featured theatre, concerts, gastronomy, workshops, children's activity areas, sports, and interactive content promoting environmental awareness. Volunteers from the Youth Workshop contributed to the event through participatory processes focusing on the question, "What do young people want?". ÇOMU Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu emphasized that the festival was not merely a promotional event but aimed to introduce the city, expand social networks, and strengthen university-city collaboration. The event also included performances by Japanese Kendo masters and student clubs. This festival served as a prime example of a youth gathering that enhances students' social, cultural, and environmental awareness while supporting a culture of sustainable living.



### SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP

The "Sustainability Workshop", organized by the Sustainability Office on April 30, 2024, brought together 25 students from different departments to conduct a solution-oriented study on environmental and social sustainability on campus. Before the workshop, Prof. Dr. Nilgün Ayman Öz, Coordinator of the Sustainability Office, provided training to participants on sustainability and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Following the training, students evaluated a selected campus building according to the SDGs and proposed improvements in areas such as waste, energy, water, and landscaping. The workshop represented an important step in raising sustainability awareness at COMU, promoting interdisciplinary participation, and contributing to the university's green campus vision.

# **Rural Tourism and Sustainable Living** Workshop

Within the scope of the workshop, Prof. Dr. Metin Kozak, Dean of the Faculty of Communication at Kadir Has University, delivered a comprehensive presentation on how rural tourism aligns with sustainability principles and key considerations for managing this process.

Prior to the workshop, Prof. Dr. Nilgün Ayman Öz, Coordinator of the Sustainability Office, presented on sustainability and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Students were grouped around topics such as local development, conservation of natural resources, sustainable rural living, and tourism, engaging in discussions and preparing evaluation reports.







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# **ECOUNITY Project Launch:** A Green Step from Europe to Çanakkale

The launch of the EU-supported ECOUNITY-Erasmus+ Project was held at the Hamidiye Forts Foyer Area, featuring international collaborations. The project, carried out in partnership with universities from Slovakia, Poland, Croatia, and Romania, as well as COMU, SOS/BirdLife Slovensko, and MELLIS, aims to develop joint solutions in green transformation, sustainable development, and environmental awareness.

In his opening speech, Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu emphasized that sustainable green development is critical not only for environmental protection but also for social welfare and economic growth. He noted that the project seeks to strengthen collaboration between universities and local partners, aiming to generate tangible environmental solutions.

İsmail Kaşdemir, President of the Çanakkale Wars Gallipoli Historical Site, expressed support for the project, stating that academic knowledge should serve as a guide in environmental management.



# **SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVITIES**

# **Ceramic Mosaic Surface Coating Project**

"Ceramic Mosaic Surface Coating Project", implemented through a collaboration between the Çanakkale Municipality, ÇOMU Faculty of Fine Arts, and Kaleseramik, aims to give the Green Local Government Building an artistic and sustainable identity.

In the third workshop of this meaningful initiative, project partners, academics, and students came together. The project emphasized that, in addition to the environmental benefits of upcycling ceramic waste, aesthetic and cultural values are also highlighted. Throughout the production process of the mosaic panels, students played an active role, contributing to the awareness of young people in sustainable art and design practices.



















# **Marine Pollution and Sustainable Fisheries**

Within the scope of World Fisheries Day on November 21, a panel organized in collaboration with COMU Faculty of Marine Sciences and Technology, **Canakkale Faculty of Applied Sciences, and the COMU** Sustainability Club addressed the topic of "Marine Pollution and Sustainable Fisheries" from multiple perspectives. During the panel, the current state of marine ecosystems and the impacts of pollution were presented using scientific data. The panel also highlighted the importance of environmentally friendly and innovative practices in the fisheries sector. This panel, which contributed to the environmental awareness of younger generations, served as a strong example of the university's mission to promote social awareness.



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# **Engineering for Sustainability**



The "Responsible Engineers for Sustainability" project, conducted in collaboration with the Sustainability Steps Association and Grundfos, and supported by the Poul Due Jensen Foundation, aims to mobilize the potential of young engineers to develop solutions to environmental and social challenges.

Within this scope, the Çanakkale Solutions Workshop, organized in collaboration with the Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University Sustainability Club, will bring young participants together on a creative platform combining engineering and sustainability.

During the workshop, participants generated original ideas and innovative solutions under topics such as:

- Water Use and Management
- Energy Efficiency
- Waste Management
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience of Cities
- Impacts of Climate Change on Women and Girls

# **Çanakkale Solutions Workshop: Engaging Future Designers**







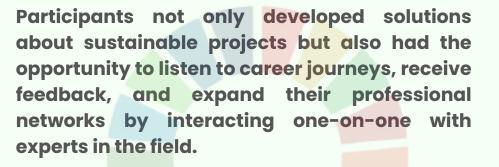












Open to engineering, architecture, and design students aged 18-30 and recent graduates, this workshop brought together young minds committed to sustainability to build a shared future.







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# Dardanos Settlement & Resort Hotel: Pioneering Steps in Sustainable Tourism!





### A holiday approach in harmony with nature, respectful of local values, and environmentally conscious...

The Dardanos Campus & Resort Hotel, part of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, has become a pioneer of this vision by receiving the Sustainable Tourism Certificate. This certification demonstrates that the hotel operates not only as a comfortable accommodation facility but also with an approach that embraces environmental responsibility, prioritizes social awareness, and preserves local culture.

We invite our students, academic and administrative staff, as well as local and international visitors to Çanakkale to both support sustainable tourism and experience a unique holiday immersed in nature.

For more examples of our university's activities related to Sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), please refer to the <u>APPENDIX</u> section.









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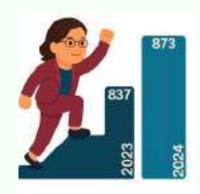
# Balance in the Budget, Accountability in **Administration**

**Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University, fulfilling its** responsibilities as a public university, manages its financial resources in accordance with national regulations. Revenue and expenditure distributions, as well as financial performance reports, are regularly shared with the public.

# **Strategic Investments for Quality** Certificates

The university has carried out the necessary service procurements in the areas of quality, environmental management, occupational health, and food safety, in line with ISO certifications. Budgets allocated for the accreditation processes of academic programs have also been used effectively to support quality assurance.





A significant portion of the academic and administrative staff at COMU consists of women.

**EQUALITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN HUMAN RESOURCES** 

**EMPLOYMENT POLICY WITH A FOCUS** ON WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION

**COMU IS SHAPING ITS FUTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY DATA!** 

# **Contribution to the Budget Through R&D**

Through Technopark, consultancy services, and project support, the university aims to enhance the financial capacity of academic and administrative staff by promoting research- and technologybased revenue-generating activities.

# **Responsible Purchasing Policies**

### PRIORITIZING LOCAL AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY CHOICES

iWithin the scope of the Climate Action Plan, the following practices are planned for procurement processes:

- Giving priority to local producers
- Supporting waste-reducing practices
- Preferring suppliers with environmental awareness

This approach will contribute to both economic and environmental sustainability.







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# The Economy Thriving with Ornamental Plants: Women-Led Export Initiative in Çanakkale

Under the leadership of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, the project titled "Enhancing the Production Potential of Ornamental Plants for Export", carried out in partnership with the Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry, Central Anatolian Ornamental Plants and Products Exporters' Association, Çanakkale Chamber of Agriculture, and TMMOB Chamber of Agricultural Engineers, was introduced to the public through a promotional event held in Halileli Village. In his opening speech, COMU Rector Prof. Dr. Cüneyt Erenoğlu began by celebrating 14 May World Farmers' Day and emphasized the project's contribution to agricultural development and women's employment. While aiming to position Çanakkale as a strong player in ornamental plant production, the project will provide practical and theoretical training to over 20 women farmers, directly enhancing local production capacity. This initiative marks the beginning of a new agricultural vision focused on employment and export, expanding Çanakkale's agricultural product diversity beyond 120 items.

# Project outcome: "Hanımeli" Project Completes Its First Harvest

The project yielded its first tangible results during the summer of 2024. Under the leadership of women farmers, ornamental plants including Solidago, Gypsophila, and Statis species were cultivated on a 3-decare area in Halileli Village. ÇOMU Continuous Education Center provided training support for the project, while the Central Anatolian Ornamental Plants and Products Exporters' Association donated the production materials. The planting activities, initiated on 14 May World Farmers' Day, culminated with the first harvest on 23 August 2024. On the same day, 10,000 Chrysanthemum seedlings were also planted.



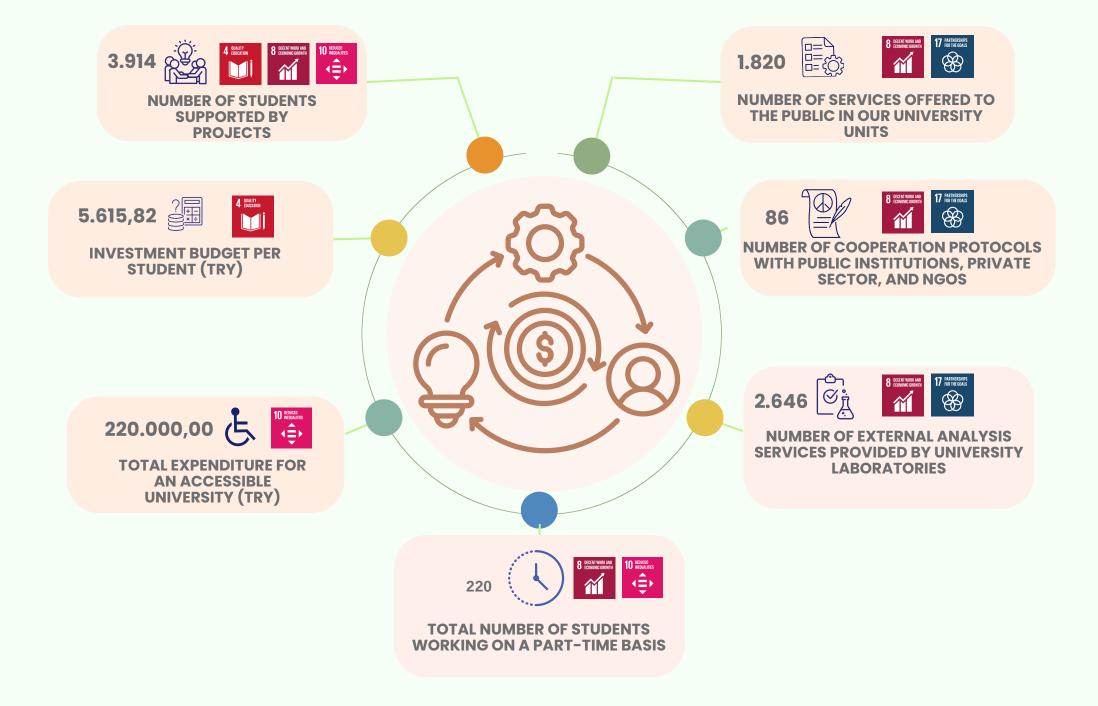




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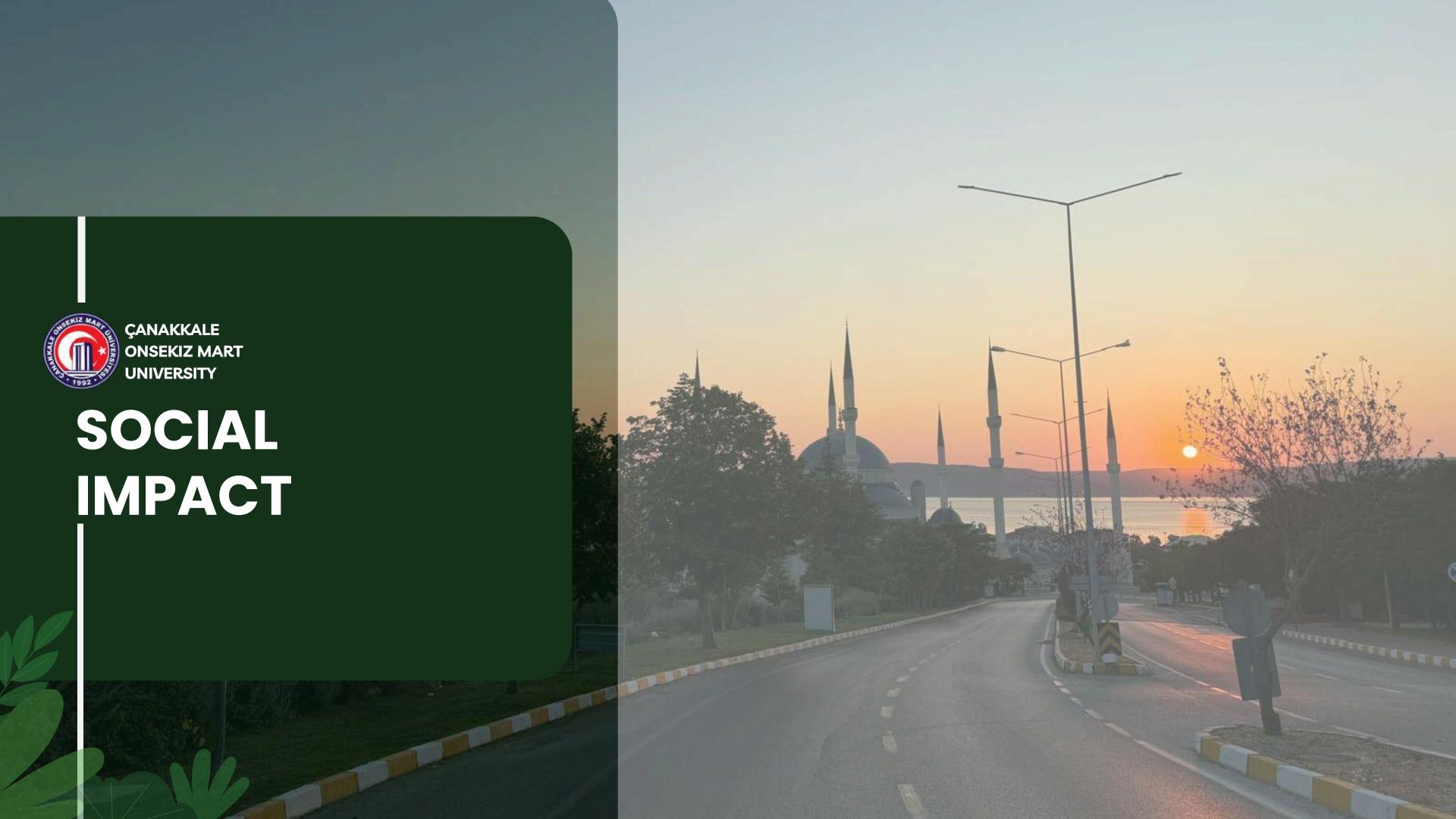
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# **SOCIAL IMPACT**

# PEACE AND JUSTICE TRANSPARENCY, EQUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY...

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University has set increasing social performance and ensuring equal opportunities among all partners as its primary goals. Students, academic and administrative staff are at the center of this approach.

ÇOMU, as a public higher education institution, upholds the principles of transparency, ethics, and accountability in all management and decision-making processes.

Student admissions are conducted fairly and objectively based on central examination scores.

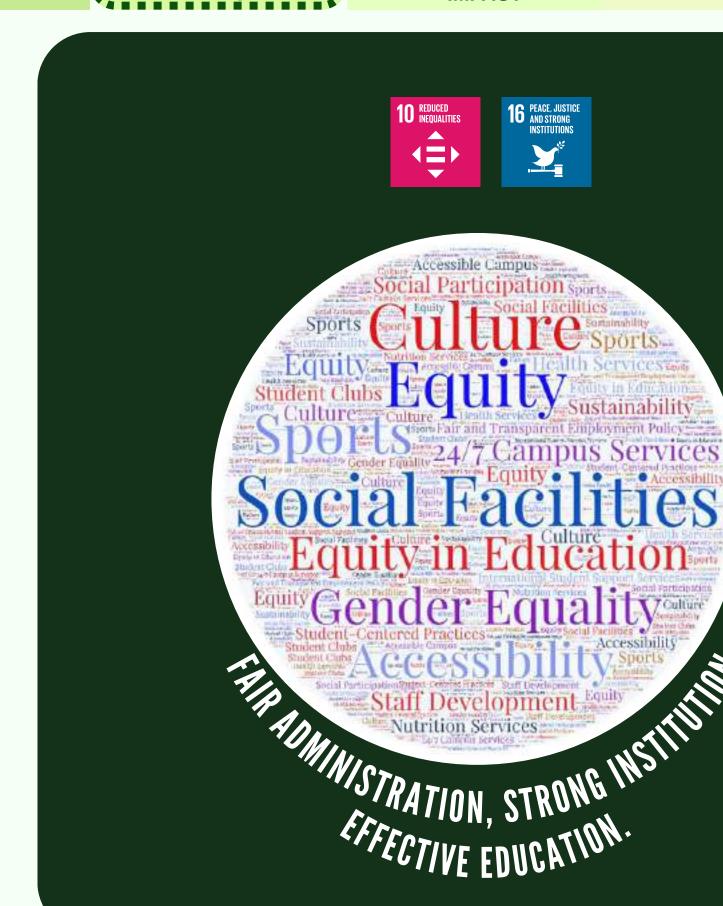
The principles of academic freedom and equality are fully integrated into the university's institutional framework.

# Transparent and Accessible Application Process



Staff recruitment is conducted in a transparent and accessible manner.

All application processes are publicly available at ilan.comu.edu.tr







COMU ADMINISTRATION



# **EQUALITY**

PROVIDING EQUAL
OPPORTUNITIES TO INDIVIDUALS
FORMS THE FOUNDATION OF AN
INSTITUTION THAT GROWS
COLLECTIVELY.

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## **COURSE PROCESS**

The professional development of academic staff is supported through a planned, continuous, and measurable system. Training activities are organized by the following units:

- Continuous Education Center (ÇOMÜSEM)
- Distance Education Center (ÇOMÜZEM)
- Research Deanship
- Personnel Department In-Service Training Branch
   Office
- Internal training programs of academic units
- Presidency Distance Education Gateway
- Training activities conducted by coordinators

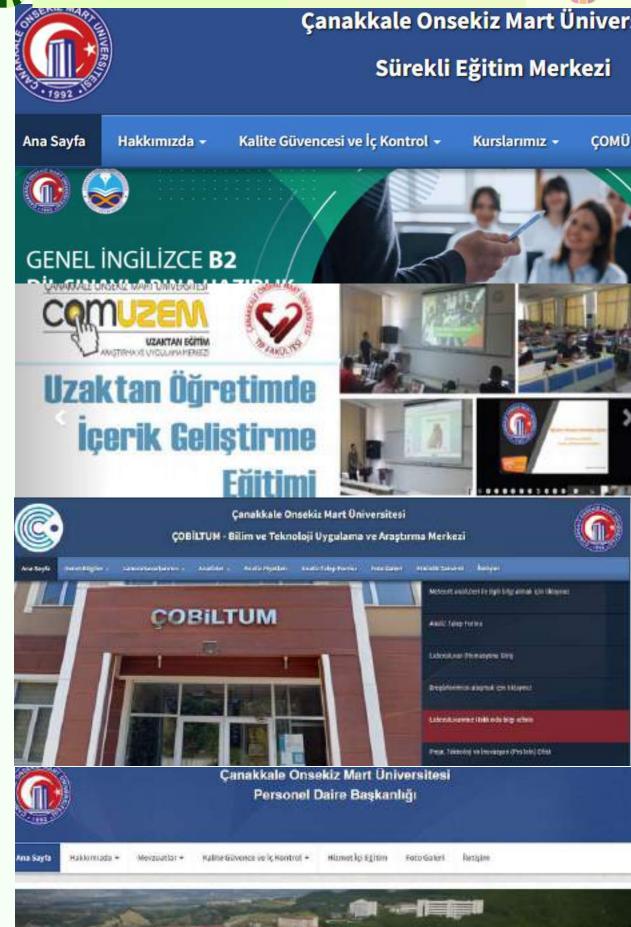
#### THE EFFECTS OF COURSES

- Enhancing the professional competence of staff
- Strengthening institutional capacity
- Promoting a work environment that offers equal opportunities











# EQUALITY AND ACCESS/BILITY STUDENT-CENTERED APPLICATIONS

#### **FULL SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

International students are not left alone during their adaptation to university life. The International Student Office provides step-by-step guidance on application, enrollment, credential recognition, and residence permit processes. This service aims to help students from different countries integrate into the institution more quickly and facilitate their social adaptation.

#### STUDENT CLUBS AND SOCIAL PARTICIPATION

Within the university, 76 active student clubs operate (2024). These clubs organize activities on social, cultural, artistic, and scientific themes, allowing students to explore their interests. They provide an effective environment for developing:

- Volunteering awareness
- Social responsibility
- Leadership skills

#### STUDENT LIFE AT ÇOMU: ACADEMIC STRENGTH, SOCIAL DEPTH

"University education takes shape not only in the classroom, but also in clubs, projects, and in the field."

With this understanding, COMU continues to offer development opportunities to each of its students.



#### **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE**

- DOĞA VE İZCILIK KULÜBÜ
- DOĞA VE KUŞ GÖZLEM KULÜBÜ
- **EKOLOJIK PLANLAMA VE TASARIM** KULÜBÜ
- KREATIF GERI DÖNÜŞÜM KULÜBÜ TOPRAK KULÜBÜ
- SÜRDÜRÜLEBILIRLIK KULÜBÜ
- SÜRDÜRÜLEBILIR YEŞIL EKONOMI KULÜBÜ

#### **CULTURE, ARTS, AND MEDIA**

- **BILIM KURGU VE FANTASTIK EDEBIYAT KULÜBÜ**
- KADRAJ KULÜBÜ
- MÜZIKLE ETKILEŞIM KULÜBÜ
- TIYATRO KULÜBÜ
- KÜLTÜR VE SANAT KULÜBÜ
- KÜLTÜR EDEBIYAT KULÜBÜ
- SINEMA VE SOSYAL MEDYA KULÜBÜ
- POLIFONIK KOROLAR KULÜBÜ

#### **HEALTH AND LIFE**

- PRATIK GELIŞIM VE TIBBI **ENTEGRASYON KULÜBÜ**
- TIP ÖĞRENCILERI BIRLIĞI KULÜBÜ
- YAŞAMIN KIMYASI KULÜBÜ
- **PSIKOLOJI VE YAŞAM KULÜBÜ**

#### **MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE**

- POLIFONIK KOROLAR KULÜBÜ
- MÜZIK VE PERFORMANS SANATLARI KULÜBÜ

#### **ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- AFETE DIRENÇLI TOPLUM OLUŞTURMA
- COĞRAFI BILGI SISTEMLERI KULÜBÜ • KARIYER VE GELIŞIM KULÜBÜ
- TARIH ARAŞTIRMALARI KULÜBÜ
- GENÇ LIDERLER KULÜBÜ
- GIRIŞİMCILIK VE İNOVATIF DÜŞÜNCE KULÜBÜ
- VERI BILIMI KULÜBÜ
- ÜNIVERSITELI AKIL GENÇLER KULÜBÜ
- KALITE VE LIDERLIK KULÜBÜ
- MODEL BIRLEŞMIŞ MILLETLER KULÜBÜ
- PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR) KULÜBÜ

#### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- **BLOCKCHAIN KULÜBÜ**
- **ELEKTRIK VE ELEKTRONIK** MÜHENDISLERI KULÜBÜ
- ELEKTRIK ELEKTRONIK MÜHENDISLIĞI AR-GE VE PROJE KULÜBÜ
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- YAPAY ZEKA KULÜBÜ
- TEKNOFEST KULÜBÜ
- MÜHENDISHANE KULÜBÜ

#### **INTERNATIONAL AND COMMUNITIES**

- **ERASMUS KULÜBÜ**
- TÜRK-JAPON DOSTLUK KULÜBÜ
- TÜRK DÜNYASI KULÜBÜ
- KAZAKISTAN ÖĞRENCI KULÜBÜ
  - ULUSLARARASI İLIŞKILER VE **DIPLOMASI KULÜBÜ**
- **ULUSLARARASI LOJISTIK KULÜBÜ**

#### **ANIMALS AND SOCIAL INTERACTION**

- PATILI DOSTLAR KULÜBÜ
- KREATIF GERI DÖNÜŞÜM KULÜBÜ
- DOĞA VE İZCILIK KULÜBÜ

#### **CLUBS LOCATED IN BIGA**

- **BAKIŞ AÇISI KOORDINASYON VE** TOPLUM KULÜBÜ
- KEŞIF VE KARIYER KULÜBÜ
- SIYASAL İLIŞKILER KULÜBÜ

## **VALUES, HISTORY, AND** SOCIETY

- ATATÜRKÇÜ GENÇLER KULÜBÜ
- BILGI VE DEĞERLER KULÜBÜ
- **AKADEMIK GELIŞIM VE DEĞERLER** KULÜBÜ
- İNSANLIK TARIHI VE KÜLTÜRÜ KULÜBÜ
- DOĞU BATI KULÜBÜ
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- TOPLUMSAL DAYANIŞMA KULÜBÜ
- **BIRINCI VAZIFE KULÜBÜ**
- ÇAĞDAŞ ADIMLAR KULÜBÜ

#### **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SOLIDARITY**

- SOSYAL SORUMLULUK KULÜBÜ
- **GENÇ KIZILAY KULÜBÜ**
- **GENÇ YEŞILAY KULÜBÜ**
- FARKINDALIK VE DAYANIŞMA KULÜBÜ
- TOPLUMSAL DÜŞÜNCE KULÜBÜ
- OMBUDSMANLIK KULÜBÜ
- PSIKOLOJI VE YAŞAM KULÜBÜ **ENGELSIZ YAŞAM KULÜBÜ**

#### ENTREPRENEURSHIP, **ECONOMICS, AND LEADERSHIP**

- **GIRIŞIMCI KADINLAR KULÜBÜ**
- GENÇ GIRIŞIMCILER KULÜBÜ
- **FINANS KULÜBÜ**
- MALI DÜŞÜNCE KULÜBÜ
- MODERN İKTISATÇILAR KULÜBÜ
- YÖNETICI KULÜBÜ
- TICARET VE EKONOMI KULÜBÜ

#### **SPORTS AND HOBBIES**

- HAVACILIK KULÜBÜ
- MOTOSIKLET KULÜBÜ

#### **GÖKÇEADA AND OTHER**

- GÖKÇEADA ÖĞRENCI AKTIVITELERI KULÜBÜ
- SOSYAL SORUMLULUK VE ETKINLIK KULÜBÜ









# **ACCESSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University implements accessibility initiatives with a systematic and holistic approach to ensure full and equal participation of students with disabilities in academic and social life.

## **ACCESSIBILITY POLICY: ENSURING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR ALL**

Through the university-wide accessibility policy:

- The physical, educational, social, and economic needs of students are identified,
- Necessary arrangements are implemented in coordination with all units via the Disabled **Student Unit.**

**COMU** campuses are designed to ensure physical accessibility for individuals with disabilities:

- Ramps, elevators, and accessible restrooms
- Disabled-accessible library and group study areas for visually impaired students
- Faculty of Dentistry Practice and Application Center has received an accessibility certificate.

## SUPPORT PROVIDED DURING **EDUCATION AND LIFE**

#### Support in education:

- Extended exam time
- Accessible exam environments
- Reader and material assistance
- Academic adaptations tailored to the type of disability

#### **Financial support:**

• Free provision of assistive tools and devices

#### **Educational material support:**

- Braille printer
- Induction loop systems
- Audiobooks

# **CASE STUDY: AUTISM AND MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL**

**COMU** hosts a pioneering program in Turkey that embraces diversity:

The special music theory (solfege) class for children with autism is actively maintained within the university and is offered free of charge with the support of multiple partner institutions.

**BRAILLE ALPHABET** 





INDUCTION CYCLE





# **ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University systematically and holistically implements accessibility initiatives to ensure the full and equal participation of students with disabilities in academic and social life.

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SIX-POINT ASSOCIATION FOR THE **BLIND WITH THE 'BEYOND WORDS' PROGRAM** 

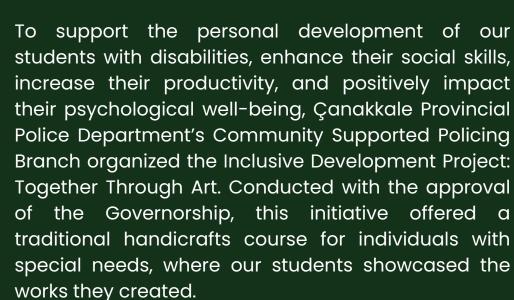
**Encouraging the active participation of our** students with disabilities in social life and enabling them to showcase their inner potential, the "Beyond Words" program—held on December 3, International Day of Persons with Disabilities—featured poetry readings and musical performances, which were met with great interest and appreciation.





**GALLIPOLI PENINSULA MEMORIAL TOUR** 













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# **GENDER EQUALITY AT ÇOMU: EQUAL** RIGHTS, EQUAL ACCESS, EQUAL FUTURE

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University views gender equality not only as a principle but also as an institutional responsibility. Within this scope, policies are implemented and projects are carried out to build an academic and social environment focused on equal opportunities.

# Sıfır Tolerans Projesi Eğitimleri Devam Ediyor



**GENDER EQUALITY PLAN: GUARANTEEING RIGHTS** 

Gender Equality Plan – Key Objectives:

- Increasing Women's Visibility in Public Life
- Equal Access to Social and Economic Resources
- Preventing Gender-Based Pay Discrimination
- Supporting Equal Parenting and Care Responsibilities



SUBMIT YOUR COMPLAINTS, REQUESTS, AND SUGGESTIONS TO CAMPUS 24/7.

# A STRONG CORPORATE INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUPPORT SERVICES

Children's Home and Nursery,

- ISO 9001
- ISO 29990
- ISO 21001

holds international quality certificates.

Additionally, "Gender Equality in the Workplace" training is provided to staff via the Distance Learning Portal.

## **SAFE CAMPUS: ENSURING A DISCRIMINATION-FREE ENVIRONMENT**

**ÇOMU** has adopted a zero-tolerance principle against sexual harassment and assault.

In this context:

- Lighting systems have been strengthened
- The number of security staff has been increased
- Disciplinary processes are carried out quickly and effectively





# **Awareness Initiatives and Social Projects**

- A campaign titled "Zero Tolerance for Violence Against Women in News Coverage" was conducted.
- A panel discussion on "Women's Employment in the Local Press of Çanakkale" was held with the support of BAP.
- Workshops, training programs, and social support mechanisms for women are being implemented.







# **Trade Union Activities and Collective Bargaining Agreements**

Staff members have the right to join a trade union. The number of trade unions and membership information found can be https://personel.comu.edu.tr/sendika-r20.html. This enables staff members to communicate their concerns to management and make their voices heard. Furthermore, in some departments, employees working under worker status have the right to collective bargaining.

COMU ADMINISTRATION

# 2024 IN-SERVICE TRAINING: CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT AT ÇOMU THROUGH IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University organized various in-service training programs throughout 2024, with a total of 814 participants, to enhance the competence of its staff and improve institutional efficiency.



ÇOMÜ - Sertifika

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# Profesyoneller tarafından hazırlanan onlarca kursa erişin...

- Örgün öğretim ile verilen kurslara kayıt olarak yüz yüze eğitim alabilirsiniz.
- eSertifika kurslarına kayıt olarak, uzaktan eğitim ile birçok alanda kişisel gelişiminize katkı sunabilir, üniversite onaylı sertifikanızı alabilirsiniz.

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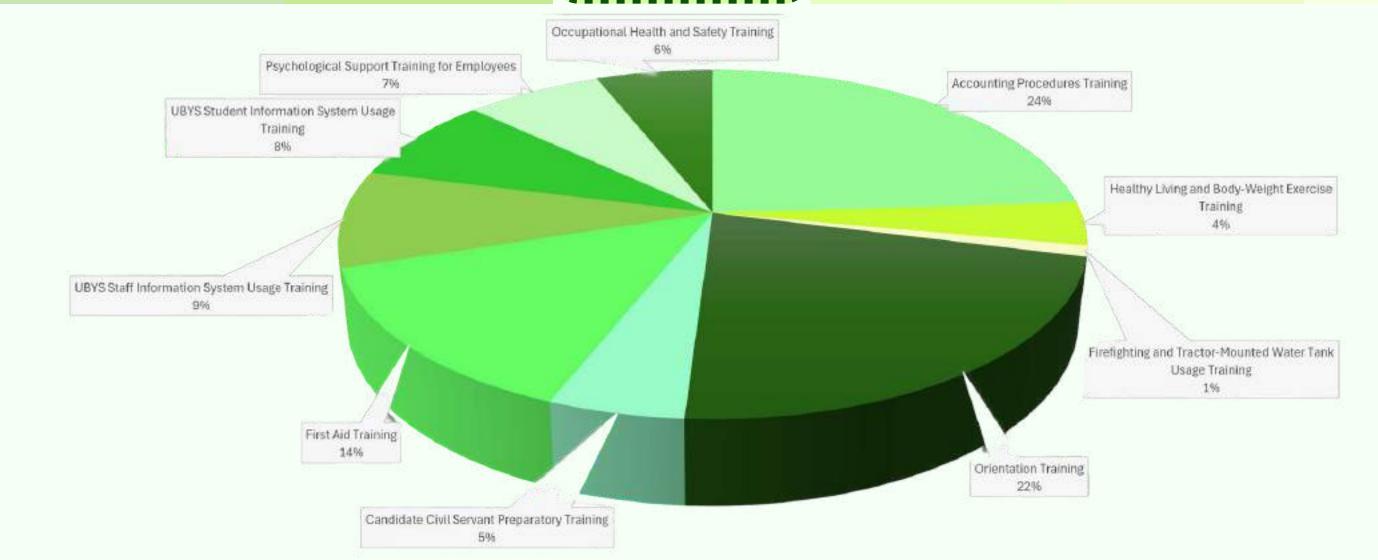
# ECONOMIC IMPACT



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# HIGHLIGHTED TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Comprehensive orientation training consisting of four sessions for new staff
- Sessions on the themes of 'Healthy Living' and 'Psychological Support' to support the physical and mental health of academic and administrative staff
- UBYS training on the effective use of internal information systems

# HIGHEST ATTENDANCE TRAININGS

- Accounting Procedures Training: 194 participants
- Orientation Training: 180 participants
- First Aid Training: 112 participants

# **TRAINING THEMES**

- Information Systems Usage
- Financial Legislation and Payroll Procedures
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Disaster and Emergency Preparedness
- Personal Development, Ethics and Professional Responsibility





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# **NUTRITION SERVICES AT ÇOMU: HEALTHY AND BALANCED CAMPUS LIFE**

**Student Social Activities Center (ÖSEM)** 

**Established: January 2005** 

Indoor Area: 9,000 m<sup>2</sup> - 3-story complex

Dining Hall Area: 1,756 m<sup>2</sup>

#### **BALANCED AND STRUCTURED NUTRITION SERVICES**

Student meals are designed to ensure balanced and adequate nutrition:

- Energy: 1200-1400 kcal
- Protein: 27-33 g

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This content covers approximately 50% of a student's daily energy requirement.

**Menu Planning Process:** 

Coordinated by the catering company manager, dietitian, food engineer, and head chef. Approval is carried out by the Health, Culture and Sports Department – Nutrition Branch Directorate. This structured approach guarantees that students receive nutritious and well-balanced meals on campus.

#### **CERTIFICATION AS A NUTRITION-FRIENDLY AND** PHYSICALLY ACTIVE WORKPLACE

COMU has become one of the pioneering universities to receive the **Nutrition-Friendly** Physical and **Activity-Supporting** Workplace Certificate from the Ministry of Health. /https://www.comu.edu.tr/haber-



#### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- 504 students benefited from meal assistance in the cafeteria and ÖSEM units in 2024.
- 220 students worked in part-time positions.

# **University-Wide Housing Guarantee**

ÇOMU effectively utilizes both public and private facilities to meet the accommodation needs of students and staff. Various accommodation alternatives are offered to ensure the sustainability of campus life.

## **Staff Lodgings and Guesthouses**

For academic and administrative staff working at the university:

- 39 dormitories and
- 9 guesthouses are actively providing services.

These facilities are concentrated particularly in the Dardanos and Gökçeada campuses.

## **Government-Supported Student Dormitories**

In collaboration with KYK, a total of 11 state dormitories operate around university campuses:

5 dormitories for male students

5 dormitories for female students

1 co-ed dormitory

Students are provided with access to safe, affordable, and organized living spaces throughout their education.

# **Scholarship and Housing Coordination Office**

This unit, established to manage accommodation processes more effectively:

Manages KYK application processes, Coordinates dormitory placements, Provides accommodation counseling, and Conducts policy-developing analysis and reporting.



# **CANAKKALE ONSEKİZ MART ÜNİVERSİTESİ** YEMEK MENÜSÜ ANKETİ



# SİZ SEÇİN BİZ YAPALIM

Sonuçlar ve daha fazla bilgi için https://sks.comu.edu.tr/beslenme-sube/vemek-menusu-anketi-r41.html







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# **ÇOMU LIBRARY: A CENTER FOR KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING**



A Strong Infrastructure for Academic Development

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University Library was established in 1993 at the Anafartalar Campus and began serving in its new building at the Terzioğlu Campus during the 2005–2006 academic year. With the additional building opened in 2014, both user capacity and the diversity of resources increased significantly.

#### Key Features:

- Indoor area: 8,000 m²
- Seating capacity: 1,000 people
- Shelf length: 17 kilometers

The library ranks among Turkey's fastest-growing university libraries, providing a robust foundation for research and learning.





#### **RICH OPTIONS FOR ACCESS TO SOURCES**

With its extensive print and digital collections, it enables students and researchers to access information quickly and efficiently. Thanks to its technological equipment and user-friendly infrastructure, it provides an environment that facilitates research processes.

#### **INCLUSIVE AND WIDESPREAD LIBRARY NETWORK**

ÇOMU has expanded access to information across all campuses through a total of 13 libraries located in both central and district areas.

Central and Faculty Libraries:

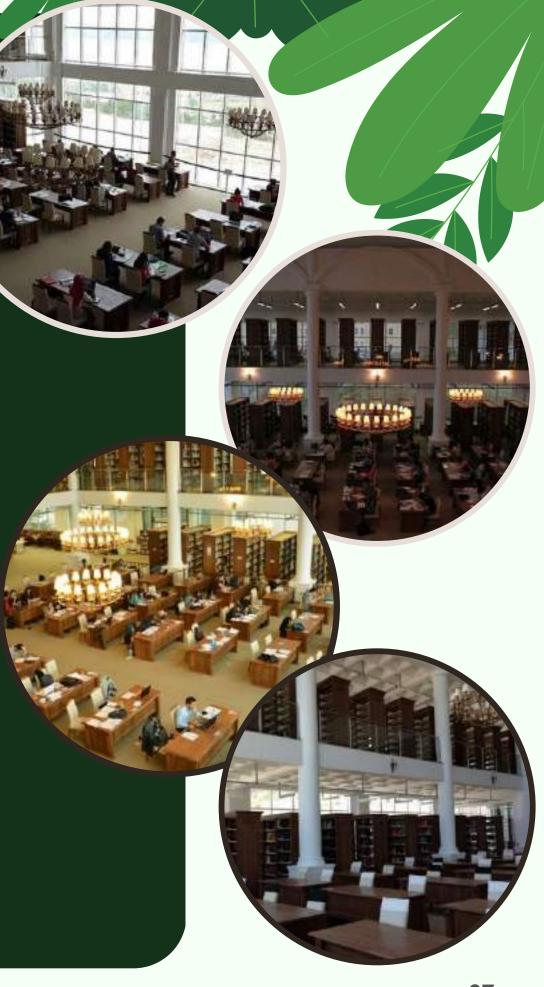
Main Library (Terzioğlu Campus), Biga Library, Faculty of Education Library, Faculty of Theology Library, Faculty of Medicine Library (temporarily at the Main Library)

District Libraries:

Yenice, Ezine, Bayramiç, Gökçeada, Ayvacık, Lapseki, Gelibolu, Çan, Bozcaada

This network ensures that students, faculty, and staff across all campuses have convenient access to knowledge resources.



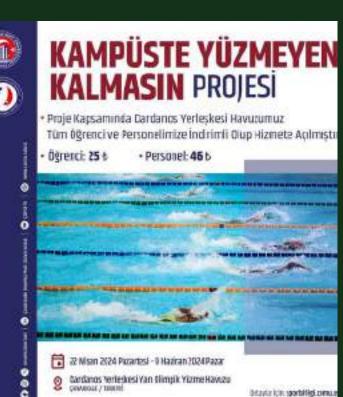


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**Robust Infrastructure for Events** 

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University stands out with its strong spatial infrastructure to host cultural and artistic activities:

- Prof. Dr. Sevim Buluç Auditorium
- Located in Terzioğlu Campus within the Troia Cultural Center, this hall with a 510-seat capacity is used for academic and artistic events.
- 15 Temmuz Democracy Martyrs Conference Hall
- Situated in the İÇDAŞ Kara Yusuf Congress Center, this hall accommodates 1,119 attendees for large-scale events.
- Troia Cultural Center Amphitheaters
- A total of 4 amphitheaters of varying sizes are allocated for meetings, seminars, and workshops.

# **CAMPUS ENRICHED WITH EXHIBITIONS AND ARTISTIC EVENTS**

In 2024, art exhibitions and thematic illustration events were organised at various venues within ÇOMÜ, including the Troia Cultural Centre, Ayvacık Vocational School, Kara Yusuf İÇDAŞ Congress Centre, and university museums.



**DEVELOPING A SPORTS CULTURE: ÇOMU'S VISION FOR** A SPORTS-FRIENDLY CAMPUS

The Sports Union Coordination, established at the end of 2023, aims to make physical activity an integral part of campus life.

- Organizing intra-university tournaments, themed sports days, and sports festivals.
- National Engagement: Participation in national tournaments according to the schedule of the **Turkish University Sports Federation.**

Through these initiatives, ÇOMU seeks to strengthen the role of sports within university life.





**ADMINISTRATION** ÇOMU

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- COMU students with their student ID cards
- Citizens referred by public institutions with their Turkish ID cards (T.C. kimlik)

# **ÇOMU Boutique: Campus Solidarity Initiative**

Operating under the ÇOMU Social Responsibility Project Coordination, ÇOMU Boutique provides comprehensive social support to all students and individuals referred by public authorities.

**Comprehensive Support Services** 

Clothing: A total of 10 pieces of clothing are provided during the fall and spring semesters, based on the academic calendar.

Food: Basic food assistance is provided once a month upon presentation of identification.

Household Goods and Stationery: Upon request, materials in stock are provided to those in need.

































# **COMU LIFE SCHOOL**



#### A NEW BEGINNING AT THE 3RD AGE UNIVERSITY

In collaboration with the Çanakkale Provincial Directorate of Social Security (SGK), Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University launched the "Turkey's Century Veterans: 3rd Age University and Life School" project in 2024, as part of the Year of Retirees initiative. The program commenced with a ceremony at the Anafartalar Campus.

Designed around the principle of "lifelong learning," this initiative aims to reintegrate the knowledge and experience of retirees into society while enriching their lives as socially and culturally active individuals.

# AGING IS NOT AN OBSTACLE TO LEARNING

Speaking at the project launch, SGK Provincial Director Hilmi Ercan emphasized that a renewed university experience for retirees would be transformative not only academically but also socially and emotionally.

ÇOMU Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu stated in his speech that the specially designed 7-week program would produce valuable outcomes in the areas of technology, social interaction, and cultural development.

#### PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION

A total of 40 retired students enrolled in the project. Throughout the program, participants will benefit from:

- Seminars with field experts
- Cultural and artistic activities
- Technology literacy workshops
- Social interaction-enhancing activities









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#### **ALUMNI COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

**Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University continues to support its** graduates even after their student life. The developed Alumni Communication System provides a robust digital infrastructure for career development and ongoing interaction with faculties. Through this system, alumni can directly contact their faculty and submit support requests.



#### **CAREER, OPPORTUNITY, AND NETWORKING HUB**

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# MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH SOCIAL TRANSCRIPT

At COMU, social contributions are becoming visible alongside academic success. Club activities, volunteering, leadership, and social projects are now officially documented. Applications can be easily submitted through ÜBYS. It serves as a strong reference document that can be presented to employers after graduation.

#### CAMPUS 24/7: OPEN TO PARTICIPATION, SOLUTION-ORIENTED

Campus 24/7 is a digital feedback system that allows all university partners, from students to staff, to directly convey their thanks, suggestions, and improvement requests to university management. Submissions are evaluated within the scope of the COMU Rectorate Quality Management System; relevant unit managers monitor the process and respond to requests. The goal is to maintain a more transparent, accessible, and participatory university structure.







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# **HEALTHCARE SERVICES**

# **COMU HOSPITAL**

Çanakkale's Only Research Hospital

- International services with Health Tourism **Authorization**
- Certified training authority for Intensive Care Nursing
- Highly qualified specialist staff and advanced medical infrastructure
- A model academic healthcare structure combining education and practice

**COMU ORAL AND DENTAL HEALTH APPLICATION** AND RESEARCH CENTER: TREATMENT AND **EDUCATION TOGETHER** 

Established in 2019, the center has been providing services in all areas of dentistry since 2021.

ADSUAM offers both clinical treatment and practical training support to students.

## **BRINGING HEALTHCARE TO CAMPUS WITH EĞITIM ASM!**

**ÇOMU Launches a New Era in On-Campus Healthcare** 

**Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University has introduced the** Eğitim Family Health Center (Eğitim ASM), established based on the 2023 Partner Satisfaction Surveys, bringing primary healthcare services directly to the campus for students and staff.

- Location: Terzioğlu Campus, Student Social Activity Center
- Services: 3 outpatient clinics, pregnancy blood collection, wound care, monitoring, psychologist & dietitian services, training hall
- Contribution: Healthcare services supported by family medicine assistants and faculty members, ensuring academic-backed care
- Benefits: Time savings, easier access to healthcare, and reduced burden on tertiary healthcare facilities

# PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE **UNIT (PDRB) IS ALWAYS BY YOUR SIDE!**

Psychological Counseling and Guidance Unit (PDRB), Supporting You Since 2004

Affiliated with COMU Health, Culture and Sports **PDRB** strengthens Department, students' psychological resilience through individual and group counseling services.

Objective: Holistic support for academic, social, and emotional development **Activities:** 

- Individual counseling
- Developmental workshops
- Educational seminars
- Specialized support during crisis periods











**MEHMET AKIF ERSOY YOUTH CENTER** 

#### **KENTKART TRANSACTION POINT**







#### **HOT SOUP POINT**





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The Mehmet Akif Ersoy Youth Center, located at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University's Terzioğlu Campus, serves as a dynamic hub offering students access to social, cultural, and sports activities. This multi-purpose center is designed to support students' personal development. The Youth Center is not only a place for relaxation and socializing, but also a space where students acquire new skills, study, read, form friendships, and enrich their university experience. Complimentary tea and hot beverages are provided throughout the day.

## STUDENT-FRIENDLY APPLICATION: KENTKART TRANSACTION POINT **ON CAMPUS**



Additionally, the Kentkart Service Point within Terzioğlu Campus provides significant convenience for newly enrolled students. They can issue or renew their city transportation cards (Kentkart) directly on campus without needing to visit the municipality. Especially during the start of the academic year, this service allows students to complete their transactions quickly, avoiding long queues, and represents a student-friendly social benefit. Through this initiative, ÇOMU students save time and enjoy a more comfortable start to campus life.

#### A WARM START TO THE DAY: HOT SOUP POINT ON CAMPUS



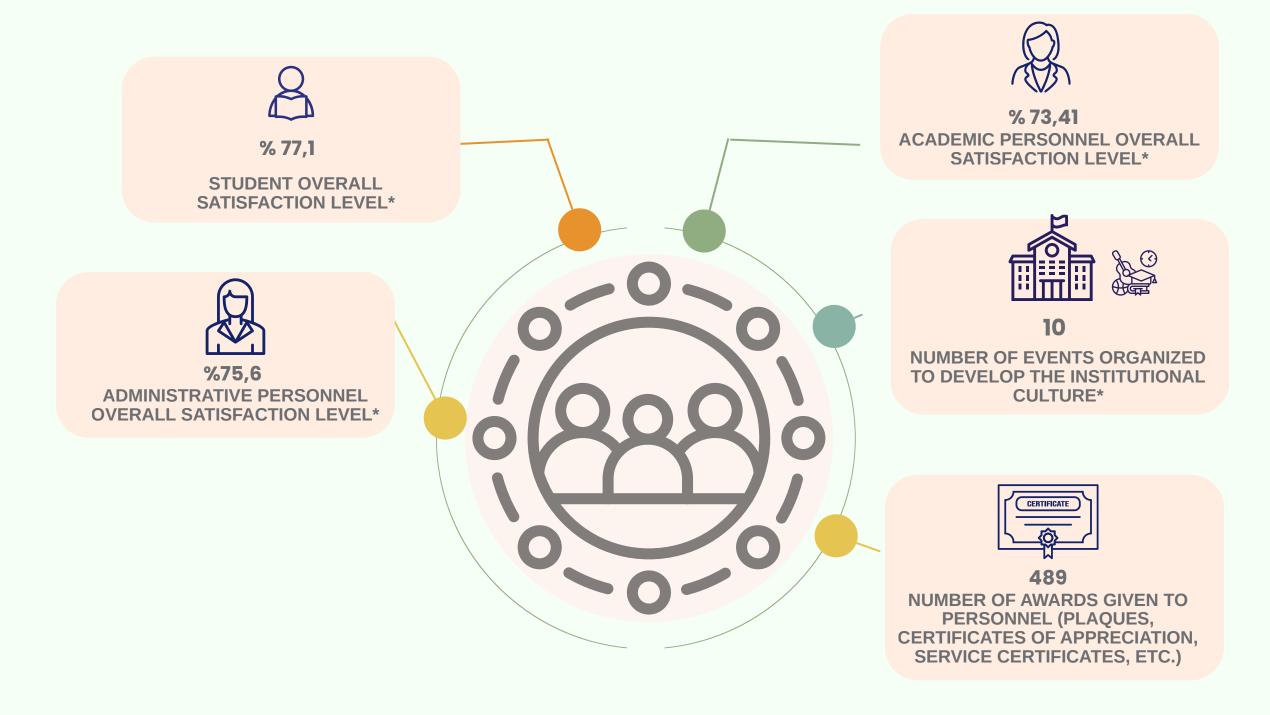
The Hot Soup Point, established to help students start their day in a healthier and warmer way at ÇOMU campus life, serves free soup to students at specific times in the morning. This student-friendly initiative provides significant support, especially for students who are unable to have breakfast due to heavy course loads and morning rush. This service, focused on social solidarity and health, stands out as one of the exemplary initiatives reflecting the warm side of campus life.





**IMPACT** 

# **SOCIAL IMPACT**











# **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

# **COMU CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (2024-2030)** SUSTAINABLE FUTURE TOGETHER

**Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University reinforces its** determination to combat climate change with a new strategic roadmap. The draft Climate Action Plan (2024–2030), prepared by the COMU Sustainability Office Coordination, was finalized through a workshop involving key partners. The Plan aims to address the University's environmental responsibilities through a comprehensive and integrated approach.

#### THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE PLAN

The plan will be implemented with a monitoring and transformation process to be launched in October 2024. This document, to which all academic and administrative units have contributed, is not only environmental but also a document of institutional awareness and cultural transformation.

Objective: Systematic planning and monitoring of climate-friendly practices

Method: Workshops and committee consultations conducted with the participation of all partners

Focus Years: 2024-2030

#### COMMON GOAL: CLIMATE-SENSITIVE UNIVERSITY

This plan is not merely a corporate document; it is a roadmap prepared with a sense of responsibility towards future generations. COMU is taking an active role in combating climate change in order to create a sustainable campus climate. The plan's effects will be continuously evaluated and updated through monitoring processes.

#### **ACTION PLAN THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS**

## **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

energy consumption, solar Reducing energy investments, and transition projects to renewable sources

## **Sustainability in Transportation**

Campus bike paths, optimization of service routes, and low-carbon transportation solutions

#### **Waste Management**

Separation systems, increased recycling rates, and awareness training in line with the "Zero Waste" goal

#### **Water Resource Conservation**

Water conservation through gray water recovery, lowconsumption irrigation systems, and water efficiency analysis

#### **Ecosystem and Biodiversity**

Protection of campus green spaces, monitoring of endemic species, and support for biological diversity through nature-based solutions

#### **Green Buildings and Infrastructure**

Minimizing environmental impact through energyefficient building designs combined with sustainable architecture

#### **Education and Research**

Supporting climate change-themed courses, student projects, and scientific research, promoting climate literacy on campus







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The Zero Waste Initiative, launched nationwide in Turkey in 2017, gained legal backing in 2019 through the regulation published in the Official Gazette. The primary objectives of the initiative are to prevent waste, ensure the efficient use of natural resources, reduce waste generation, and promote a culture of source-based separation.

**Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University has embraced this** national vision and developed a systematic zero-waste model across its campuses.



Certified Campuses

In 2021, Terzioğlu Campus received the "Basic Level Zero Waste Certificate," marking a significant step in COMU's sustainability journey. Other units holding the certificate include Biga Ağaköy Campus, ÇOMU Hospital, Oral and Dental Health Practice and Research Center. These initiatives should be extended to other campuses.

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On these campuses, the zero-waste system is supported not only by corporate documentation but also by awareness training, waste separation infrastructure, and practices that encourage the participation of all staff. However, greater emphasis should be placed on these efforts.

# **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

# Zero Waste Program



- Comprehensive implementation processes are being developed across all campuses in collaboration with partners.
- Efforts are ongoing to establish the necessary infrastructure in accordance with the Deposit Regulation.
- Awareness-raising activities for students and staff continue to promote a zero-waste culture within campus life.



**Strategic Planning** and Ministerial Support

- COMU has adopted not only a technical but also a strategic approach to waste management. Thanks to the prepared "Zero Waste Project File," a systemic transformation has been initiated with support from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change.
- Our university's Zero Waste Directive details the rules and process management to be implemented across all campuses.

ÇANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART UNIVERSITY PRIORITISES WASTE PREVENTION, WASTE REDUCTION, REUSE AND ADVANCED RECYCLING OPTIONS BEFORE RECYCLING.







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# **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

# Zero Waste Program



#### **ZERO WASTE COMMISSION**

Waste management activities at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University are carried out under the coordination of the "Zero Waste Commission." However, the absence of administrative unit representatives in the current commission causes some coordination problems during implementation. Therefore, an official recommendation has been made to the university administration to establish a unit integrated into the administrative structure that will be directly responsible for ensuring that waste management processes are carried out more effectively and comprehensively.

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Sinan KARABULĞU	Yapı İşleri ve Teknik Daire Başkanı	Üye

#### **ZERO WASTE COURSES AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES**

Zero waste education and awareness activities are held periodically at our university. However, these trainings need to be more inclusive and expanded to reach all students and all unit employees. In this context, efforts are ongoing to make zero waste training a mandatory part of orientation programs.

## **CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND PROMOTION OF BEST PRACTICES**

Going beyond the zero-waste approach, activities that support circular economy principles are encouraged at our university. Creative applications developed by students and academics to obtain new products from waste are supported and made visible through the university's "Zero Waste Website." For the sustainability and widespread impact of these efforts, it is recommended that all academic and administrative units work in closer collaboration with the **Environmental Coordination Office.** 

## HAZARDOUS WASTE AND CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT

Concrete steps have been taken at our university regarding the management of hazardous waste; a Temporary Waste Collection Center was established in 2024 with the support of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change. In addition, the need for the university to adopt a more systematic approach to laboratory safety and chemical waste management has come to the fore. Prioritizing green laboratory practices, improving chemical stock tracking, and making all processes traceable through digital data systems are critical for sustainable laboratory management.

Under the "Zero Waste" initiative launched by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change in 2017, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University earned the "Basic Level Zero Waste Certificate" for the Terzioğlu Campus in 2021. Our university has a basic level zero waste certificate in Terzioğlu Main Campus, Biga Ağaköy, University Hospital, Oral and Dental Health Hospital.









In line with the regulation published in the Official Gazette, our university aims to establish a zero waste system across all campuses and ensure sustainability in waste management. This step towards separating waste at source, efficient use of natural resources, and preventing waste is an indicator of environmentally conscious institutional transformation.





# **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

# Zero Waste Program

#### **COMU BOUTIQUE: THE PLACE FOR SHARING AND REUSE**

ÇOMU Boutique is a mechanism that encourages solidarity among students and facilitates the sharing of usable clothing, books, and stationery items. In line with the zero-waste principle, it aims to prevent waste and promote reuse over consumption.

#### **BOOK SHELVES: THE CYCLICAL NATURE OF KNOWLEDGE**

Unused textbooks, novels, and educational materials are given new life on these shelves. Books donated by COMU students are distributed to students in need, preventing book waste and contributing to the cycle of knowledge.

#### REPAIRED FURNITURE: DON'T THROW AWAY, REPAIR AND REUSE

Discarded tables and partitioned furniture are being repaired in university workshops and put back into use. This approach not only reduces furniture waste but also contributes to the university's sustainability goals.

#### SHARED PHOTOCOPYING AND PRINTING AREAS

Shared photocopier and printer areas ensure efficient use of resources. Recycling bins are available for used paper. Recycling bins next to printers help reduce paper waste and support the zero-waste vision.

#### **OLD COMPUTERS COME BACK TO LIFE WITH SSDS!**

As part of its zero-waste policy aimed at minimizing the environmental impact of electronic waste, the Information Processing Department is upgrading computers with new SSD (Solid State Drive) units

## SCRAP VEHICLES/MATERIALS ARE ALSO BEING RECYCLED!

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University is taking a step in line with its waste management policies by evaluating its end-of-life service vehicles and waste materials as scrap. These vehicles are sent to the Machine Chemical Industry, where they are reevaluated/recycled to prevent resource waste.







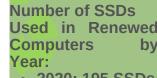




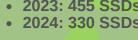








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- 2022: 253 SSD:
- 2023: 455 SSD:





**CANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART UNIVERSITY PRIORITISES WASTE PREVENTION, WASTE** REDUCTION, REUSE AND ADVANCED RECYCLING OPTIONS BEFORE RECYCLING.





# Student-Driven Sustainable **Menu Planning**

Involving students in the menu planning process at university cafeterias not only improves nutritional quality but also plays a critical role in reducing food waste. Menus prepared according to student preferences become more aligned with consumption habits, thereby reducing the amount of waste left on plates. Thus:

- Food waste is prevented,
- Excess food production is avoided,
- The amount of organic waste is reduced,
- Costs for waste collection and disposal are decreased.





# **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

# Zero Waste Program









# Leftover Meals Gain Value for Our **Animal Friends**

Food waste generated in university cafeterias is sorted without being wasted and collected for street animals. Organic waste is used in the production of pet food. This practice contributes to waste management processes and supports the strengthening of an animalfriendly campus culture.



# **SWAP TO TRANSFORM: "CONSUME LESS, SHARE MORE!"**

# Swap Days by the Sustainability Club

The Swap Festival, which aims to raise awareness for sustainable living, took place on May 13-14 at Adnan Menderes Park. By exchanging usable items, consumption habits were questioned and waste was prevented. Club members once again emphasized the power of sharing.







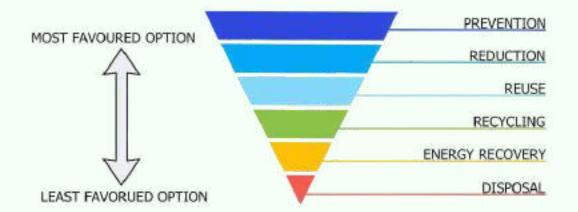
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**IMPACT** 











# **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Zero Waste Program



Collection Points and Equipment:

- 3 m³ blue bins (for paper, cardboard, plastic, and metal)
- 20 m³ green containers (for organic waste)
- Widely located Faculty at: Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Library, Nursery, ÇOMÜSEM, dormitories, etc.

At ÇOMU, prior to recycling, practices that prioritize waste prevention/reduction and reuse, in line with the primary options for waste management, are recommended first.







# ZERO WASTE TRAINING FOR CAFETERIA STAFF

**ÇOMU Sustainability Office Coordinator Prof. Dr. Nilgün** Ayman Öz provided comprehensive information on the proper separation of waste, prevention of food waste, and development of recording systems during training sessions organized specifically for cafeteria staff. The training was an important step towards a sustainable transformation from the kitchen to the environment. Thanks to this training and discussions, starting in 2025, organic waste will be collected separately in the cafeteria and sent to be made into animal feed. In addition, packaging is now better separated.



# **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

# Zero Waste Program

A NATIONAL GATHERING: "ZERO WASTE **JOURNEY IN TÜRKIYE"** 

30 March International Zero Waste Day Webinar

In an online event organized by the COMU Green **Transformation Coordination Office in partnership** with the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change, Hülya Çakır gave a presentation on zero waste policies in Turkey. The event, which began with an opening speech by Rector Prof. Dr. Cüneyt Erenoğlu, brought together academia, government, and industry.









## **NEW BEGINNINGS: GROWING AWARENESS** THROUGH ORIENTATION

Zero Waste Presentation at the Faculty of Engineering Orientation

The "Zero Waste Presentation" given by Prof. Dr. Nilgün Ayman Öz, Coordinator of the COMU Sustainability Office, during the 2024–2025 academic year orientation program provided new students with their first introduction to the concepts of sustainability and zero waste. COMU's waste policies, recycling maps, and ways for individuals to contribute were explained, raising awareness that is integrated into campus culture.

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## **RUNNING FOR ZERO WASTE!**

Plogging Championship: Environment and Sports Hand in Hand

**COMU, with the support of Canakkale Municipality,** organized a Plogging Championship themed "We Run for Zero Waste" on Sarıçay Street. Plogging is a new generation nature-friendly activity that combines sports with environmental awareness by picking up trash while running. Speaking at the event, Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu stated that this movement is particularly widespread in Europe and that it is an important step towards raising awareness in Turkey. The championship was successfully completed under the coordination of **COMU Zero Waste, the Sports Association, and the Corporate Communications Coordination Office.** 





# **WASTE MANAGEMENT** Zero Waste Program

# **RECYCLED ART: MOBILE PRINTING WORKSHOP**

On June 11, 2024, ÇOMU Green Transformation Coordination, in collaboration with Kepez Municipality and Kolin Hotel, organized the "Mobile Print Workshop on Recycling in Art" at Kepez Public Cafe. During the event, waste paper and beverage packaging were repurposed into environmentally themed artworks. On the same day, a panel discussion featured ÇOMU Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu and national athletes Derya Can and Devrim Cenk Ulusoy, who shared their perspectives on "Climate Crisis and Zero Waste."



# **CLEAN COAST, CLEAN FUTURE!**

Meaningful Cleanup Event in Kilitbahir by ÇOMU **Sustainability Club** 

On March 23, 2024, the COMU Sustainability Club organized a beach cleanup event at Kilitbahir Coast to raise environmental awareness. Under the slogan "Clean the Beach - Take a Green Step for the Future!", dozens of students and volunteers gathered to collect waste along the shoreline.





# **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Zero Waste Program

# **SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS AND JOURNALS COORDINATION**





# Zero Waste Education in Collaboration with Karacaören Primary School & ÇOMU

The ÇOMU Green Transformation Coordination Office and Social Responsibility Project Coordination met with students at Karacaören Primary School. As part of the event aimed at raising recycling awareness, students created seed balls using waste paper, laying the foundations of environmental consciousness through an engaging and enjoyable activity.









# **European Solidarity Program Supported Project Closing Workshop**

The "Hope for the Future with Green Tomorrow: Compost Waste" project, supported by ESC and raising awareness through exemplary practices, concluded with a closing workshop. The project marked a significant step toward a nature-friendly campus, where participants collectively evaluated the scientific and societal value of compost.





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Carbon **Footprint and** Calculation System



According to the UI GreenMetric assessment conducted between May 2023 and May 2024, the carbon footprint of ÇOMU's Terzioğlu Campus was determined to be 4,190 metric tons. For this campus specifically, the per capita carbon emission was calculated as 0.178 metric tons. This calculation does not include a significant portion of Scope 3 emissions. The university's annual carbon footprint should be calculated according to standardized methodologies.

To ensure accurate accounting, the development of data infrastructure and the resolution of existing gaps in the field are necessary. Additionally, to raise awareness of individual carbon footprints, the university has activated a Carbon Footprint Calculator in both Turkish and English on its official website.









Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University has accelerated the transition to LED lighting systems in its energy-saving initiatives. LED lamps are used in all new buildings; fluorescent lamps that have reached the end of their service life are being replaced with LEDs. According to 2024 data, 9,849 of 32,316 lamps have completed the LED conversion, bringing the total LED usage rate to 30.47%. The highest conversion rate, 93.88%, was achieved at Ayvacık Vocational School.



**Solar Energy** Usage







The solar panel system installed on the roof of the Children's House at Terzioğlu Campus supports clean energy production on campus. However, work in this area must be accelerated.



Renewable **Future with the RE-YOU Project** 











Our university participated as a partner institution in the 36month RE-YOU (Renewable Youth Energy) project supported by the European Union. Technical training laboratories for PV, wind, and biogas systems were established, and infrastructure was created to support a qualified workforce in the sector.

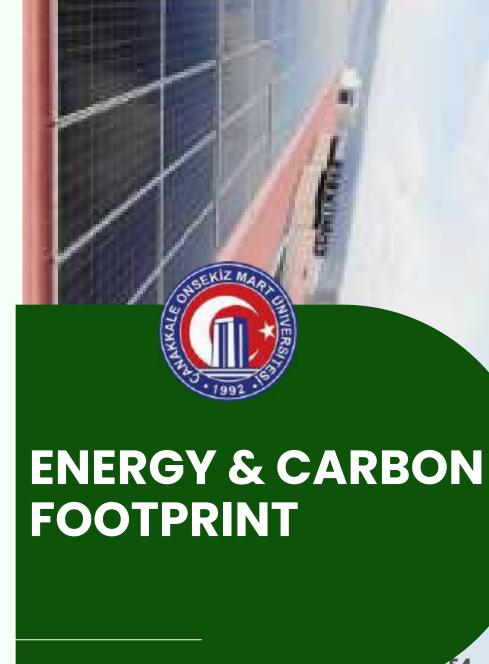


**GWO-Approved Courses** 





ÇOMU Continuing Education Center (ÇOMÜSEM) provides Global Wind Organisation (GWO) approved basic safety training for professionals working in the wind energy sector. These courses cover critical safety topics such as working at height, fire awareness, and first aid. The center's accreditation has created significant capacity for the regional energy sector.









# **RE-YOU PROJECT: REGIONAL POWER ALLIANCE IN RENEWABLE ENERGY**

The RE-You (Renewable Youth Energy) Project aims to make the South Marmara Region one of the world's leading education and career centers in the field of renewable energy, focusing on capacity building and technical training.

## **TECHNICAL TRAINING + PUBLISHING SUPPORT**

Within the scope of the project, theoretical and practical training on biogas, wind, and solar energy technologies was conducted; at the same time, original textbooks on renewable energy and career development were prepared.



















## **COMU CONNECTS YOUTH WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY**

The RE-You – Renewable Youth Energy Project, carried out with the support of European Union IPA funds and the South Marmara Development Agency (GMKA), was successfully completed in partnership with Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU) and Balıkesir University (BAÜN). With a budget of 8 million euros, the project aimed to contribute to employment by training young people in the field of clean energy.

## 404 YOUNG INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED COURSES, AND 150 **PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED**

Approximately 404 participants received technical courses within the scope of the project, 150 of whom were directly employed. The number of students graduating from ÇOMU is 198. This success was an important step towards expanding "green collar" job opportunities for young people and meeting the sector's need for qualified labor.











#### **COMU HAS BECOME AN AUTHORIZED EXAM CENTER!**

The centers established within COMU and BAÜN will continue to operate as examination centers not only during the project period but also thereafter. Thus, the aim is to provide longterm, permanent, and sustainable contributions to the renewable energy sector.









#### **COURSES WILL CONTINUE!**

The project will not be limited to just a closing ceremony: Training on wind, solar, and biogas technologies will continue in the technical laboratories and application areas within ÇOMU.



Management On Campuses

**Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University has divided its** campus area into two main zones for rainwater management: one section discharges rainwater into the sea, while the other is integrated into the infrastructure controlled by the State Hydraulic Works (DSi). Water storage tanks are located at the Terzioğlu Campus, Dardanos Campus, and Çanakkale Martyrs Campus. There are 37 water storage tanks in 10 different locations. Grates installed throughout the campus prevent surface water accumulation and direct water to the underground system. This system reduces the risk of flooding on campus and contributes to the local ecosystem. The small pond at the Terzioğlu Campus collects rainwater, supporting the surrounding vegetation and increasing the campus's biological diversity.

Rainwater

# The Need for Improvement in Water Management

Although various water-saving measures are implemented on the campuses of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University as part of water management, the lack of any treatment infrastructure for wastewater recovery stands out as a significant shortcoming. In particular, the reuse of gray water, rainwater management, increasing water-efficient systems, and transitioning to drought-tolerant landscaping practices are important for sustainable campus goals. The university's commitment to such investments, which will close the water cycle, will both reduce environmental impact and ensure the efficient use of water resources.



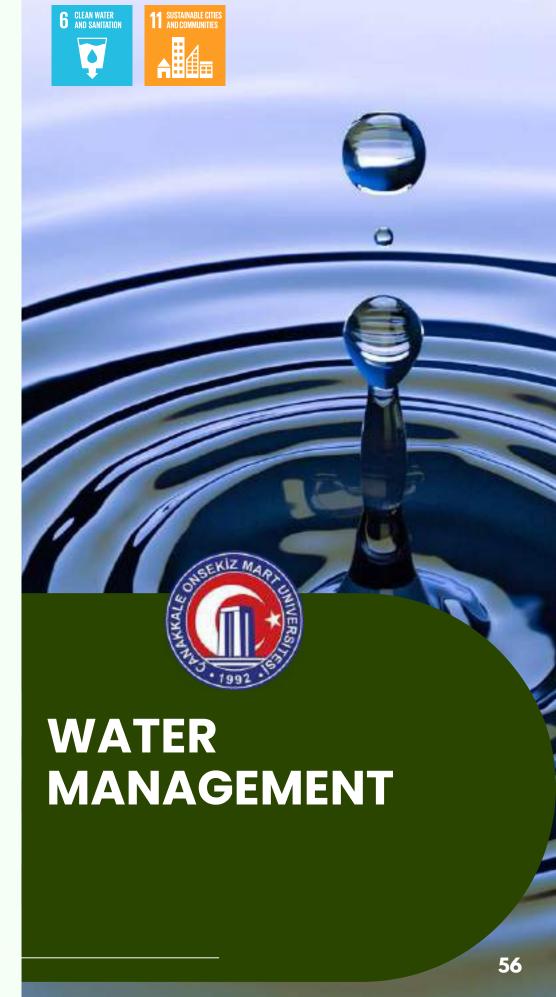
Water-saving fixtures are being widely implemented in faucets, sinks, and toilet systems used on campus. Out of a total of 6,510 faucets, 810 are equipped with aerators and 24 operate with automatic systems. Of the 2,535 toilets, 102 have integrated hand drying systems. In this context, the average water-saving equipment rate across the campus is 5.6%.

As part of World Water Day on March 22, the ÇOMU Sustainability Club organized an event titled "Water Crisis in the 21st Century," providing participants with information about virtual water, water footprint, and conscious water consumption. At the end of the event, all participants were gifted aerator attachments that can be installed on faucet heads.



Wastewater Treatment and **Analysis Process** 

At the beginning of 2024, there were 5 biological packaged wastewater treatment systems on COMU campuses, with a total capacity of 750 m<sup>3</sup>/day. However, flow rates vary according to the academic calendar. A flow meter was installed at the Terzioğlu Campus Wastewater Treatment Plant in April 2022, and measurements were taken until March 2024. For example, the daily flow rate measured on January 8, 2024, was 46.44 m³, while on January 29, 2024, it was determined to be 48.62 m<sup>3</sup>. As of April 2024, the treatment systems were removed after obtaining permission to connect to the Çanakkale Municipality infrastructure.









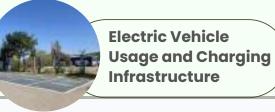
Cycling Transportation **Options** 

**Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University provides alternative,** eco-friendly transportation options for its students and staff. Thanks to the Çanakkale Smart Bicycle Rental System (ÇABİS), managed by the Çanakkale Municipality, bicycle access to both the Terzioğlu and Anafartalar Campuses is possible.

Anafartalar Campus, being close to the city center with flat terrain, is highly suitable for both walking and cycling.

Terzioğlu Campus, on the other hand, features a more hilly and uneven landscape. Consequently, the use of conventional bicycles within the campus is limited; however, students can reach the campus entrance using their own bicycles or ÇABİS bicycles and then transfer to shuttle services.





In recent years, the use of electric bicycles and vehicles has increased across the university. Charging stations for electric vehicles are available at the Terzioğlu Campus. Plans are underway to establish this infrastructure at other campuses as well, and new investments will be made in line with the university's vision of supporting low-carbon transportation.



**Electric Vehicles** 

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University has added electric vehicles to its inventory.



**Future Goals:** Sustainable **Transportation** 

**COMU's sustainable transportation vision includes the following** goals:

Promoting environmentally friendly transportation systems across all campuses,

Expanding the electric vehicle charging infrastructure,

Developing a participatory transportation model by planning transportation strategies together with students, academic and administrative staff.







ÇOMU Campus Attracts Attention with Its Rich Biodiversity

Amphibian and Reptile Species Identified at Terzioğlu Settlement

As part of the studies conducted by the Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University Biodiversity Application and Research Center, an inventory of amphibian and reptile species found at the Terzioğlu Settlement has been compiled.



Protection Status

#### **Assessment According to IUCN Criteria**

The conservation status of species has been classified based on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) criteria as follows:

- 18 species: Least Concern (LC)
- 1 species: Data Deficient (DD)
- 1 species: Vulnerable (VU)
- 4 species: Not yet categorized







\*Bu çalışma; Prof. Dr. Çiğdem Gül, Dr. Öğr. Üyesi İbrahim Uysal, Prof. Dr. Murat Tosunoğlu ve Dr. Bengi Baycan'ın ortak katkılarıyla yürütülmüştür.



#### Natural Heritage

As a result of field studies within the boundaries of Terzioğlu Campus, a total of 6 amphibian and 18 reptile species were identified. Among these species are both endemic and ecologically significant ones.

#### **Identified species:**

Amphibians: Lissotriton schmidtleri, Bufotes viridis, Bufo bufo, Hyla orientalis, Pelophylax bedriagae, Pelobates syriacus

Reptiles: Testudo graeca, Mauremys rivulata, Pseudopus apodus, Ophisops elegans, Lacerta diplochondrodes, Ablepharus kitaibelii, Heremites auratus, Mediodactylus kotschyi, Hemidactylus turcicus, Dolichophis caspius, Eirenis modestus, Natrix natrix, Natrix tessellata, Xerotyphlops vermicularis, Eryx jaculus, Malpolon insignitus, Telescopus fallax, Montivipera xanthina



From Temporary Wetlands to Rocky Regions

The Terzioğlu Campus features a wide variety of ecosystem types, including temporary aquatic areas, rocky and stony habitats, scrublands, and wooded areas. This diversity allows for a high richness of amphibian and reptile species within the campus boundaries.



**CHARTS** 

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#### **FAUNA**

**Biodiversity Observations on Campus** Observations conducted across campus areas indicate that various species coexist within the campus ecosystem in an integrated manner:

- Amphibians and Reptiles: 6 amphibian species and 16 reptile species
- Spiders: 136 species (32 families, 109 aenera)
- Butterflies: 57 species (13 families)
- Birds: 102 species recorded at Terzioğlu Campus; 110 species recorded at **Dardanos Campus**

# **BIODIVERSITY**

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Our university faculty members play an active role in research aimed at protecting the coral ecosystems in and around the Dardanelles Strait; the data obtained is converted into numerous scientific publications and reports, contributing to both local and global conservation efforts



Prof. Dr. Füsun ERDURAN

## **NATURE PRESERVED BY SCIENCE**

Through studies conducted by our academic units, the flora and fauna around the campus are being monitored, and concrete steps are being taken to protect natural species. However, it is important that these studies are centralized.

## **CLOSE LOOK AT CAMPUS FLORA**

**ENVIRONMENTAL** 

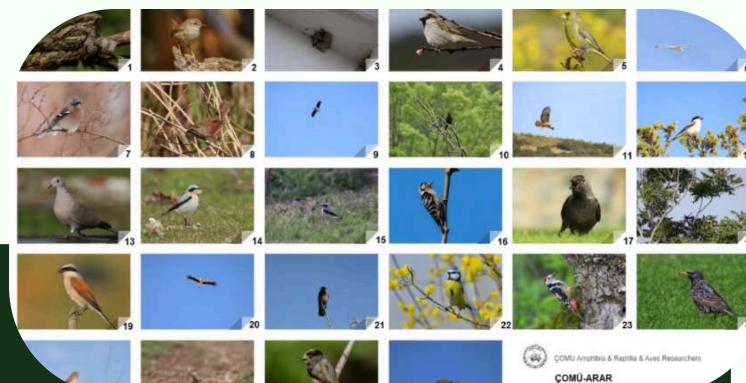
Botanical surveys conducted at Terzioğlu Campus have identified:

- Plant Diversity: 113 families, 338 genera, and 566 plant
- Native and Endemic Species: 382 naturally occurring species and 4 endemic species

## **Landscape Arrangements:**

- 55 broadleaf trees/shrubs
- 15 coniferous trees
- 40 shrub species
- 6 climbing plants

These landscape arrangements not only enhance aesthetic appeal but also contribute to the conservation of local species, establishing ecologically supportive an infrastructure.



# THE CAMPUS'S SILENT RESIDENTS: LIVING SPACES **ENRICHED BY FLORA AND FAUNA**

COMU campuses are not just educational areas; they are also ecosystems rich in biodiversity where natural life thrives. Green spaces, walking paths, and landscaping support social and recreational needs while offering a living space integrated with nature.









# **Protection Activities**

# **BIODIVERSITY**



Photographs: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Barış Özalp







## **GHOST NET HUNTERS**

**Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University (COMU) Faculty of Marine** Sciences and Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality have begun cleaning up ghost nets in Edremit Bay in collaboration. A 15person team of "ghost net hunters," consisting of COMU academic staff and divers affiliated with the Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality Rural Services Department, took action to clean up abandoned nets in the sea with the start of the fishing season. The operation involves removing various fishing gear (trawl nets, gill nets, etc.) that have been lost at sea or remain in the marine environment for various reasons and continue to cause harm to marine life by continuing to fish, thereby cleaning up the seas.









Photographs: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Barış Özalp

# **ÇANAKKALE DARDANOS CORAL REEFS**

The Turkish Straits system's sole and most extensive hard coral reef ecosystem; according to the 2021/31 supplementary fisheries regulations published in the Official Gazette on August 27, 2021, the "Çanakkale Dardanos Coral Reefs" have been added to marine protected areas. Within this scope, all fishing activities have been banned around the protection buoy located within a limited area of 720-2000 square meters in the Dardanos Reef area, which is home to endangered Cladocora caespitosa coral colonies represented by a limited number of colonies. The Dardanos coral reefs represent one of the areas of high paleobiological importance within Turkey's marine protected areas, as they provide a habitat for both young colonies and adult colonies over 100 years old.

# **BIODIVERSITY**

Participation in the Bozcaada Environmental Issues and Biodiversity Workshop from ÇOMU











ÇOMU provided high-level academic participation in the "Bozcaada Environmental Issues and Biodiversity Workshop" held in Bozcaada, making comprehensive contributions to the island's sustainable environmental management and biodiversity. Held at the Bozcaada Public Education Center on October 6, 2024, the workshop addressed both terrestrial and marine ecosystems in Bozcaada, discussing threats and solutions in a multidimensional manner.

Supported by the opening speech of Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu, the workshop was also enriched by interdisciplinary presentations by ÇOMU faculty members specializing in biology, maritime affairs, and the environment. Our university's academic leadership in environmental and nature conservation issues was once again confirmed at this event.









#### **ABOUT THE SESSIONS**

Session 1 – Bozcaada: Past to Present

The historical, sociological, and maritime contexts of Bozcaada were explored, focusing on environmental threats the island faces and the impact of fishing activities on its marine ecosystem.

Session 2 – Terrestrial Biodiversity

Scientific data on insect, reptile, bird, and plant diversity were presented. Discussions addressed common misconceptions, thermal ecology, floristic composition, and the ecological contributions of various species.

Session 3 – Environmental Protection and Sustainability Experts from multiple disciplines evaluated solid waste management, sensory pollution (sound, light, taste), tourism pressures, and the role of environmental education.

Session 4 - Marine Biodiversity

Scientific findings on changes in Bozcaada's marine environment were shared, including sponge diseases, coralligenous habitats, seagrass meadows, and water quality assessments.

# **BIODIVERSITY**

# **400 Lobsters Released at the Historic HMS Majestic Shipwreck in Gallipoli Historical Underwater Park**

Four hundred lobster larvae raised at the Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU) Marine Life Research and Application Center were released into the wreckage of the British flagship "HMS Majestic," which sank during the Battle of Çanakkale 109 years ago.











## **TOUCHING LIVING SPECIES: GETTING CLOSER TO NATURE WITH THE BIODIVERSITY EXHIBITION**

The biodiversity exhibition held as part of the panel offered participants the opportunity to get to know Çanakkale's natural riches up close. In addition to sample collections of plants, insects, birds, reptiles, fish, and amphibians, artworks raising awareness about biodiversity were also displayed. Throughout the event, visitors experienced both the aesthetic and scientific aspects of nature. Furthermore, the discussions held during the panel sessions paved the way for concrete steps to be taken towards developing new academic projects aimed at protecting and sustainably using the region's species diversity.

This event reflected COMU's vision in the field of environmental and nature conservation, once again highlighting the university's strong role in carrying Çanakkale's biological heritage into the future.





# **ÇANAKKALE BIODIVERSITY PANEL AND EXHIBITION HELD AT THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE**

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU) held a meaningful event titled "Çanakkale Biodiversity Panel and Exhibition" as part of International Biodiversity Day on May 22. The event, held at the Faculty of Agriculture, was attended by Çanakkale Deputy Mayor Öznur Benderlioğlu Doğangün, Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt other university administrators, Erenoğlu, representatives of public institutions, academics, and students.

The panel not only raised awareness but also served as a scientific platform that laid the foundations for new research collaborations between academics and experts.







## **SUSTAINABILITY SUMMARY**

	Current	Explanation
Sustainability Office		
Sustainability Policy		
Sustainability Commission		
Sustainability Report		
Monitoring of the SDG		AVESIS / Forms
Climate Action Plan		Monitoring guidelines should be developed for the Climate Action Plan.
Waste Reduction Programs		
Zero Waste Certificate		Four Campus
Accessibility Certificate		Single Campus



## AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS AT ÇOMU

	Data Management
	Improvement of waste management
	Increasing the number of sustainability-themed courses
	Incorporating the concept of sustainability and the relevant SDG into the lessons
Sustainability	Increasing the number of quality sustainability-focused activities by raising awareness among clubs about sustainability
	Conducting studies related to Water Management (Rainwater Collection/Water-Saving Systems/Transition to Drought-Resistant Landscaping, etc.)
	Conducting studies related to renewable energy/energy conservation

	Eliminating deficiencies in data management and field measurement devices, etc., to enable accurate calculation of carbon footprint and water footprint
	Promoting digital transformation
	Monitoring and recording the supply chain by environmental parameters
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	Recording biodiversity on campuses and compiling it at a central location
	Activities aimed at increasing the satisfaction levels of students, academic and administrative staff
	Activities aimed at raising awareness among students and academic staff regarding sustainability and the environment





## **INDICATORS**

STUDENT/EDUCATION	2024	2023
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	46788	48071
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	1828	2341
NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	94	
NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ERASMUS	78	
NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ERASMUS (INTERNSHIP MOBILITY)	38	
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS EMPLOYED IN PART-TIME STATUS IN THE 2023–2024 ACADEMIC YEAR	220	280
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS BENEFITING FROM NUTRITION ASSISTANCE IN THE 2023–2024 ACADEMIC YEAR	500	504

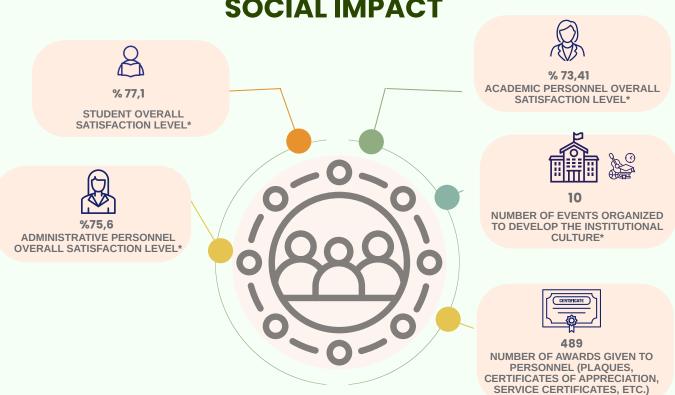
EMPLOYABILITY	2024	2023
NUMBER OF ACADEMIC STAFF	1964	1987
NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF	2432	2354
NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF (W)	1241	1289
RATIO OF FEMALE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF	%51	%54
RATIO OF FEMALE ADMINISTRATORS	%37	%32,62
RATIO OF FEMALE ACADEMIC STAFF	%45,41	%45,31



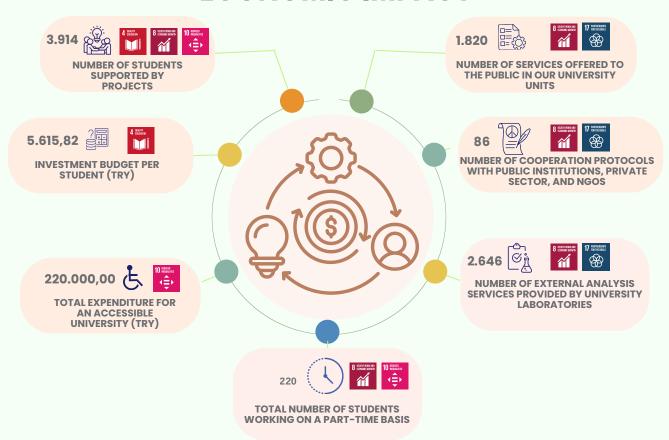


**SOCIAL** RESEARCH **ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIC** APPENDIX **CHARTS** ÇOMU **ADMINISTRATION IMPACT** AND EDUCATION **IMPACT IMPACT** 

## **SOCIAL IMPACT**



### **ECONOMIC IMPACT**



## **INDICATORS**

SOCIAL FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
NUMBER OF PRINTED SOURCES IN THE LIBRARY	690.223	684.966
NUMBER OF E-BOOKS	357.628	326.589
NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING FOOD SERVICES BY YEAR	741.427	609.619
NUMBER OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS*	250	
NUMBER OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECTS CARRIED OUT BY STUDENTS*	89	
NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT FOR DISADVANTAGED GROUPS*	179	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE ACCESSIBLE UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE*	220.000,00 TL	
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS BENEFITING FROM OUR UNIVERSITY'S HEALTH SERVICES*	694.423	
NUMBER OF COOPERATION PROTOCOLS SIGNED WITH PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, PRIVATE SECTOR, AND NGOS	86	
NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED THROUGH SEM	6.411	
NUMBER OF EVENTS HELD FOR GRADUATES	26	





ÇOMU ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH ECONOMIC SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTS APPENDIX AND EDUCATION IMPACT IMPACT

ENVIRONMENT	2024	2023
Amount of energy produced from renewable energy sources across the University (kW)	80	
Amount of waste recycled (kg)	5343	
NUMBER OF EVENTS AND PROJECTS ORGANIZED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY	170	
AMOUNT OF OIL COLLECTED (L)	1470	
Water (m³)	174.744	163.745





## **GRI CONTENT INDEX**

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The GRI standard			
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	2-19 Pricing policies	8	
	2-20 The process of determining the price	8	
	2-21 Total compensation rate over the annual period	-	



The GRI standard	Topic	Chapter/Page	Description
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## APPENDIX















































# ÇANAKKALE ONSEKİZ MART UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) CONTENT 2024



SDG1



SDG 2



SDG 3



SDG 4



SDG 5



SDG 6



SDG 7



SDG 8



SDG 9



**SDG 10** 



**SDG 11** 



**SDG 12** 



**SDG 13** 



**SDG 14** 



**SDG 15** 



**SDG 16** 



**SDG 17** 







## ACTIVITIES RELATED TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS METHODOLOGY

#### 1. Corporate News Screening:

Relevant news content published on the official website of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University for the year 2024 has been scanned. The relevant news items were manually evaluated, taking into account their relationship with the Sustainable Development Goals they pertain to and their potential impacts, and the most effective activities were selected.

#### 2. Event Notification Forms:

Event notification forms submitted to us by university units and containing an SKA link have been reviewed, and events deemed appropriate have been directly included in the report content.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

DATA COLLECTION
AND ANALYSIS
PROCESS FOR
COMPILING
ACTIVITIES AND
LINKING THEM TO THE
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS
(SDGS) WITHIN THE
SCOPE OF THE COMU
2024 SUSTAINABILITY
REPORT:



#### 3. Review of the Events Tab:

Announcements published in the "Events" tab on the ÇOMU homepage were scanned to identify activities that could be linked to sustainability and were then evaluated.

#### 4. SDG Categorization and Content Organization:

All collected activities have been assigned to the most relevant SDG group based on their content; a brief summary, visual, date, type, and SDG topics to which each activity contributes have been analyzed in detail. The main content of the report only includes summaries of activities directly related to and impacting the SDGs; other activities are listed by name only. Activities are linked to detailed news content by clicking on the relevant images.

#### **Reporting Limitation:**

Only selected/relevant activities have been included in the report content within the framework of this methodology.







SDG1

**APPENDIX SDG 1-1** 



## PARTICIPATORY PROJECT EXAMPLE



## PROJECT: INCREASING THE PRODUCTION POTENTIAL OF ORNAMENTAL PLANTS FOR EXPORT

By enhancing the local production capacity of women farmers, this initiative supports rural development. Carried out under the brand name Hanimeli, the project makes women's labor visible throughout the process from production to export and promotes income-generating activities. In this respect, the project contributes to SDG 1 (No Poverty) by reducing poverty and fosters a development model based on social justice by expanding economic opportunities in rural communities.



#### "I'M KNITTING FOR MY SIBLING" PROJECT

As part of the "Kardeşime Örüyorum" (I'm Knitting for My Sibling) Project carried out under the auspices of the ÇOMU Social Responsibility Project Coordination Office, hats knitted by academics, administrative staff, students, and citizens were delivered to children.



## "OUR TABLES ARE ONE" SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECT

ÇOMU's "Sofralarımız Bir" (Our Tables Are One) social responsibility project, with the participation of volunteer students, continues to promote social solidarity and combat poverty this year during Ramadan by providing food packages to families in need.



#### UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS AND APPLICATIONS



#### THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECT COORDINATION OFFICE

The Social Responsibility Project Coordination Office aims to encourage university partners to develop social responsibility projects by raising their awareness of social issues and to contribute to the quality of life in the community through these projects. Increasing the university's visibility and ensuring its integration into the community are also among the coordination office's primary objectives.



#### THE SCHOLARSHIP AND HOUSING COORDINATION OFFICE

The Scholarship and Housing Coordination Office is a coordinating body that operates to ensure that students at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University are quickly informed about scholarship opportunities and can benefit from them, as well as to contribute to solving any housing-related problems that may arise for our students.

## **SELECTED ACTIVITIES / EVENTS**

#### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECT COORDINATION



MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR EZINE
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
BOUTIQUE AREA
TYPE: SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY /
NEEDS SUPPORT



STATIONERY SUPPORT FOR
ULUKÖY PRIMARY SCHOOL
STUDENTS
TYPE: SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY /
NEEDS SUPPORT / RURAL
EDUCATION SUPPORT



JOURNEY TO HOPE WITH MUSIC
- SHOE DISTRIBUTION

TYPE: SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY /
NEEDS SUPPORT / RURAL
EDUCATION SUPPORT











#### PROJECT EXAMPLE



THE EDIBILITY OF KORUNGA PLANT (ONOBRYCHIS SATIVA L.) SEEDS AND THEIR POTENTIAL USE AS A NEW PROTEIN SOURCE

The study titled "Sainfoin (Onobrychis sativa L.) Seed Edibility and Suitability as a New Protein Source, and the Effect of Different Thermal Treatment Applications on the Amount of Certain Components and In Vitro Digestibility Properties" was supported with a budget of 1,250,000 TL. The project demonstrated that sainfoin seeds, which have a low water footprint and the potential to be an alternative and sustainable plant-based protein source, are suitable for human consumption. Thus, it was concluded that sainfoin seeds could contribute to combating malnutrition.

#### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-ASSISTED "SMART NOSE" PROTOTYPE**



A team led by Prof. Dr. Ünal Kızıl, a faculty member at ÇOMU Faculty of Agriculture, developed an Al-powered "Smart Nose" prototype that enables the detection of salmonella bacteria in chicken droppings. The device detects the bacteria early through olfactory analysis and prevents the spread of outbreaks. This patented device is an important example in the field of digital agriculture and biotechnological solutions and has been made available for use integrated with mobile phones in the near future. The mass production process is also being planned. The study is pioneering in terms of promoting smart agriculture applications and increasing food safety.

## SUITABLE FOR IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE, ORGANIC AND INORGANIC FERTILIZER CONTAINING A NITRIFICATION INHIBITOR AND BORON



The invention titled "Organic and Inorganic Fertilizer Suitable for Irrigated Farming and Including Nitrification Inhibitor and Boron," co-invented by Prof. Mustafa Başaran, a faculty member of the Department of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition at ÇOMU Faculty of Agriculture, has been granted an international (EPO) patent registration under our university's address.



#### **UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS**

#### **NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**

During the academic years covering 2024, in line with the Principles of Nutrition Assistance Implementation, a limited number of needy students from each faculty were supported to benefit from nutrition assistance.



## CONGRESS / PROGRAM SAMPLE

#### INTERNATIONAL BALKAN AGRICULTURAL CONGRESS

SUSTAINABLE AND GREEN KITCHEN COURSE



The International Balkan Agriculture Congress was held between October 16–19, 2024, hosted by ÇOMU Faculty of Agriculture. Coordinated by the Trakya Universities Union, this multidisciplinary congress served as an international platform promoting academic knowledge exchange on topics such as agriculture, food, water resources, climate change, food security, agricultural economics, and biotechnological innovations.

ÇOMU has taken another important step in supporting sustainable tourism and environmentally friendly kitchen practices. With the contribution of the ÇOMU Department of Gastronomy, the "Sustainable and Green Kitchen Training" program, organized for commercial businesses in Çanakkale, began under the auspices of the Çanakkale Municipality.







#### KATILIMCI PROJE ÖRNEĞİ

#### "DEGSAN SOFRALARIMIZ BİR" PROJESİ

• As part of the "Degsan Sofralarımız Bir" (Our Tables Are One) project carried out by the Social Responsibility Project Coordination Unit of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, hot meals were provided to 918 people between December 25, 2023, and January 5, 2024.









## SELECTED ACTIVITIES / EVENTS



Composter Project
Closing Meeting

Type: EU Project / Agriculture / Course



Type: International R&D / Sustainable Agriculture



<u>COST Project: Analysis</u> <u>of Food Waste Using</u> <u>Spectroscopic Methods</u>

Type: International R&D / Sustainable Agriculture



National Patent
Success - "Method for
Producing Haploid
Seeds"

Seeds"

Type: R&D / Agricultural
Innovation / Patent



OLIVER Erasmus+ Project Meeting

Type: International Project
Meeting / Sustainability in
Agriculture / UniversityIndustry Collaboration /
Applied Education and
Seminar



TÜBİTAK 3501supported alternative
aquatic food
production project

Type: R&D / Food Safety and Sustainability



## **PROJECT EXAMPLE**

• The "Dardanos Culinary Academy" Project, led by Assistant Professor Erhan Babaç, has been approved with a budget support of 4,200,000 TL from the Ministry of Industry and Technology and the South Marmara Development Agency (GMKA).





#### Çok yakında!

SOGEP kapsamında yazılan

Dardanos Mutfak Akademisi Projesi Sanayi
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## PARTICIPANT EXAMPLE



#### **INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SPORTS GAMES**

Hosted by ÇOMU, this year's "International Summer Sports Games" brought together participants from five countries, showcasing the unifying power of sports and the university's vision of a sports-friendly campus on an international platform. Students from Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia, North Macedonia, and Turkey competed in darts, volleyball, and other sports. The event, which began with the International Hüseyin Akif Terzioğlu Darts Tournament, saw ÇOMU students emerge as champions.

#### **ANTI-ADDICTION CAMPAIGN**

• The "Event to Combat Addiction" organized by ÇOMU Faculty of Communication was held at the Troya Cultural Center with broad participation. The event emphasized the importance of social awareness in combating addiction; academics, health professionals, public representatives, and students addressed the issue from scientific, artistic, and communicative perspectives. In addition, the film by ÇOMU students, which won an award in the short film competition supported by Yeşilay, was also screened.



#### DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH CULTURE AND SPORTS

Sağlık Kültür ve Spor Daire Başkanlığı; Üniversitelerde hizmet verdiği kesimin bütünü için, öğrencilerin sosyal, kültürel, beslenme ile spor ihtiyaçlarını karşılayan bir hizmet birimi ve aynı zamanda eğitim-öğretimin desteklenmesi amacıyla bu alanda uygulama ve araştırmaların yapıldığı bir uygulama dairesidir.

#### **SPORTS ASSOCIATION COORDINATION**

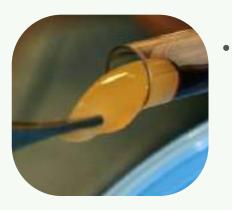
The Sports Coordination Office aims to effectively manage the university's sports facilities and organize planned sports activities that encourage students to participate in physical activity, teamwork, and competitions.





#### **PROJECT EXAMPLE**

#### RESEARCH PROJECT FOCUSED ON PLATELET-RICH FIBRIN PRODUCTION



The research project on platelet-rich fibrin production, led by ÇOMU faculty members Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tunalı, Prof. Dr. Esra Ercan, and Prof. Dr. Vildan Bilgin, has been deemed worthy of support. The project, planned to last 18 months through university-industry collaboration, will conduct R&D studies on glass test tubes with private sector support. The development of products for medical applications will contribute to innovative health technologies.



PROJECT SUBMITTED TO THE EUROPEAN UNION HORIZON MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA) POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Ferah Cömert Önder, Assistant Professor at ÇOMU Faculty of Medicine, has been awarded a two-year grant under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowship, one of the European Union's most prestigious research programs. The project, to be carried out at the University of Gothenburg, will develop new drug candidate molecules using computational modeling, machine learning, and bioinformatics methods, and these molecules will be evaluated in cancer research. The project is one of 1,249 successful projects selected from over 8,000 applications worldwide.











## SELECTED ACTIVITIES/EVENTS



International Symposium
on "Uluslararası
Çürümeden Koru" Supported by TÜBİTAK

Type: International
Symposium / Supported by
TUBITAK 2223-B



Initiating Atrial Fibrillation
Treatment with a
Cryoablation Device

Type: Medical Innovation / Health Technology Application



Student Achievements at the Turkish Wushu Championship

Type: National Sports Competition
/ Student Representation



Healthy Future with Green
Transformation: Steps
Towards Good Midwifery and
Sustainability at ÇOMU

Type: Green Transformation in Education / Health



<u>HealthFest 2024 Turkey</u> <u>Championship</u>

Type: Health Technology /
Digital Health



First Place in the "TET PROJECT MARKET '12"

Competition

Type: Health Technology / Health Technologies R&D



Opening of the Angiography Unit

Type: Medical Innovation /
Health Technology Application



<u>Training on Combating</u>
<u>Smoking, Alcohol,</u>
<u>Substance, and Behavioral</u>
<u>Addictions</u>

Type: Awareness Event



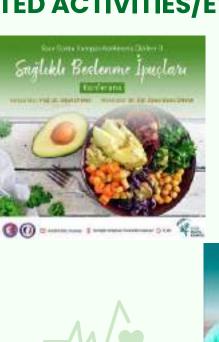








## SELECTED ACTIVITIES/EVENTS





























































#### **PROJECT EXAMPLE**

#### QUANTUM LEARNING-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN FOR DEVELOPING PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' FINE MOTOR SKILLS



 The introductory meeting for the project titled "Quantum" Learning-Based Instructional Design for Developing Primary School Students' Soft Skills," developed under the leadership of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hanife Esen Aygün, a faculty member at COMU Faculty of Education, and supported under the TÜBİTAK 1001 program, was held in the Faculty of Education Conference Hall. The project, supported with a budget of 1,559,260 TL, will last for 30 months and aims to develop primary school students' soft skills such as creative thinking, communication, and collaboration.

#### SMART - AUGMENTED REALITY TECHNOLOGY ADAPTATION IN SCHOOLS



 Researchers from the "smARt – Augmented Reality Technology Adaptation in Schools" project, conducted under the Erasmus+ KA2 Cooperation Partnerships in which COMU is a partner and which involves institutions from a total of 6 countries, visited Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu. The €400,000 project, which aims to increase student interest in STEM fields, develop augmented reality (AR) applications, and promote digital education skills, is planned to last 24 months. During the visit, the project's current stage and targeted outputs were discussed.

#### **BIOLOGY TEACHERS WITH ECO-STEAM**



 The "ECO-STEAM with Biology Teachers" project, carried out under TÜBİTAK project number 4005 123B837, was successfully completed in Çanakkale with 26 biology teachers from different provinces of Turkey. The project was led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ganime Aydın, a faculty member at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU Faculty of Education, with Dr. Sevil Yalçın and Dr. Gamze Tezcan as researchers. The project was implemented through fieldwork in many different areas in our region, such as Ayazma Pınarı National Park, the ancient city of Troy, the Gallipoli Historical Peninsula of the Çanakkale Wars, Çanakkale Municipality, solar energy systems, and the Advanced Biological Treatment Plant.



#### **UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS AND APPLICATIONS**



SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS AND JOURNALS COORDINATION

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROJECTS COORDINATION UNIT

**BOLOGNA PROCESS COORDINATION** 

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CORPORATE MONITORING COORDINATION

STRATEGIC TRAINING COORDINATION

APPLICATION AND RESEARCH CENTERS MONITORING AND **EVALUATION COORDINATION** 

#### ONE HEALTH PHD SUMMER SCHOOL



• Hosted by ÇOMU and supported by the European Union, the "One Health PhD Summer School" training was held at the Dardanos Campus with the participation of 50 academics and doctoral students from Bulgaria, Slovenia, Croatia, North Macedonia, and Türkiye. During the five-day program, topics related to human, animal, and environmental health were addressed from an interdisciplinary perspective. Academic presentations on environmental and health themes, along with sports activities, provided opportunities for knowledge exchange and networking among participants.











## SELECTED ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

TÜBİTAK 2237-A Scientific

Education Activities

Support - Undergraduate

Student Project Preparation
and Writing Training

Type: Scientific Education Activity / Education Program Supported by TÜBİTAK 2237-A TÜBİTAK 2237-A Scientific

Education Activities Support
- Digital Dentistry: Future

Development and Impacts of
Technological Applications
and Interactive Learning
Techniques

Type: Scientific Education
Activity / Education Program
Supported by TÜBİTAK 2237-A



TÜBİTAK 2209-A Research
Project Presentation
Meeting - Examining the
Relationship Between
Prospective Teachers'
Levels of Social-Emotional
Loneliness and
Psychological Resilience



TÜBİTAK 2209-A and 2209-B Research Projects Success

Type: Scientific Project Success Statement



EErasmus+ KA131-HED

Mobility of Higher

Education Students and

Staff Project 
Supplementary Budget

**Type: Educational Mobility** 



**TÜBA-GEBİP Award** 

Type: Scientific Award / Academic Achievement



<u>ÇOMU Website Wins Third</u> <u>Place in the Golden Spider</u> <u>Awards</u>



Developing an Instructional
Design for the Stream
Approach within the
Framework of Sustainable
Development Goals











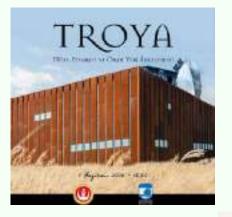
## **CLUB ACTIVITIES / EVENTS**























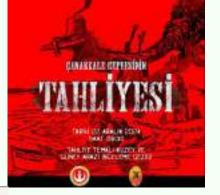










































#### **PARTICIPANT EXAMPLE**

#### **SUPPORT WALK AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**



ÇOMU Women and Family Studies Application and Research Center (KAM) took an active role in the Support Walk Against Violence Towards Women, organized under the auspices of the Çanakkale Governorship. The event reinforced the University's vision of promoting gender equality and its commitment to building a society free from violence.

#### PRESENTATION ON DATING VIOLENCE AND ITS LEGAL DIMENSIONS



ÇOMU Women and Family Studies Application and Research Center met with students from the Ezine Food Specialized Organized Industrial Zone Vocational School. The event, attended by KAM Director Prof. Dr. Pelin Kanten and Vocational School Deputy Director Assoc. Prof. Gülce Tok, featured presentations by Dr. Aslı Bek, Sociologist Elif Girşen, and Trainee Lawyer Dilara Kaynarçeşme on Dating Violence and Its Legal Dimensions. A large number of students participated in the event.

## UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

#### **CENTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILY STUDIES APPLICATION AND RESEARCH**



• It is a multidisciplinary center that conducts education, research, social awareness, and advocacy activities on women and family issues; develops solutions to problems in these areas, supports scientific projects, and works in collaboration with relevant institutions. It also carries out work aimed at strengthening women's social roles.

PROVINCIAL COORDINATION, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION COMMISSION FOR COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - ÇOMU PARTICIPATION



 The Provincial Coordination Monitoring and Evaluation Commission for Combating Violence Against Women held its second meeting of 2024 in the Çanakkale Provincial Special Administration meeting hall, chaired by Deputy Governor Ömer Şahin. Representing ÇOMU at the meeting were Acting Rector Prof. Dr. Levent Dalyancı and Acting Director of KAMER Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hicran Özlem Ilgın. The meeting evaluated current practices in combating violence against women and discussed opportunities for future cooperation.



## **SELECTED ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**



Symposium on Women's Movements from Past to Present

Type: Symposium / Gender Equality Panel / NGO Collaboration / Scientific Awareness Event



Zero Tolerance for Violence Against Women in News Coverage – Session IV Training Type: Training Program /

Type: Training Program /
Awareness Training / MultiStakeholder Partnership / Ethical
Journalism and Gender Equality



Violence Against Women and Services Provided – March 8 Event

Type: Awareness Event /
Gender Equality Panel / Public
Partnership



Aikido Workshop – March 8 Event

Type: Sports and Awareness
Event / Empowerment Workshop
for Children and Adults /
Workshop / Community
Participation



Women and Mathematics Event

Type: Academic Awareness Event



Polyksena & Iphigenia Mixed Exhibition

Type: Cultural Event / Art and Gender



December 5 Women's Rights Panel – Achievements of the Republican Era

Type: Social Awareness









#### TECHNICAL TOUR OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT



• As part of the Wastewater Treatment Technology course, a technical field trip was organized for our third-year chemical engineering students to the Canakkale Municipality Wastewater Treatment Plant. This technical visit provided students with the opportunity to observe wastewater treatment processes firsthand, gain practical knowledge about biological and chemical treatment techniques, and evaluate engineering design principles on real infrastructure systems.

#### "WATER CRISIS IN THE 21ST CENTURY" EVENT





• The event titled "Water Crisis in the 21st Century," organized by the COMU Sustainability Club as part of World Water Day on March 22, was held at the Troya Cultural Center A Amphitheater. During the event, Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu emphasized the importance of protecting water resources, while club representative Hüseyin Geyik presented statistical information about the water situation in Turkey and around the world. Prof. Dr. Nilgün Ayman Öz addressed water footprint and conscious consumption, while Assoc. Prof. Dr. Faize Sarış evaluated the effects of climate change on water resources. At the end of the event, aerators that contribute to water conservation were distributed to students.







**OUR UNIVERSITY SHOULD PRIORITIZE** INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WATER MANAGEMENT.















#### **ACCREDITATION**

ÇOMU, the Continuing Education Center (ÇOMÜSEM), has been accredited by the Turkish Accreditation Agency (TÜRKAK) in accordance with the TS EN ISO/IEC 17024/2012 standard for Photovoltaic Power Systems personnel (Level 5), Wind Power Systems Personnel (Level 5), and Biogas Plant Personnel (Level 5) under the TS EN ISO/IEC 17024/2012 standard. This brings it one step closer to its goal of providing certification in the relevant fields in the region.





#### **PROJECT EXAMPLE**

THE USE OF COMPOSITE MEMBRANES PRODUCED WITH ZIRCONIUM METAL-ORGANIC FRAMEWORKS AS VANADIUM REDOX MEMBRANES AND BATTERY PERFORMANCE



The project titled "Use of Composite Membranes Produced with Zirconium Metal-Organic Frameworks as Vanadium Redox Membranes and Battery Performance," led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Filiz Uğur Nigiz, a faculty member of the Department of Chemical Engineering at ÇOMU, has been awarded funding under the TÜBİTAK 2515 -COST Actions R&D Support Program.

 The project aims to develop clean and sustainable energy solutions and focuses on the integration of new-generation composite membranes produced with zirconium-based MOF (metal-organic framework) structures into energy storage systems. These technologies, which will be used particularly in vanadium redox flow batteries, aim to increase energy efficiency and reduce the carbon footprint.

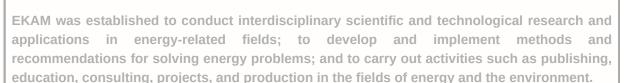




Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Uğur Cengiz, a faculty member of the Faculty of Engineering, two teams from ÇOMU, among the 28 teams that made it to the finals of the TEKNOFEST 2024 Environment and Energy Technologies Competition, with their doctoral thesis projects: The Eko Titans team won first prize with their project, "Heat-insulated and self-cleaning geopolymer sheet." The Yosun Kalkanı team won second prize with their project, "Development of an environmentally friendly, biologically non-contaminating coating to reduce algae adhesion and energy consumption on ship surfaces."

#### **UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS AND APPLICATIONS**

#### **Energy Resources Application and Research Center**





#### **AUTHORIZED CERTIFICATION BODY**





#### **MEETING**

The workshop hosted by ÇOMU reviewed the peer review processes of the Çanakkale Green Industry Ecosystem Project led by Kale Group and evaluated projects that will contribute to regional sustainable development through industry-university collaboration. This project, which is directly related to SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), aims to transform the local ecosystem by developing innovative solutions in the field of green energy and carbon technologies.





The workshop on "Sustainable Energy and Green Campus" organized by the Trakya Universities Union Energy Sub-Working Group on March 28, 2024, was held online, hosted by Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMU). Prof. Dr. Nilgün Ayman Öz presented the "ReYou" project, which aims to train energy leaders at universities. The workshop laid the groundwork for the development of a shared vision that will contribute to the sustainability journey of universities in the Thrace region.









## **EXAMPLES OF COOPERATION**

#### **CANAKKALE TECHNOPARK DUBAI SECTORAL TRADE DELEGATION**



 The Sectoral Trade Mission organized by Çanakkale Technopark in Dubai on March 4-6, 2024, was held with the aim of enabling regional technology companies to expand their international business networks, enter new markets, and develop sustainable growth strategies. Under the program supported by the Ministry of Trade, entrepreneurial companies held B2B meetings with Dubai's leading technology centers and 26 global companies, establishing important contacts based on export, innovation, and digital partnerships. The visit played a strategic role in terms of business development, technology transfer, and strengthening the global vision.

#### **ÇOMU - OSB COOPERATION PROTOCOL**



A cooperation protocol was signed between COMU and the Canakkale Organized Industrial Zone (OSB) to strengthen university-industry collaboration. Under the protocol, the testing and analysis needs of companies operating in the OSB will be met by the COMU Science and Technology Application and Research Center (COBILTUM), and discounts will be applied for these services. This protocol aims to increase the competitiveness of local industry and contribute to regional development.

#### **VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROTOCOL IN THE WORKPLACE** (ÇOMU - OSB)



The "Vocational Training Program in the Workplace" Protocol signed between COMU and Canakkale OSB is an important university-industry collaboration aimed at enabling students to gain sectoral experience. With this protocol, students will increase their employability by receiving practical training in industrial establishments before graduation, thereby directly contributing to the region's need for a qualified workforce.



## SELECTED ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

#### "I KNOW WHAT I DON'T WANT" - EFFECTIVENESS



The event titled "I Know What I Don't Want," organized by the COMU IEEE Club in collaboration with QNB Finansbank, was held at the Troya Cultural Center. The event was designed to guide students in their personal development, career awareness, and future planning; it was conducted through interactive dialogues between industry representatives, academics, and students.

#### **ECONOMIC VALUE ADDERS AWARDS CEREMONY**



Hosted by the Biga Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Economy Value Creators Award Ceremony, themed "Biga, the Shining Star of the Second Century," was held at the Atatürk Cultural Center with strong participation. The ceremony was attended by Çanakkale Governor Ömer Toraman, Biga Mayor Alper Şen, Biga Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Şadan Doğan, ÇOMU Rector and Çanakkale Technopark Board Chairman Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu, Çanakkale Technopark General Manager Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erkan Bil, public institution officials, NGO representatives, and managers of the award-winning companies.

#### **CAREER DAY EVENT**



The Career Day event organized by the Faculty of Science at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University was held in two sessions at the İÇDAŞ Kara Yusuf Congress Center. During the first session, industry representatives gave presentations on careers, innovation, and the business world; in the second session, the Faculty of Science Music Group gave a concert, and Prof. Dr. Sinan Canan provided students with a vision through his seminar titled "What is Biology Good For?" The event aimed to strengthen student-business world interaction and contribute to professional orientation.









#### PARTICIPANT EXAMPLE

#### **CANAKKALE GREEN INDUSTRY ECOSYSTEM PROJECT WORKSHOP**



• The Çanakkale Green Industry Ecosystem Project Workshop was held at the Kale Seramik R&D Center in Çan district within the scope of the TÜBİTAK Green Industry Call. In addition, opportunities for cooperation were discussed for the planned Green Transformation Technologies Center of Excellence.

## GITEX GLOBAL 2024 PARTICIPATION



 Canakkale Technopark represented Turkey's and Canakkale's IT and technology potential at an international level by participating in Gitex Global 2024, one of the world's largest technology fairs held with the support of the Ministry of Trade, alongside seven entrepreneurial companies at the Dubai World Trade Center. The participation included the promotion of R&D-based projects developed in areas such as artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, big data, blockchain, cybersecurity, and cloud computing, supported by strategic contacts aimed at developing global partnerships.

#### **TECH KALE'24**



 The TECH KALE'24 event focused on artificial intelligence and cybersecurity issues. At the event, experts from institutions such as the Presidential Digital Transformation Office, South Marmara Development Agency, and BG-Tek shared their knowledge and experience. Participants gained up-toinformation digital transformation processes, artificial intelligence applications. and cybersecurity threats.



#### **UNIVERSITY UNITS AND APPLICATIONS**

## <u>UNIVERSITY - PUBLIC SECTOR - INDUSTRY - CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS COOPERATION</u> <u>COORDINATION OFFICE</u>



ÇOMU aims to encourage, increase, and organize cooperation between public institutions and organizations, industry, and civil society organizations in terms of joint work, information sharing, and the use of infrastructure and facilities, and to establish cooperation and ensure coordination between the relevant units of the University and these institutions and organizations.



## SELECTED ACTIVITIES / EVENTS



Launch of the Kıvılcım Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence Pre-Incubation Program

Type: Launch / Entrepreneurship / Digital Transformation



UAVET Project UAV
Professional Skills
Development Workshop

Type: EU Erasmus+ Project Workshop / Vocational Education



Applied Training
Workshop in Vocational
Education

Type: Vocational Course/ Workshop



Zein Calibration Method
- National Patent

Type: R&D / Invention / Patent







Türkiye's Observation Satellites ComAgEnPlan Working Group

**Type: Education** 











## PROJECT EXAMPLE



#### "MY STYLE" SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECT

In collaboration with the Social Responsibility Project Coordination and the Çanakkale Barbers and Hairdressers Trade Association, the "My Style" social responsibility project was launched for students with special needs studying at the Şehit Tuğgeneral Sezgin Erdoğan Special Education Application School. As part of the project, the personal care needs of 34 students were met by volunteer barbers and hairdressers.



### PARTICIPANT EXAMPLE



#### AWARENESS MATCH "ACCESSIBLE CAMPUS"

ÇOMU and the European Champion Down Syndrome National Basketball Team held an awareness match at Terzioğlu Campus under the theme of "Barrier-Free Campus." While friendship was at the forefront of the match, social awareness regarding the participation of individuals with disabilities in social life and sports was emphasized.

#### "COLORS AND SOUNDS"

On April 2, as part of World Autism Awareness Day, a special awareness event titled "Colors and Sounds" was held at ÇOMU Faculty of Education. The event featured a personal art exhibition and piano recital by Denizhan Yalçınkaya, an individual with autism.

#### **RED LIGHT FOR AUTISM**

An awareness event themed "Red Light for Autism" was organized at ÇOMU under the coordination of Lecturer Sadettin Ekinci. Held as part of the Physical Education and Sports course for people with disabilities, the event allowed individuals with autism and their families to have fun with students through sports.





#### "BEYOND BARRIERS" MUSIC PROJECT

 With the support of ÇOMU, the "Music Beyond Barriers" project, run by the Association for the Development of Music and Performing Arts, has been awarded funding by the Ministry of the Interior. With a total budget of 411,450 TL, the project will support the active participation of individuals with disabilities in music and performing arts and their personal development.



#### **DISABLED STUDENT UNIT COORDINATION**

• The Disability Services Unit is a coordination unit that implements academic and physical adaptations to reduce the barriers faced by students with special needs in university life, ensure equal access, and support equal opportunities in education.



## SELECTED ACTIVITIES / EVENTS



IV. Autism and Music Summer School Gala Concert

Type: Social
Responsibility / Education
and Culture



"VR Education Bridges; I'm Traveling the Planets" project final success

Type: Social
Responsibility /
Education and Culture



TÜBİTAK 1001-supported research project titled "Equal Opportunities for Athletes with Disabilities"

> Type: R&D / Social Responsibility / Inclusive Sports



World Disability Day Awareness Match

Type: Sports/Social Contribution/Accessible Campus Awareness









#### **PARTICIPANT EXAMPLE**



#### **EMITT – JOIN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN** INTERNATIONAL TOURISM AND TRAVEL FAIR

**COMU participated in the EMITT - Eastern Mediterranean** International Tourism and Travel Fair held at Istanbul TÜYAP between February 6-9, 2024, promoting both Çanakkale and the university on an international platform. COMU's presence at the fair was an important step in terms of strengthening universitycity cooperation and achieving internationalization goals.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE FEBRUARY 6 EARTHQUAKES AND POST-EARTHQUAKE **ACTIVITIES - 3RD EARTHQUAKE WORKSHOP + MEMORIAL EXHIBITION**

The "Overview of the February 6 Kahramanmaraş Earthquakes and Post-Earthquake Activities Workshop" and the "We Were Shaken" Memorial Exhibition were held by COMU at Hamidiye Tabyaları. The workshop addressed post-earthquake damage assessment processes, field observations, public institution activities, and volunteer projects. In addition, the art exhibition prepared in memory of COMU students who lost their lives in the earthquake attracted significant interest.



## WORKSHOP/PROJECT EXAMPLE

#### WORKSHOP ON TRANSFORMATION FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING ON CAMPUS



The Sustainability Office Coordination organized a "Workshop on Transformation for Sustainable Living on Campus," during which field studies and observations were conducted on campus with students from the Technical Sciences Vocational School. The workshop addressed the concept of sustainability in its environmental, social, and economic dimensions; problems were identified and solutions were developed in areas such as waste, energy, water management, transportation, landscaping, and social facilities.



## SELECTED ACTIVITIES / EVENTS



**Green Movement -Atikhisar Cleanup** 

ype: Environmental Cleanup / Volunteering



Safe Hands -**Earthquake Education** and Awareness Project

Type: Disaster Awareness / **Social Responsibility** 



**Innovative Irrigation Solutions for** Sustainable Landscape Areas

**Areas/Education** 

Certificat **Type: Sustainable** 



- Sustainable Tourism

**Type: Sustainable Tourism** Certificate / Green Tourism



**Çanakkale City Tourism Digital 100** Workshop

Type: Sustainable Digital Cities / Workshop



**Eco-friendly behaviors** on campus **Type: Social** Awareness/Sustainable

Campuses











## SELECTED ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

#### SUSTAINABLE AND GREEN KITCHEN COURSE



The "Sustainable and Green Kitchen Training" program, organized in collaboration with ÇOMU and Çanakkale Municipality, was carried out with the contribution of ÇOMU's Gastronomy Department to raise environmental awareness in gastronomy. The two-day training program, designed for commercial businesses, covered green kitchen practices, zero waste management, and sustainable gastronomy strategies.

#### **NO PAPER WASTE**



• The ÇOMU Social Responsibility Project Coordination Office and the Green Transformation Coordination Office collaborated to organize an awareness-raising event for students at Karacaören Primary School as part of the "No Paper Waste" Project. The event featured presentations on recycling, the environmental impacts of paper waste, and sustainable living.

#### **CREATIVE RECYCLING ACTIVITIES WITH YOUTH**



• The Faculty of Fine Arts, ÇASEM, Çanakkale Municipality, and the Provincial Directorate of Family and Social Services jointly organized "Creative Recycling Activities with Young People" at the Karina Sea Culture Center. During the event, young people aged 13–18 from the Hüseyin Özcan Children's Homes participated in creative workshops such as recycling printing, creating characters from waste packaging, and ceramic pottery wheel throwing. The event brought together the themes of environmental awareness, artistic expression, and social participation, strengthening the creativity and sustainability awareness of young people.

#### FOR A GREENER TOMORROW, COMPOST WASTE WITH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



• The educational activities of the project titled "Hope for the Future, Compost Waste for Green Tomorrows," carried out by graduate students of the Department of Geography Education at ÇOMU under the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) program supported by the European Union's Erasmus+ initiative, have been successfully completed.



### **UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS**

SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE COORDINATION



**GREEN TRANSFORMATION COORDINATION** 



**SUSTAINABLE GREEN ECONOMY CLUB** 



**SUSTAINABILITY CLUB** 



#### **APPLICATION EXAMPLES**

**ZERO WASTE INITIATIVES - SWAP FEST** 



#### **PROJECT EXAMPLE**

#### **ECOUNITY-ERASMUS+ PROJECT**



The launch of the ECOUNITY-Erasmus+ Project, supported by the European Union and in which ÇOMU is a partner, was held at Hamidiye Tabyaları. The launch highlighted issues such as climate change, environmental pollution, loss of biodiversity, sustainable development, and green transformation. The project aims to raise environmental awareness and promote green transformation practices by fostering collaboration between universities and local actors.

## PRODUCTION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AND BIODEGRADABLE FOOD PACKAGING FROM BROWN SEAWEED

As part of a TÜBİTAK-supported project, environmentally friendly and biodegradable food packaging was produced from brown seaweed. The project was carried out by fourth-year student Büşra Esim under the supervision of Associate Professor Dr. Filiz Uğur Nigiz. By utilizing brown algae, which have increased along coastlines following algal blooms, the project contributed to waste management while also offering an innovative solution in the field of sustainable packaging technologies.













## SELECTED ACTIVITIES/EVENTS



Potassium Magnesium
Phosphate Smart
Fertilizer Production
Project
Type: R&D Project / Student-

**Academic Initiative** 



Production of
Biodegradable Food
Packaging from Food
Waste – Pumpkin Project

Type: R&D / Sustainable Materials / Circular Economy / Laboratory Project



Art and Recycling
Collaboration Protocol

Type: Sustainability



Seminar on
Sustainability
Reporting Standards
and Practices

Type: Seminar/ Sustainability



**Small Savings Project** 

Type: Social Responsibility /
Environmental and Financial
Awareness / Environmental
Education



The Role of Economic
Policies in Sustainable
Development



Cost Accounting and
Governance Seminar
for Green
Transformation
Projects
Type: Seminar / Green
Economy



Creative Recycling
Activities with Young
People
Type: Event













## SYMPOSIUM/DISCUSSION EXAMPLES

"CLIMATE CRISIS AND ZERO WASTE" DISCUSSION



• In collaboration with ÇOMU Green Transformation Coordination and Kepez Municipality, two important activities were carried out to raise environmental awareness as part of the events organized for World Environment Day on June 5 and Marmara Day on June 8: "Climate Crisis and Zero Waste" Discussion: The discussion, which began with an opening speech by Kepez Mayor Birol Arslan, addressed individual and societal approaches to the climate crisis. "Recycling in Art Mobile Printing Workshop": In the mobile workshop established in partnership with Kolin Hotel and ÇOMU Faculty of Fine Arts, the public created art using recycled materials.

SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGY

Drawing on the broad perspective offered by different sub-disciplines of psychology, the second Symposium on Environmental and Climate Change Studies in Psychology, held as an event of the Environmental Psychology Research Group (EnviPsy-RG), aims to bring together academics, graduate students, and practitioners working in the field of environment and climate change to discuss, replicate, and disseminate research in this area. The second Symposium on Environmental and Climate Change Studies in Psychology was organized in 2024 by the Environmental Psychology Laboratory (EnviPsy-Lab) within the Department of Psychology at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University.





## **UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS AND CLUBS**

SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE COORDINATION



**GREEN TRANSFORMATION COORDINATION** 



**SUSTAINABILITY CLUB** 





#### PARTICIPANT EXAMPLE

#### TREE PLANTING EVENT



On March 21, World Forestry Day, a tree planting event coordinated by the General Directorate of Forestry of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry was held at Çanakkale Radar Hill. The event, aimed at raising awareness about forestry, promoting environmental consciousness, and leaving a green world for future generations, saw saplings planted in the soil.

#### **MARCH 21 WORLD FORESTRY DAY**

As part of World Forestry Day on March 21, a tree planting event was organized at ÇOMU under the leadership of Tez-Koop iş Union, the authorized union at the university. The event aimed to increase green areas on campus and raise environmental awareness.













## SELECTED ACTIVITIES / EVENTS



Scientific Research in Antarctica and Climate Change



Forest Week Tree Planting
Event



Seed Ball Event – Zero
Waste Day
Green Transformation
Coordination



Down Syndrome National Basketball Team Tree Planting Event



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Tree Planting in
Commemoration of the
102nd Anniversary of
Gallipoli's Liberation from
Enemy Occupation



Green Transformation Forests – Tree Sapling Planting



GreenMetric Meeting
Sustainability Office
Coordination



Climate Action Plan
Workshop
Sustainability Office
Coordination



The Future of Climate

Radio Program

Green Transformation

Coordination











## KATILIMCI ÖRNEK

#### "REMOVAL OF SOLID WASTE AND GARBAGE FROM THE SEA" ACTIVITY



As part of World Environment Day in June, Assoc. Prof. Gençtan Erman UĞUR from the Transportation Services Department Marina and Yacht Management Program, along with faculty members from ÇOMU Faculty of Marine Sciences and Technology and ÇOMU Underwater Research and Application Center, participated as divers. The event took place in front of Kepez Barış Cafe, and the waste removed from the sea was brought ashore to be displayed to the public.

#### **ÇARDAK SAND ISLAND - WASTE COLLECTION ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS ACTIVITIES**

As part of an event coordinated by ÇOMU Faculty of Marine Sciences and Technology and the Maritime Vocational School, waste collection and environmental awareness activities were carried out on Çardak Sand Island. The event focused on protecting marine and coastal ecosystems, raising awareness of sustainability in the marine environment, and developing cooperation with local authorities.



#### **ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE FUTURE FISH EURASIA INTERNATIONAL FAIR**



ÇOMU actively participated in the Future Fish Eurasia International Fair, showcasing its scientific capacity in the aquatic products sector and opportunities for university-industry collaboration to a wide audience.

ÇOMU's stand attracted significant interest from visitors; contacts were established during the fair on topics such as the integration of academic projects into the sector, joint R&D development opportunities, and sustainable production techniques.



## CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP EXAMPLES

THE WRECKS OF THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN – BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION, AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

In collaboration with ÇOMU and the Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TÜDAV), an online workshop titled "The Wrecks of the Gallipoli Campaign – Biodiversity, Conservation, and Sustainable Management." The workshop addressed the protection and promotion of underwater cultural heritage elements and their connection to biodiversity and sustainable tourism. The interdisciplinary event brought together topics such as underwater archaeology, marine biology, history, cultural heritage, and sustainability. The event also gained international visibility by being included in the global calendar of World Ocean Day.



## "INVERTEBRATE FARMING: A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE WITH IMTA SYSTEMS"

ÇOMU Faculty of Marine Sciences and Technology hosted a conference titled "Invertebrate Aquaculture: A Sustainable Future with IMTA Systems" with the participation of Turkish and Italian scientists. The event evaluated the contribution of invertebrate species (mussels, oysters, pina, etc.) to the marine ecosystem, the conservation of biological diversity, and sustainable aquaculture production within the scope of Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA) systems.



## SELECTED ACTIVITIES/EVENTS



Hamzakoy Coastal Strip Cleanup

Type: Environmental
Awareness



**Beach Cleanup Event** 

Type: Environmental Awareness











#### TREE PLANTING IN AREAS DAMAGED BY FIRE DISASTERS



• ÇOMU Social Responsibility Project Coordination and Uludağ Electricity Retail collaborated to plant saplings in areas affected by the fire disaster. The event contributed to the restoration of natural habitats and the creation of sustainable environmental awareness.

#### NATURE AND BIRD MIGRATION FESTIVAL

• The Nature and Bird Migration Festival, organized in collaboration between ÇOMU and Çanakkale Municipality, took place between May 10–12, 2024, with colorful events aimed at raising participants' awareness of environmental sustainability in an immersive natural setting. The festival featured bird watching walks, a photo exhibition showcasing bird photographs, nature–themed children's games, workshops, and night photography events. Planned under the coordination of Nature and Bird Watching Club advisors Dr. ibrahim Uysal and Assoc. Prof. Ahmet Ali Berber, the festival aimed to encourage sensitivity towards nature and raise awareness about biological diversity.



#### **ÇANAKKALE BIODIVERSITY PANEL AND EXHIBITION**



 The "Çanakkale Biodiversity Panel and Exhibition" event, organized by ÇOMU as part of International Biodiversity Day and hosted by the Faculty of Agriculture, was held with the aim of protecting the region's natural wealth and raising awareness. The panel discussed Çanakkale's ecosystems and biological diversity potential, while the exhibition featured collections and thematic artworks reflecting the region's species diversity.



### **UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS AND CLUBS**

**NATURE AND BIRDWATCHING CLUB** 

SUSTAINABLE GREEN ECONOMY CLUB





#### BREATH TO THE FUTURE, BREATH FOR HUMANITY

• On November 11, 2024, in line with the Presidential Decree, ÇOMU participated in a meaningful event aimed at increasing forest resources in collaboration with the Çanakkale Forest Regional Directorate as part of the National Forestation Day celebrated throughout the country. Under the theme "Breath for the Future, Breath for Humanity," 37.7 million saplings were planted at 690 locations across Turkey.



Under the scope of a TÜBİTAK-supported project led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şahin Kök from ÇOMU, with Prof. Dr. İsmail Kasap and Research Assistant İpek Yaşar as co-researchers, a new insect species feeding on the endemic poppy species found in the Kaz Mountains (Papaver pilosum subsp. strictum) found in the Kaz Mountains. This new species, described by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Şahin Kök, was named Aphis (Bursaphis) kazdagensis in honor of the Kaz Mountains. The fact that it is specific to a plant species found only in the Kaz Mountains in terms of biogeography makes this discovery extremely valuable to the scientific world in terms of uniqueness and ecological importance. The study was conducted through international collaboration between researchers from ÇOMU and Ilia State University in Georgia.

#### A NEW INSECT SPECIES DISCOVERY













## **UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS**





• Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University's new Strategic Plan Launch for the 2024–2028 period was held at the İÇDAŞ Kara Yusuf Congress Center with broad participation. The university's mission, vision, core values, and policy documents were presented at the launch. Goals were announced under the strategic plan in areas such as education, research, sustainability, quality, social contribution, and internationalization.

#### **COMU POLICY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP - I**



The first Policy Development Workshop at ÇOMU was held in the Rectorate Senate Hall. Chaired by Rector Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu, the workshop was attended by university management, quality commissions, department heads, and student representatives. Institutional policy documents prepared in line with the 2024–2028 Strategic Plan were presented to the participants for their feedback. The workshop was an important step towards producing participatory and sustainable institutional policies in line with strategic goals.



## SYMPOSIUM/PANEL EXAMPLES

"TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY IN THE 100TH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC: TURKEY – RUSSIA – NATO AND THE EUROPEAN UNION" PANEL



The panel titled "Turkish Foreign Policy in the 100th Year of the Republic: Turkey – Russia – NATO and the European Union," organized by the Faculty of Political Sciences at ÇOMU, was held at the Troya Cultural Center. At the panel, Prof. Dr. Yelda Hatice Ongun, Prof. Dr. Hasan Ünal, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayşe Gülce Uygun gave comprehensive presentations on topics such as Turkey-Russia relations, Turkey's role in a multipolar world order, the Russia-Ukraine War, and EU sanctions.



#### COMUMUN'24



The COMUMUN'24 Model United Nations Conference, organized for the first time by the ÇOMU Career and Development Club, was held with simulation sessions lasting three days. At the event, students discussed current global issues in NATO, UNEP, WHO, and UNHCR committees and developed proposed solutions. Aiming to foster a Model United Nations culture at the university, the event contributed to the development of confident, participatory, and solution-oriented individuals.

#### **VOLUNFEST**

ÇOMU hosted the VOLUNFEST event held at the Troia Cultural Center on October 10, 2024, as part of the Civil Participation Project's Volunteering Component, making a significant contribution to encouraging volunteering among young people and strengthening multi-stakeholder civil society awareness. The event, carried out in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), was attended by representatives from the Çanakkale Governor's Office, the Mayor's Office, the Turkish Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Interior, the Union of Municipalities of Turkey, numerous NGOs, and university students.

In the opening speeches made during the event, it was emphasized that volunteering is one of the fundamental principles of the UN, and the social impact power, leadership potential, and active citizenship roles of young people for sustainable societies were highlighted.















## **SELECTED ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**



July 15
Commemorative Dive
and Flag Raising
Ceremony
Type: National Draw



July 15 Democracy and National Unity Day Event Type: National Unity



TroyMUN Conference

Type: Diplomacy / Awareness / Youth Participation



ENSA Membership –
Participation in the
European Social
Authorities Network

Type: International Network

Membership



ÇOMU Policy Development Workshop - II

Türü: Stratejik Planlama / Kurumsal Gelişim / Çalıştay











## SELECTED ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

**Interreg NEXT Cross-Border Cooperation Meeting in the Mediterranean Basin** 

Type: International Project Information Meeting / EU **Program Cooperation** 

Relevant SDG: SDG 11, SDG 13

**Green Transformation Project – Implementation** at Tetova University

Type: International Education / Sustainability / Green Collar Recruitment

Relevant SDG: SDG 4, SDG 8, **SDG 10, SDG 13** 

**Protocol Between** <u>Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart</u> **University and Ziraat** <u>Bank</u>

Type: Corporate Partnership / **Sports Sponsorship** 

Relevant SDG: SDG 3, SDG 4

Turkey and Azerbaijan **Academic Cooperation** 

> Type: International **Academic Cooperation**

Relevant SDG: SDG 4, SDG 11, **SDG 16** 









**Health Tourism Cooperation Between** the Ministries of Health of Uzbekistan, **Azerbaijan and ÇOMU** 

Type: International Cooperation / Health Tourism **Protocol** Relevant SKA: SDG 3, SDG 8

**Academic Cooperation** <u>Visit with Philippine</u> **Universities** 

Type: International **Academic Cooperation** 

Relevant SDG: SDG 4

**Baku Water Week International Conference** <u>&-Azerbaijan</u> **Cooperation Visit** 

Type: International **Conference and Protocol** 

Relevant SDG: SDG 6, SDG 13

smARt Project Visit -**Erasmus+ Partnership** 

Type: International Education / Digitalization / Erasmus+

Relevant SDG: SDG 9, SDG 10





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