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#### AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA RENEWED

The collaboration agreement between the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the University of Bologna has been renewed on the 16th of June 2025 in Bologna. The agreement was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and the Rector of the University of Bologna Prof. Dr. Giovanni Molari during a signing ceremony attended by Prof. Dr. Raffaella Campaner, the Vice Rector for International Relations at the University of Bologna; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba, the Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Law; and "Comparative Legal Systems" Program Director Prof. Dr. Fabiana Mattioli.

Within the framework of the agreement, graduates of "Comparative Legal Systems" master's program graduates receive joint diplomas from EMU and the University of Bologna since 2017. The collaboration encompasses undergraduate and graduate student exchanges, participation of University of Bologna Law Faculty academics in teaching at EMU pg >2



## **EMU CONTINUES TO BE THE BEST**

EMU ONCE AGAIN RANKED AS THE TOP UNIVERSITY IN THE TRNC BY THE QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

As the first university established in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) takes pride in maintaining its role as a trailblazer in the country. With its exceptional academic staff and strong research capacity, EMU continues to enhance its distinguished presence in various prominent global university rankings.

As announced at 02:01 a.m. on Thursday, 19 June 2025, EMU has once again secured its place as the leading university in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, ranking 691st among 1,500 universities from 105 countries in the QS World University Rankings. This achievement follows EMU's strong entry

into the rankings last year. EMU marked a notable achievement by surpassing 54% of the universities featured in the ranking, securing the 9th position among the 28 universities from the Republic of Türkiye included in the list.

EMU Stood Out with the Citations Received for Its Scientific Publications The 2025 QS World University Rankings, by the UK-based QS, were determined using data gathered in partnership with Elsevier, a global leader in analytics and information services. The results were based on an extensive analysis of 19.8 million academic papers and 200 million citations. EMU earned its highest scores in citations per faculty (23.5%), international student ratio (18.8%), and faculty pg>3



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programs, and the joint development of academic projects.

New Areas of Collaboration Identified The meeting and signing session held at the University of Bologna enhanced the current relation between the EMU and the University of Bologna, establishing a ground for multidimensional academic collaborations to be initiated within the parties. During the said meeting, decisions were taken to initiate new joint undergraduate and graduate programs, broaden student exchange to cover fields other than law, and collaborate on organizing conferences, symposiums, and summer schools.

#### University of Bologna Law Faculty Members to Teach at EMU

As part of his visit to the University of Bologna, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıc met with Prof. Dr. Federico Casolari, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Bologna. The meeting focused on the planned launch of new graduate programs such as "Intellectual Property, Information and Communication Technologies Law" and "Law and Artificial Intelligence". It was also agreed that faculty members from the Bologna Law School, based on their areas of expertise, would teach in EMU's Englishmedium Law Undergraduate Program, set to begin in the 2025-2026 Academic Year Fall Semester. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Luca Mezzetti, a specialist in Public Law, also expressed his intention to contribute to the program.

In his address at the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted EMU's ongoing efforts to expand globally, enhance its development, and support the country's presence in the international academic community. He also extended his sincere thanks to all rectors, vice rectors, deans, and both academic and administrative staff who played a role in making the agreement possible. Furthermore, Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç said; "EMU Faculty of Law is proud to formalize the renewed agreement for the Comparative Legal Systems Program, a joint initiative with the University of Bologna, renowned as one of the oldest and most esteemed universities globally,





will deepen EMU's international cooperation and open new opportunities for a variety of academic projects moving forward. EMU remains committed to progressing and strengthening its position".

### "Chance to Graduate with a Postgraduate Degree in Five Years"

Acting Dean of the EMU Faculty of Law Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba underscored that students enrolled in the "English-medium Law Undergraduate Program" and the "Comparative Legal Systems" Master's Program will have the chance to complete their master's degree within just five years. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alibaba also expressed their excitement about welcoming new students to the EMU Faculty of Law in the 2025–2026 Academic Year Fall Semester.





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internationalization (14.5%), securing a strong position in the rankings.

Recognized globally for its international profile, EMU secured the 13th position worldwide in the "International Student Diversity" category and ranked 19th in the "International Students" category in the 2026 QS World University Rankings.

#### "EMU Takes Pride in Representing the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus at the Highest International Level"

Making remarks on the university's outstanding achievements, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed great pride in the university's ongoing international accomplishments, particularly its prominent position representing



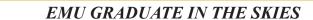
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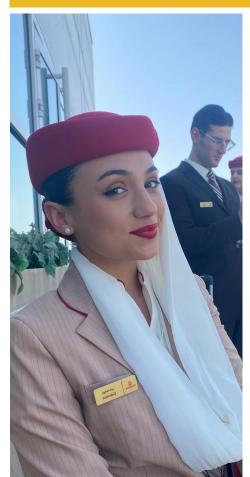
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the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in the esteemed QS World University Rankings. Prof. Dr. Kılıç underscored that EMU's recognition among the world's top universities by numerous independent international ranking bodies is not coincidental. This success is rooted in EMU's dedication to its mission of upholding universal values, following globally accepted academic standards, addressing both regional and international issues with a strong sense of social responsibility, embracing cultural diversity, and cultivating graduates who champion free thinking. Prof. Dr. Kılıç acknowledged that this remarkable achievement belongs to the committed EMU staff, accomplished alumni, and students, congratulating all contributors and wishing them continued excellence.

#### News from Our Alumni





Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Cabin Services program's 2024 graduate Gülcenaz Esendağ continues her professional career in the skies. Gülcenaz, whose determination, discipline, and commitment set an inspiring example, has started her career as a cabin crew member at Emirates Airlines, one of the world's leading aviation companies. With her outstanding efforts, multilingual communication skills, and her professional standing, Gülcenaz achieved to be the one selected for the said posting among hundreds of applicants.

Throughout her study, Gülcenaz integrated theoretical knowledge with field practices, gaining the practical skills needed to excel in the industry. Her success serves as a motivating example for young people aiming to pursue international careers in aviation.

Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkay Yorgancı, Dean of the EMU Faculty of Tourism, stated

that it is a great source of pride to have a graduate of EMU to participate in leading aviation company like Emirates. Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı noted that this achievement showcases the quality of the program and the potential of EMU students. Moreover, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı underscored that EMU's robust academic programs in tourism and aviation, combined with its strong industry partnerships and skilled graduates, ensure that more students will take to the skies each year.

#### "Fills us with Great Pride"

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "Graduate, Gülcenaz Esendağ's role at a prestigious global airline such as Emirates reflects the exceptional quality of education, commitment to hands-on training, and expert faculty at our university. It fills us with great pride to see our students excel on the international stage. We wish her all the best and a successful journey ahead".

## **INTBAU DIALOGUES II**

#### HELD IN COLLABORATION WITH EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE











Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture has recently organized the "INTBAU DIALOGUES II" conference in collaboration with the INTBAU Cyprus. The event which took place at EMU Faculty of Architecture, was held within the framework of two main themes: "Cultural Heritage in Times of Conflict and Disaster" and "Traditional Architecture in Contemporary Times".

The opening speeches of the conference were delivered by the Chair of EMU Department of Architecture Prof. Dr. Rafooneh Moktarshani, the Vice Chair of INTBAU MT and Chair of INTBAU Cyprus Prof. Dr. Özgür Dinçyürek and, INTBAU Executive Director Harriet Wennberg. Students, academic staff members and guests demonstrated great interest in the speeches.

The conference, conducted in a hybrid format, included invited presentations from Prof. Dr. Giuseppe Amuroso, Dr. Aylin Akçabozan Taşkıran, Prof. Dr. Can Şakir Binan, Georgia Cristea, and Prof. Dr. Çiğdem Polatoğlu Serter.

During the conference, the measures taken and necessary future actions after the earthquake disaster were reviewed, with particular attention to several cities in Italy and Hatay province in Türkiye. Furthermore, the event featured an

academic discussion on the policies and practices implemented for protecting cultural heritage in both Romania and Türkiye.

The event featured representation at the president level from INTBAU Cyprus, as well as INTBAU Türkiye, Romania, the United Kingdom, and Italy. By fostering an interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge and emphasizing international collaboration, the conference became a prominent platform within its field.



### **EMU REPRESENTATIONS MADE THE UNIVERSITY PROUD**

## PROF. DR. SEBNEM HOSKARA REPRESENTS EMU AT THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (THE) GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture academic staff member, Chair of Urban Design and Research Center (URDC) and Sustainable Campus Coordinator Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara represented EMU at the "Times Higher Education (THE) Global Sustainable Development Congress (GSDC)" held in Istanbul on 16-19 June 2025.

#### Nearly 5,000 Participants from Over 100 Countries

Hosted by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) of the Republic of Türkiye under the coordination of the Times Higher Education (THE), the congress was held in collaboration with the University of South Africa, Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Florida International University. The event which provided a prominent international platform for exchanging innovative ideas, strategies, and practices focused on promoting sustainability across multiple sectors by bringing together nearly 5,000 participant from over 100 countries. The congress focused on six main themes designed to address the transformative changes needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These themes included digital innovation; urban development and communities; education, gender and social inequalities, food systems, land, water and marine resources, health and well-being, and energy and industrial development. Additionally, the event hosted dedicated sessions that explored practical approaches to tackling the sustainability crisis.

Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara took part as an invited moderator in the "Integrating SDGs into Higher Education: Bridging Academia, Industry, and NGOs" session organized within the scope of the congress, by the Global Sustainability Ambassadors. The session explored various topics, including the development of SDG-oriented teaching models through collaboration between academia, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations; integration of the SDGs into interdisciplinary curricula by linking the natural and social sciences; assessing and monitoring the implementation of SDG practices in higher education, and examining how SDG-oriented education can effectively address sustainability challenges at both local and global levels.



## EMU REPRESENTED AT THE ISPO 2025 WORLD CONGRESS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty Vice Dean and Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yasin Yurt proudly represented EMU at the 20th edition of the International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) World Congress organized in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden.

The congress hosted over 2000 participants who are prosthetics-orthotics specialists, physiotherapists, practitioners, technicians and podiatrists coming from 72 countries around the world. At the said event, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yurt delivered two presentations titled "Effect of 12 Weeks of Insole Use on Plantar Pressure in Type 2 Diabetics with Peripheral Neuropathy" and "Investigation of the Relationship between Plantar Flexor Stiffness and Plantar Pressure in Type 2 Diabetic Individuals with Neuropathy".

#### "Among the Top Three Researchers"

The paper titled "Investigation of the Relationship between Plantar Flexor Stiffness and Plantar Pressure in Type 2 Diabetic Individuals with Neuropathy" gained international appreciation by being ranked among the top three researchers in the "Advancing P&O" (Advancing Prosthetics and Orthotics) category which featured 433 submissions in total.

Making remarks following the congress, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yurt highlighted that globally advancing practices in prosthetics, orthotics, and rehabilitation are also being effectively implemented in our country through the Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Biomechanics Center within the EMU Faculty of Health Sciences. He further emphasized that the scientific research carried out by the Faculty extends beyond academic instruction, contributing meaningfully to the university's research agenda and its mission of serving the community.



## **NEW PROGRAMS FROM EMU TO SHAPE THE FUTURE**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is awaiting its students who wish to shape the future with the newly launched associate, undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs of EMU which will commence student admissions as of 2025 – 2026 Academic Year. Beyond offering a diploma, EMU provides a cutting-edge, innovation-focused education that is closely aligned with the demands of the globalized world.

### New Horizons in the Associate and Undergraduate Programs of EMU

Designed to meet the evolving needs of the modern world, the newly introduced programs aim to prepare students not only for today's careers but also for the professions of the future. With this vision, EMU will admit students to three new associate degree programs under the School of Computing and Technology: Cybersecurity Technology, Corporate IT Expertise, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Operations, all offered in both Turkish and English languages.

The Cybersecurity Technology Associate Program is designed to cultivate skilled professionals who can meet the growing demand for talent in

information technology, data protection, and cybersecurity across a wide range of industries. On the other hand, the Corporate IT Expertise Associate Degree Program aims to train specialists equipped with current knowledge and skills to support software teams, assist employees lacking digital proficiency, and effectively utilize digital tools in response to the increasing digital transformation of both public and private sector operations. Moreover, the Artificial Intelligence Operations Associate Degree Program focuses on developing individuals capable of effectively integrating and managing AI technologies in professional settings, in line with the expanding role of artificial intelligence in the modern workplace.

In addition, the English-medium Law Undergraduate Program launched by the Faculty of Law aims to equip students for a legal career that meets the standards not only in Cyprus and Türkiye, but also on an international level. The program is designed to provide students with both a strong theoretical foundation and practical skills, enabling them to gain comprehensive legal knowledge. Graduates will have the opportunity to specialize in globally significant legal fields, paving the

way for career paths in international law, human rights, corporate law, and beyond.

### New Master's Programs in the Fields of Healthcare and Medicine

With its newly introduced graduate programs in Health and Medical Sciences, the university aims to elevate the careers of its students by instilling them with a deeper academic knowledge. The Faculty of Health Sciences offers an English-medium Master's program with thesis in Physical Activity, Health, and Sports, focusing on the physiological, anatomical, biological, and biomechanical aspects of physical activity. The program aims to develop skilled researchers and professionals who can carry out comprehensive studies on exercise physiology, the significance and evaluation of physical activity, strategies to enhance activity levels, and the importance of physical activity and proper nutrition in preventing diseases caused by inactivity.

Furthermore, Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty's Translational Medicine Doctoral Program intends to create a bridge between clinical practices and basic sciences by directly transferring scientific research findings to patient care. The Translational Medicine Program is referred as one of the most important fields to shape the future treatment methods.

More information regarding the programs can be obtained by contacting (0392) 630 2010, (0392) 630 1216 or (0392) 630 1217; or from registrar@emu.edu.tr e-mail address.

### "Committed to Continuous Growth to Embrace the Future"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that the university pursues a forward-thinking vision that responds to contemporary demands. He stated, "We are dedicated to ongoing development to stay ahead of future challenges. At EMU, our focus extends beyond present-day needs to include emerging scientific disciplines and professions that will define tomorrow. Our newly established programs embody our commitment to nurturing innovative, technology-driven individuals grounded in universal principles. Our goal is to equip students for success in the global arena while fostering a strong sense of social responsibility and productivity.' Prof. Dr. Kılıç also expressed confidence that the programs introduced in key fields such as information technology, artificial intelligence, law, and health sciences will create significant influence at both regional and global levels.







## New programs for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

**Information Security Technology** 

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(English) (Associate Degree)

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# EMU TO BEGIN STUDENT ADMISSIONS INTO THE 'TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE' DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty will begin student admissions into the "Translational Medicine" Ph.D. program. Approved by the Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK), the Englishmedium program will offer education to Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) citizen students and international students.

Aiming to serve as a bridge between clinical practices and basic sciences, the said program seeks to transfer the findings of scientific research directly to patient care. Translational Medicine is expected to be one of the most important fields to lead future treatment methods.

Along with the doctoral thesis, proficiency examination and seminar, the program offers theoretical and practical courses such as research ethics, research methods, basic and clinical medical sciences, biostatistics and genomics.

Moreover, students also have the opportunity to choose elective courses from a wide range of options, including microbiology, neuroscience, bioinformatics, medical engineering, epigenetics and drug discovery.

Anticipated to shape the future treatment methods, the translational medicine Ph.D. program also expected to offer an important opportunity for researchers and scientists.

In addition to medical school graduates, the program welcomes applications from individuals who hold an undergraduate's or master's degree in fields such as health sciences, dentistry, pharmacy, biological sciences, engineering, biotechnology, or other relevant disciplines.

Applications to be submitted Online Applications for the said program will be submitted online. Candidates who wish to apply for the doctoral program are required to hold



undergraduate and postgraduate diplomas in relevant field. More information regarding the program can be obtained by contacting (0392) 630 1570 or e-mailing medicine@emu.edu.tr. On the other hand, information regarding the application period shall be accessed from the https://grad.emu.edu.tr/en, the official website of the EMU Institute of Graduate Studies and Research.

# A GLOBAL INITIATIVE IN EDUCATION FROM EMU FACULTY OF LAW: ENGLISH-MEDIUM LAW UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM TO COMMENCE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Law will introduce its new Englishmedium Law Undergraduate Program (LL.B.) as of 2025-2026 Academic Year Fall Semester.

Approved by the Higher Education Planning, Accreditation and Coordination Council (YÖDAK), the newly launched program is designed to provide students with a well-rounded legal education by combining theory and practice, to prepare them for successful careers in law both within the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and internationally.

Structured with a comparative approach, the program curriculum offers students the chance to specialize in globally relevant fields such as English Common Law, EU Law, International Trade Law, and Human Rights. Alongside core subjects like Constitutional Law, Public International Law, Arbitration Law, Maritime Law, and European Union Law, students will also complete a graduation project based on academic legal research, enabling them to deepen their knowledge in a chosen area of legal expertise.

Collaboration with the University of Bologna One of the most striking features of the program is the comprehensive academic collaboration with the University of Bologna, Faculty of Law which is the oldest law school in the world. This collaboration offers students exceptional opportunities, including participation in joint graduate programs, student exchange, and academic cooperation. Through this partnership, students may spend one or two semesters studying at the University of Bologna, conduct research in prestigious European law libraries, and benefit from priority admission and scholarship opportunities for joint LL.M. programs. Furthermore, international academic engagement will be enriched through unique courses and seminars, such as 'Medieval Law to Modern Jurisprudence', delivered by Bologna Law Faculty members.

Consisting of 240 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) credits, the program leads to the internationally recognized Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree upon successful completion. Graduates will be well-prepared to explore a wide range of career opportunities, including practicing law, pursuing academic roles, providing consultancy for international organizations, or engaging in diplomatic service.

The program which will be delivered by distinguished academic staff members of EMU Faculty of Law who are experts in various fields of law, will not only transfer knowledge but



also develop of students' critical thinking and master their academic research methods. With a strong interdisciplinary focus and a commitment to staying current with legal developments, the academic staff will foster an educational environment that supports both professional growth and research skills. Aligned with this vision, the English-medium LL.B. program will extend the Faculty of Law's commitment to high-quality legal education into the international arena.

More information regarding the program can be obtained by contacting (0 392) 630 11 71, (0 392) 630 22 85 and (0 392) 630 11 76 or, e-mailing to law.admissions@emu.edu.tr address

## EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM GRADUATE CİHAN KÜÇÜKÇAVDAR SHARES HIS CAREER JOURNEY WITH EMU STUDENTS



Within the scope of the 13th International Career Days co-organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism and Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MIKA), a seminar titled "My Career Journey" took place at Faculty of Tourism featuring Cihan Küçükçavdar, the Executive Chef of Hilton Istanbul Bomonti Hotel who is also a graduate of the EMU Faculty of Tourism. During the event held at the Faculty of Tourism, Küçükçavdar shared his professional experiences in the sector and provided the participants insights on method to cope with challenges encountered along the journey.

The seminar received participation from the Acting Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkay Yorgancı, Vide Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. Tuna Karatepe, academic personnel and students.

#### "An Immense Source of Pride"

Delivering the opening speech of the event, Acting Dean of the EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkay Yorgancı noted that Cihan Küçükçavdar, a graduate of the faculty, currently holds the position of Executive Chef at Hilton Istanbul Bomonti Hotel. Highlighting Küçükçavdar's extensive experience of over 20 years in kitchen management and his remarkable accomplishments on both national and international stages, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı said; "We take immense pride in the fact that this remarkable and inspiring career journey began at the EMU Faculty of Tourism. We extend our congratulations once again and are honoured to have him among us".







### "Within Top 10 in Europe and Globally"

In his address, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Acting Rector of EMU, stressed that the Gastronomy Program is among the most robust and dynamic offerings within the Faculty of Tourism. Prof. Dr. Karatepe emphasized the faculty's notable academic and industry accomplishments, pointing out its high placement in internationally recognized rankings. Particularly due to the excellence and citation rates of its tourism-related research, the Faculty of Tourism is ranked within the top 10 in Europe and globally. Prof. Dr. Karatepe also noted EMU's strong standing in the Times Higher Education rankings and stressed the importance of students recognizing these achievements. He added that EMU graduates hold influential positions across a broad spectrum, from governmental ministries to hotel management, and that their success exemplifies the university's forward-looking vision.

#### "Love and Passion – Most Important Sources of Motivation"

Küçükçavdar highlighted that despite the profession's challenges, love and passion remain the key motivators to overcome them. He reflected on how his experiences in the industry have empowered him, noting the complementary relationship between the pursuit of independence and professional development. Emphasizing

the significance of education and practical experience in navigating career obstacles, Küçükçavdar encouraged students to proceed with confidence and determination. Sharing his personal journey, he also shed light on the global opportunities the sector offers, inspiring those aspiring to achieve success in their careers.

At the end of the event, EMU students had the opportunity to ask questions to Küçükçavdar, getting important information about the sector. Then, Küçükçavdar was presented with a plaque by Acting Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkay Yorgancı and Vice Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. Tuna Karatepe.



## ONAT ATAMAN MEETS WITH STUDENTS AT EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism hosted Onat Ataman, Licensed Flight Instructor and SkyWest Airlines Captain, during a seminar titled "Above the Clouds: The Role of Global Tourism in Aviation – A Pilot's Perspective" was organized with the theme of "Learn, Explore, Experience the World".

During the event coordinated by the EMU Faculty of Tourism academic staff

member Dr. Nazanin Naderiadib Alpler, Ataman blended his first-hand professional experience with an overview of the aviation sector's critical role in global tourism. Alongside delivering key industry insights, he shared his personal career story as a successful young professional with the students.

Receiving great interest, especially from the Tourism and Aviation program students, the seminar stood out with its educational and visionary aspects. EMU Faculty of Tourism strives to continue organizing event to contribute to the career development of its students by bringing them together with prominent figures from the sector.

The event concluded with Acting Dean of the EMU Faculty of Tourism, Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkay Yorgancı presenting certificate of appreciation to Ataman.





### 'GENÇ HÜRKUŞ': TÜRKİYE — TRNC YOUTH MEETING HELD AT EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) once again hosted a very inspirational event. Within the scope of the "GENÇ HÜRKUŞ TRNC Meeting with Our Youth" event, Chief Test Pilot Murat Özpala from the Turkish Aviation and Aerospace Industry met with the students of EMY Faculty of Tourism.

During the event coordinated by the EMU Faculty of Tourism academic staff member Dr. Nazanin Naderiadib Alpler, Murat Özpala shared insights on his life experiences, career journey and inspirational advices with the students.

Özpala energized the participants by recounting fascinating stories from his test flights, creating an exciting atmosphere.

Putting an emphasis on the vision of "Özgür Kanatlar Özgür Gökyüzünde / Free Wings in the Free Sky", Özpala stressed the importance of strengthening the sense of national pride and encouraging youth to remain determined in chasing their dreams. Özpala also sought to enhance students' awareness, critical thinking, and visionary abilities through his suggestions of books and films.





## EMU DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS' IMPORTANT REPRESENTATION AT THE 14TH NATIONAL HEALTHY LIFE CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics proudly represented EMU at the 14th National Healthy Life Congress hosted by the Acıbadem Mehmet Ali Aydınlar University on 12 – 15 June 2025.

Within the scope of the congress, Assist. Prof. Dr. Gözde Okburan from EMU Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, delivered a presentation titled "Karbonhidratlar ve Uzun Yaşam: Dost mu, Düşman mı? / Carbonhydrates and Longevity: A Friend or An Enemy?". Furthermore, EMU Department of Nutrition and Dietetics academic staff members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ceren Gezer and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Seray Kabaran respectively delivered presentations titled "Hormesis Kavramı Çerçevesinde Polifenoller ve Uzun Yaşam / Polyphenols and Longevity Within the Framework of Hormesis" and "Longevity Kapsamında İlk 1000 Gün: Uzun Yaşamın Tohumları Anne Karnında mı Atılıyor / First 1000 Days of Longevity: Are the Seeds of a Long Life Planted in the Womb?".

In a statement from EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, it was highlighted that the academics' contributions to the congress are crucial for both the exchange of scientific knowledge and enhancing EMU's presence in the health sciences sector. The statement also affirmed the intention to continue engaging in similar scientific forums in the future and to carry out research that supports the advancement of public health.



## "TRACK 2 DIPLOMACY: A WAY OUT IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN?" SEMINAR HELD IN EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus Policy Center (EMU-CPC) and EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Political Science and International Relations co-organized a seminar titled "Track 2 Diplomacy: A Way Out in the Eastern Mediterranean?".

EMU Department of International Relations Ph.D. student and EMY CPC Research Assistant Hatice Savoğlu delivered the opening address of the event. Then, in his presentation, Chair of both EMU Department of Political Science and International Relations and, EMU-CPC Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen extensively approached the Track 1 and 2 Diplomacies. Noting that Track 1 Diplomacy encompasses formal diplomatic efforts led by government officials, Prof. Dr. Sözen stated that the Track 2 Diplomacy relies on informal contacts involving scholars,

non-governmental organizations, and private individuals. Furthermore, he highlighted that Track 2 Diplomacy aims to provide supportive contributions that enhance official diplomatic channels.

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Sözen shared insights on his experiences in Track 2 Diplomacy initiatives such as Greek-Turkish Forum, Eastern Mediterranean Initiative and DIPLOMEDS, underlining, through examples, how these efforts help facilitate conflict resolution in the Eastern Mediterranean region.

The seminar concluded with a question-answer session where participant questions were answered. Examples were given on the application of Track 2 Diplomacy in various conflict areas around the world.





## "BOUNDARIES AND PRESSURE IN WORKPLACE: PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE - MOBBING" WORKSHOP HELD IN COLLABORATION WITH EMU-PDRAM AND EMU-CEC

Eastern Mediterranean University Psychological Counselling, Guidance and Research Center (EMU-PDRAM) North Campus Office and EMU Continuous Education Center (Emu-CEC) coorganized a workshop titled "İş Yaşamında Sınırlar ve Sinirler: Psikolojik Şiddet-Mobbing / Boundaries and Pressure in Workplace: Psychological Violence - Mobbing" for the Büro-İş Union. The workshop took place on 19 June 2025 at the Cyprus Turkish Sports Writers Association Hall in Nicosia.

The workshop was conducted by EMU-PDRAM North Campus psychologists Dr. Psychologist Fatoş Özeylem and Specialist Psychologist Haşim Haşimoğulları. The training session covered issues including stress and healthy coping mechanisms in educational and professional settings, effective communication skills, psychological violence (mobbing), digital mobbing, gas lighting, and strategies to manage these forms of psychological abuse. Participants were actively involved through a combination of informative sessions and collaborative group work.



Emphasizing that workplace psychological violence is a critical social problem affecting mental health, Dr. Psychologist Fatoş Özeylem and Specialist Psychologist Haşim Haşimoğulları from EMU-PDRAM North Campus also reported receiving positive feedback from participants, reflecting the workshop's effectiveness and value.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-SUPPORTED INNOVATIVE PROJECT: 'AICTA' FOR THE NEWS SECTOR

An artificial intelligence-supported (AI) system for the news industry has been developed, in light of the significant contributions of Kadir Mert, one of the students at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), School of Computing and Technology (SCT), Department of Information Technology. Referred as "AICTA", the innovative project aims to enhance the speed, efficiency, and personalization of news production and management processes.

#### "Reduces the Workload of News Editors"

Utilizing artificial intelligence algorithms, the system scans and gathers relevant news content from digital platforms, analyses and organizes the information, and streamlines it for use by journalists. In doing so, it reduces the workload of news editors, saves time, and enhances overall productivity.

AICTA offers innovative solutions that ease the processes of both professional media officials and content creators. Excelling in data analytics and process automation, the project helps ensure that news is delivered more efficiently and with greater audience relevance.

#### "A First in Northern Cyprus"

Developers of the AICTĂ underscore that the project serves as the first AI project developed towards news industry in the Northern Cyprus. Detailed information regarding the project is accessible at www.aicta.co website.

### **EMU SCT Sets a Difference with its Sector-Oriented Educational Approach**

Holding ASIIN accreditation and the EuroINF quality label, EMU School of Computing and Technology and its Department of Information Technology are committed to preparing students with a solid academic background, industry-relevant technical expertise, and key professional skills such as collaboration, effective communication, and problem-solving.

In today's world, the effective integration of AI tools into workflow automation is gaining growing importance. Such projects are significant not only for their contributions to the industry but also for fostering student skill development. With this in mind, EMU School of Computing and Technology actively promotes student involvement in developing industry-focused systems and participating in professional environments prior to graduation.



## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY PANEL FROM EMU: "PLASTIC ON THE AXIS OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION"

A panel was co-organized by Eastern
Mediterranean University (EMU) Urban Research
and Development Center (URDC) and Community
Involvement Center (CIC) with contributions
of the Municipality of Yeniboğaziçi, and, in
collaboration with Famagusta Women's Center
Association (MAKAMER) and Yeniboğaziçi
Women's Association (YEKAD), on the occasion
of 5 June World Environment Day. The panel
held with with the theme of "PLASTIC on the
Axis of Environment, Health, Production and
Consumption" took place at Yeniboğaziçi Culture
Center.

Event commenced with opening speeches delivered by Prof. Dr. Şebnem Hoşkara, the Chair of URDC; Assist. Prof. Dr. Nazenin Ruso Kandemir, the Chair of CIC; Nazenin Taşçıoğlu Şahali, Lawyer and Chair of YEKAD; Sıdıka Özdoğan, Chair of MAKAMER; and Panel Coordinator and EMU URDC Executive Board Member Assist. Prof. Dr. Pınar Uluçay.

### Effects of Plastic on Environment and Human Health Discussed

With this year's World Environment Day, observed annually on 5th of June, focused on fighting plastic pollution, the panel discussed the effects of plastic on both the environment and human health. The event included speakers from diverse fields and featured a booth displaying MAKAMER's products, such as bags, wallets, and hair clips, crafted from plastic materials and textile waste.

#### "Plastic Pollution a Huge Threat for Mediterranean and Our Island"

EMU Faculty of Medicine academic staff member Dr. Özge Cumaoğulları Eker approached the effects of climate change on environment and human health. Noting that plastic pollutions is a huge threat for the Mediterranean and our island, Dr. Cumaoğulları Eker pointed out that micro plastics are present in numerous tissues and body fluids, including breast milk, stressing that these contaminants represent an increasing and serious risk for both present and future generations. Dr. Cumaoğulları Eker stated that the discontinuation of single-use plastics is a necessary step to protect both human health and the environment.

### "Yeniboğaziçi – First Cittaslow Settlement in the Northern Cyprus"

YEKAD Chair Lawyer Nazenin Taşçıoğlu

Şahali drew attention to the current state of city dumpsites and gaps in enforcing environmental policies. She noted that residents can file pollution complaints through the 'Alo 123 Environmental Complaint Line' and find information on https://cevrekorumadairesi.org/. Taşçıoğlu Şahali also pointed out that Yeniboğaziçi is the first Cittaslow (Slow City) in Northern Cyprus, advocating for increased governmental support for such environmentally conscious communities.

#### "Only 9% of the Plastics are Recyclable"

Pelin Üretici, a MAKAMER Executive Board Member and expert in Environmental Education and Management, stressed the pressure human activities place on the environment and highlighted the damaging effects of micro and nano-plastics on ecosystems. Üretici underscored the critical role of the 3R principle (reduce, reuse, recycle) in tackling plastic pollution, pointing out that only 9% of plastics are recycled, which makes reduction the key priority.

#### "A Potential Food Crisis"

EMU URDC Executive Board Member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nevter Zafer Cömert emphasized that the infiltration of greenhouse gases and nanoplastics into water supplies hinders access to clean water and could trigger a potential food crisis. She highlighted the crucial role sustainable urban development and zero-waste initiatives play in the fight against plastic pollution, illustrating her points with examples tied to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

At the end of the event, the panellists collectively stressed that by deepening our relationship with nature and minimizing everyday plastic consumption, we can attain a cleaner, healthier environment. They underscored the necessity of a comprehensive approach that involves cooperation among various disciplines and civil society groups to effectively address the issue.









## EMU FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH PREPARATORY SCHOOL ORGANIZES 10TH FLEPS WORKSHOP FESTIVAL

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (FLEPS) organized a workshop event titled "10th FLEPS Workshop Festival" with the theme of "Bridging Worlds with Compassion: Mediation, Methodologies and Meaningful Technology in ELT". The workshop took place at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

Total of 205 participants from 19 different institutions took part in the event. The highest level of participation was from the Eastern Mediterranean University, while International Cyprus University, Istanbul Technical University, and Bahçeşehir University also taking part. Recognized as one of the most widely attended academic gatherings in the region, the festival held a prominent place in the field of English Language Teaching (ELT).

The inauguration of the event was carried out by Assist. Prof. Dr. Mutlu Kale, Director of EMU FLEPS. Moreover, FLEPS academic personnel member Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Sallı served as the general coordinator of the event which featured 14 presentations and 6 interactive workshops delivered by 23 speakers from 7 different institutions.

The opening speech of the event was delivered by Steve O'Farrell, Senior Learning Consultant at Pearson. In his presentation, titled "Building Bridges: From AI Integration to Empathy," O'Farrell examined the connection between artificial intelligence and human empathy and challenged the audience with the question: What is it that teachers provide which AI cannot? His speech prompted insightful conversations about maintaining a balance between technological innovation and the essential human element in education.

Throughout the sessions, various topics such as the use of AI tools in improving verbal skills, integrating technology within learning goals, creating psychologically safe environment in the classes and, cultural experiences of African students in higher education were discussed. Duygu Özler's session, which explored the integration

of compassion-centered communication into ELT teaching practices, attracted considerable attention and engagement from participants.

The event, built on the concept of "mediation," emphasized its significance not just as a term found in CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) documents, but also as a powerful instructional strategy that helps students navigate and overcome language, cultural, and emotional challenges.

During the closing remarks, emphasis was put on the significance of collaboration between institutions, continuous professional development of educators and, the importance of approaching new technologies with both critical awareness and empathy.

Marking its 30th year, the Norwich Institute for Language Education (NILE) reaffirmed its dedication to both innovative and compassion-focused teaching by backing the 10th FLEPS Workshop Festival.







## "DISABILITY RIGHTS AND FACTS: SEEING THE UNSEEN"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Unit of Students with Disabilities organized a panel titled "Engelli Hakları ve Gerçekler: Görünmeyeni Görmek / Disability Rights and Facts: Seeing the Unseen" at the EMU Activity Center. Moderated by the EMU Faculty of Education academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçişik Erbilen, the panel event hosted Ahmet Akdeniz, the Chair of Disability Committee under the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Presidency and the Chair Sports Federation of Individuals with Disabilities and; a young lawyer Kübra Şanverdi with Cerebral Palsy, as speakers.

EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, Chair of the EMU Unit of Students with Disabilities and Vice Chair of the EMU Department of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Assist. Prof. Dr. Ünal Değer, EMU Student Affairs Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Arzu Abiç, academic and administrative personnel members and many students attended the said panel.

The panel provided participants with an opportunity to gain deeper insight into the efforts aimed at ensuring the rights of individuals with disabilities and their full participation in social life.

### Awards of Logo Design Competition Presented

Organized by the Unit of Students with

Disabilities, the Logo Design Competition awards were presented to achieving students. Melisa Aytaç from EMU Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing received the first place award followed by EMU Faculty of Medicine student Sadya Adiva Dilkash in second and, EMU Faculty of Communication, Department of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design student Sogol Hemmatboland in third place.

At the end of the event, Prof. Dr. Zorlu presented plaques to the guest speakers in recognition of their contributions. Ranking students of the Logo Design Competition were also presented with their awards.



























## EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM'S "PASTA WORKSHOP" FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism and the Municipality of Mesarya coorganized, by the courtesy of the EMU Community Involvement Center (CIC), an event for the special education students affiliated with the Municipality of Mesarya. Organized within the scope of the Week of Individuals with Disabilities, a 'pasta making' session was held during the workshop titled "Kıbrıs Mutfağı'nı Keşfet: Mutfakta Mucizeler Yarat / Explore the Cypriot Cuisine: Create Miracles in the Kitchen'.

Contributed by the Mayor of Mesarya, Ahmet Latif, and municipality personnel, the said event featured a practical artisan pasta making session delivered by EMU Faculty of Tourism academic staff member Chef Mine Adalier. Participants prepared and made their own pasta during the session which was also participated by the families. Both the children with special needs and their loved ones had joyous time during the fun and educating experience.

Acting Dean of EMU Faculty of Tourism,
Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkay Yorgancı stressed the great
importance of participating in projects organized
with the intention of supporting the society. On the
other hand, Chair of the CIC and EMU Faculty of
Tourism academic staff member Asist. Prof. Dr.
Nazenin Ruso Kandemir highlighted that integrating
individuals with special needs into social life is a
key element of universities' commitment to social
responsibility.















#### **EMU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE.** DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS REDESIGNED THE HEALTH CENTER

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture students redesigned the Health Center located in EMU Campus within the scope of their 2024-2025 Spring Semester graduation projects. The projects were presented during a final jury held on 12-13 June 2025.

**Functionality and Sustainability** in Design were in the Forefront The projects conducted as part of INAR 492 and ITAS 402 Interior Architecture Studio VI courses, focused on increasing spatial functionality of the EMU Health Center, creating a user-oriented environment, and reimagining the space with a modern aesthetic. Students developed innovative solutions by blending principles of sustainability and accessibility with contemporary design approaches.

Led by EMU Interior Architecture Department academic staff members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Öngül, Assist. Prof. Dr. Seyit Ermiyagil and Research Assistants Sule Akkuyu and Behnoush K. Afshari, the evaluation process of said projects were elaborately carried out by a jury consisted of academics and sector professionals under the guidance of EMU Interior Architecture Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Afet Celiker Coşkun and EMU Interior Architecture Department

Vice Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Ahenk Yılgın Damgacı. Events commenced on Thursday, 12 June 2025 with the project presentations of the students. The day continued with a graduation party where everyone celebrated their challenging and yet successful journey.

On Friday, 13 June 2025, evaluations of the jury were completed. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Banu Tevfikler Çavuşoğlu; Interior Architect Özlem Yaver from It is All About Design and; Vural Armutçuoğlu, the Design Director at the Yalın Tan & Partners met with students, sharing insights on their experiences.

During the discussion, students got the chance to address their queries about the professional world while acquiring valuable advice on creating impactful resumes, crucial points in job applications, the significance of internships, and strategies to distinguish themselves in the sector. The event equipped students with essential knowledge to commence their careers more confidently and prepared.

#### **EMU Continues to Educate the Designers of the Future**

The graduation projects focused on redesigning the EMU Health Center provided Interior Architecture students with opportunities to showcase their design abilities, develop innovative







solutions, and acquire professional presentation skills. These works embody EMU's forward-thinking educational philosophy and

demonstrate the university's dedication to cultivating skilled and visionary professionals in the design field.

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