

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ AND A DELEGATION CHAIRED BY THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION NAZIM ÇAVUŞOĞLU CARRIED OUT OFFICIAL TALKS IN BAKU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kiliç and a delegation chaired by the Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu carried out official talks in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. The delegation consisted of Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen, the Rector of European University of Lefke (EUL); Behçet Çelebi, the Director of Higher Education and Foreign Relations Department at the Ministry of National Education; Ufuk Turgan, the Ambassador and Baku Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus; and Counsellor Ulaş Kılıncı.

Official Visits Held in Azerbaijan

Within the scope of Azerbaijan visit, the delegation paid a courtesy visit to the resting place of Haydar Aliyev-the late President of Azerbaijan-, Şehitler Hiyabarı-the Martyrs' Lane- and the Turkish Martyrs' Memorial, placing a wreath and paying their respects. Then, an inter-delegations meeting was held with the Azerbaijani Minister of Science and Education Emin Emrullayev at the Azerbaijan Ministry of Education.



During the said meeting, the discussion focused on key areas including increasing student enrolment from Azerbaijan at universities in Northern Cyprus, strengthening

cooperation between institutions, developing joint academic programs, facilitating faculty exchange, and promoting collaborative research efforts.

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EMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES VISIT PROF. DR. ÇAĞRI ERHAN – THE CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk and VYK Members Beyhan Gürgöze paid a courtesy visit to Prof. Dr. Çağrı Erhan – the Chief Advisor to the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye. As part of the said visit, EMU VYK President Dr. Özçenk and VYK Member Gürgöze provided extensive information on EMU's current endeavours, educational vision, and its internalization goals.

The meeting included an in-depth discussion of EMU's forward-thinking, student-focused education policies designed to meet contemporary needs. Progress reports on research, digital transformation, and sustainability initiatives were also shared. Prof. Dr. Çağrı Erhan expressed his appreciation for the notable advancements in the university's academic and administrative frameworks and thanked Dr. Özçenk and Gürgöze for their visit. During the meeting, Dr. Özçenk, President of the VYK, presented Prof. Dr. Erhan with a plaque featuring a design unique to Cyprus.

Who is Prof. Dr. Çağrı Erhan?

Prof. Dr. Çağrı Erhan, an expert in international relations and political history, held the position of Rector at Altınbaş University from 2015 to 2025. On 28 February 2025, he was appointed Chief Advisor to the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and was awarded the ambassadorial title. He is a founding member of the Ankara European Studies and International Relations journals, which are among Türkiye's leading publications in the field. In 2014, Prof. Dr. Erhan served as the General Coordinator for the Journal of International Relations. Moreover, he has provided commentary and hosted programs on several TV channels including TRT, SkyTürk, TVNet, and TV100. He also moderated the TRT News program "Dışa Bakış" and contributed a regular column titled "Diplomatic Reasoning" to the Türkiye Newspaper.

EMU Alumnus Visits Dr. Aydın Keskin Kadioğlu – the Vice Chair of TÜİK



As part of their visit to Ankara, Dr. Özçenk and Gürgöze also met with Dr. Aydın Keskin Kadioğlu, a graduate of EMU's Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of International Relations, and the Law Master's program. Dr. Kadioğlu currently serves as the Deputy President of the Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK). During the meeting, they exchanged information about EMU's recent activities and highlighted the

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“We Support Student Mobility”

Delivering a speech during the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts to strengthen ties between the two nations. Prof. Dr. Kılıç reaffirmed EMU’s full support for the initiatives of the Ministry of National Education of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, particularly in enhancing student mobility and fostering academic cooperation. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also expressed his pride and satisfaction regarding the development of educational partnerships with Azerbaijan, in alignment with the vision and outreach strategies of President Ersin Tatar and Prime Minister Dr. Ünal Üstel. He extended his appreciation for their valuable contributions to promoting both EMU and Northern Cyprus more broadly.

“Concrete Steps for the Future of the Youth”

In his remarks, Minister Çavuşoğlu emphasized the close fraternal bond between the people of Azerbaijan and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Çavuşoğlu stated that the purpose of the visit was to strengthen bilateral ties and foster connections between Azerbaijani and Turkish Cypriot youth. He shared that efforts are in progress to appoint an education attaché and highlighted the concrete steps being taken to support youth education. Underscoring the importance of positioning universities as appealing destinations for international students, Minister Çavuşoğlu concluded



by reaffirming the Ministry of National Education’s support for expanding scholarship opportunities and enhancing the quality of higher education.

Azerbaijan’s Minister Emrullayev Emphasizes Willingness for Educational Cooperation

Azerbaijan’s Minister of Science and Education, Emin Emrullayev, expressed his satisfaction with the visit and affirmed their

readiness to fully support collaborations in the field of education.

As part of the visit, Minister Çavuşoğlu and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also held a meeting with members of the Azerbaijani media, where they provided insights into their ongoing engagements. Prof. Dr. Kılıç shared EMU’s vision for internationalization and outlined the educational opportunities offered to Azerbaijani students.

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achievements of EMU graduates in both the public and private sectors.

Who is Dr. Aydın Keskin Kadioğlu?

Dr. Aydın Keskin Kadioğlu is an alumnus of EMU’s Faculty of Business and Economics, where he studied International Relations, and he later earned a master’s degree in Law from the same university. Renowned for his academic contributions, he has served as a special advisor to both the Prime Minister and President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Additionally, Dr. Kadioğlu

has held various roles within the Ordu Metropolitan Municipality and the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TBMM). From 2017 to 2021, he spearheaded key initiatives at the Directorate General of Migration Management before his appointment as Deputy President of the Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK).

Making remarks about the visits, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk stated, “Such visits are of great importance in terms of contributing to



our university’s collaboration with state institutions and supporting the educational vision of our country.” Regarding the visit to Dr. Aydın Keskin Kadioğlu, Dr. Özçenk added, “It is a tremendous source of pride for us that our graduates hold positions in Türkiye’s strategic institutions and critical roles. Eastern Mediterranean University not only provides academic knowledge but also equips individuals with leadership skills and a visionary perspective, preparing them for the future.”

EMU VYK PAYS A COURTESY VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE EMBASSY IN NICOSIA

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, along with Board Members Halil İbrahim Orun, Beyhan Gürgöze, Servet Karabacak, and Güneş Güneşoğlu, paid a courtesy visit to Ali Murat Başçeri, the Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Nicosia.

During the visit, a broad evaluation of the higher education landscape in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus was carried out, and the impact of regional conflicts and wars on the higher education sector was discussed. Attention was also drawn to the large number of universities in Northern Cyprus, and the potential benefits and drawbacks of this for the country were explored.

“The Support of Our Homeland and State Holds Utmost Importance for EMU”

Making an address during the visit, EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk shared extensive insights on EMU’s educational vision, its goals for internalization, its strategies, as well as the



newly launched departments and faculties. Dr. Özçenk emphasized the university’s forward-looking initiatives, particularly in areas like artificial intelligence and technology, noting that new programs have been launched to meet contemporary demands. He also provided

insights into the protocol signed with the government, highlighting its benefits—especially regarding retirement regulations. “The support we receive from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Republic of Türkiye is deeply appreciated,” said Dr. Özçenk and continued; “As one of the key institutions of this country, EMU continues to grow and achieve new milestones. It is a source of pride for us to feel the strength and backing of our homeland and government”.

“EMU is a Forward-Looking Educational Institution”

Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Nicosia, Ali Murat Başçeri, highlighted that they are closely following the developments at EMU, stating, “As the first and only state university in the country established by law, EMU stands out as a forward-looking educational institution.”

The visit concluded with EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk presenting Ambassador Başçeri with a silver plate as a token of appreciation.



BAKU PROMOTION OFFICE OF EMU IS LAUNCHED



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has recently opened a promotion office in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, with the intention of strengthening its promotional initiatives. The opening ceremony held caught great interest.

The ceremony was attended by Nazım Çavuşoğlu, the Minister of National Education in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus; Vüqar İsgəndərov, the Member of the Azerbaijani National Parliament; Cavanşir Feyziyev, Chair of the Azerbaijan-Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group; Ufuk Tuganer, Baku Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus; EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç; European University of Lefke (EUF) Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen; Founding President of Hedef Group of Companies Şamil Sadiq; İlhami Bilgen, Manager of Wotmax Company, as well as many invited guests and official authorities.

Aims to Contribute to the Development of Joint Platforms within the Turkic World

The EMU Baku Promotion Office aims to foster the development of collaborative platforms not only between two countries but throughout the broader Turkic world in areas such as education, science, and culture. It is expected to serve as a foundation for new partnerships focused on preserving shared cultural heritage, exchanging knowledge and expertise, and launching joint initiatives. Additionally, the office seeks to promote mutual understanding, cooperation, and solidarity among the youth of the Turkic community. EMU, with its international outlook, continues to support efforts

that go beyond academia by actively fostering stronger social and cultural connections through initiatives like these.

In his remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "As EMU, we have launched the Baku Promotion Office to conduct our promotional efforts in Azerbaijan more efficiently and sustainably within an organized framework. This office will not only promote our university's educational programs and vision but also create opportunities for projects that bring together the youth of the Turkic world based on common values. By enhancing cooperation in education, science, and culture, we aim to strengthen the ties between the two countries. Eastern Mediterranean University is positioned to be a leading provider of international education opportunities for students in Azerbaijan. Guided by our internationalization strategy, we strive to equip our students with both academic expertise and the competencies required to thrive in the global job market."

Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his sincere gratitude to Hedef Group of Companies and World Opportunities Trading Ltd. (Wotmax Student) for their vital role in establishing the office. He highlighted that their support has been instrumental not only in the project's success but also in enhancing educational cooperation within the Turkic world, helping to reinforce connections between universities and students in the region. He offered his heartfelt appreciation for their committed efforts during this endeavour. In his speech, Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu underscored

their desire to enhance collaboration and said; "Bringing youth together is among our priorities". Noting that mutual steps were taken towards elevating the numbers of Azerbaijani students in TRNC, Çavuşoğlu said; "The establishment of the EMU Promotion Office in Baku marks an important milestone in increasing the visibility of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus's higher education vision within Azerbaijan. We sincerely hope that young people unite through common culture, history, and values to progress together toward the future. I wholeheartedly congratulate EMU and all those who contributed to this achievement".

EMU Rector and the Minister of National Education Meet with EMU Alumni

During their visit to Azerbaijan, Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç met with EMU alumni who hold degrees in law, architecture, business, and economics and are actively serving in various roles within Azerbaijan.

They were joined by TRNC Baku Representative Ambassador Ufuk Tuganer and Behçet Çelebi, Director of the Higher Education and Foreign Relations Department of the TRNC Ministry of National Education.

In the meetings, ideas were exchanged with the graduates, and both Minister Çavuşoğlu and Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed pride in the contributions made by EMU graduates in Azerbaijan. They underscored that these successes play a vital role in enhancing the university's global reputation and



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assured that communication with alumni will be maintained and strengthened going forward.

A Visit to the Embassy

Minister Çavuşoğlu, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EUL Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yükselen, Baku Representative and Ambassador of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ufuk Tuganer, Director of the Higher Education and Foreign Relations Department of the TRNC Ministry of National Education Behçet Çelebi paid a visit to Prof. Dr. Birol Akgün, the Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Baku.

The visit included in-depth discussions about possibilities for collaboration in education, especially regarding student and academic staff exchanges, aimed at enhancing the partnership between the two countries.



EMU INITIATES NEW COLLABORATIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL COUNSELLORS AT AZERBAIJAN DURING THE EVENT HELD IN BAKU

The extensive promotional event organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) in Baku attracted great interest. Attended over 100 educational counsellors, the event provided comprehensive information on the academic programs of EMU, scholarship opportunities and student life at the university. EMU Rector's Office Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik and EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Business Administration academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emrah Öney represented EMU during the said event.

Scholarship Opportunities of EMU Captured Interest

The promotional event highlighted EMU's attractive scholarship opportunities, which captured significant interest from attendees. Detailed presentations were also given on dual-degree undergraduate programs, including the Medicine Program in partnership with Marmara University and the Dentistry Program conducted with the University of Health Sciences. Furthermore, participants were thoroughly informed about student life on EMU campus, covering housing facilities and the dynamic social environment.

"Sole State University Holding International Accreditations"

In his address, EMU Rector's Office Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik said, "EMU, the sole state university in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus which holds international accreditations, continue strengthening its strategic collaboration with Azerbaijan. This initiative is not aimed at increasing student numbers, it is also a significant step in sharing joint cultural values".

Also delivering a speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emrah Öney stated, "Our goal is to further strengthen EMU's presence in the region by upholding international standards in education. We believe that, through the informed guidance

of education consultants in Azerbaijan, more young people will be directed toward our university".

In his remarks regarding the event held in Azerbaijan, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that such events enhance the internationalization strategy of the university and added, "Events like these serve as important platforms for expanding our university's global reach and deepening cultural ties. Our close partnerships with education consultants in Azerbaijan are instrumental in showcasing EMU's academic opportunities to a wider audience and encouraging students in the region to consider studying with us. This initiative contributes to strengthening EMU's influence on the international stage and further boosts our global visibility".



EMU INTERNATIONALLY REPRESENTED AT UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Tourism, Department of Tourism Management Doctoral student Fetine Bayraktar attended the “DSOTT25 – Diversity & Sustainability: Opportunities and Threats on Tourism” hosted by University of Coimbra, a prominent higher education institution in Portugal, representing EMU with an oral presentation.

Bayraktar’s study titled “The Influence of Environmental Transformational Leadership on Green Competitive Advantage” carried out with EMU Faculty of Tourism’s Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Özduvan captured interest with its unique content aiming to contribute to the field of sustainable tourism management.

Established in 1290, University of Coimbra stands among the oldest and most esteemed higher education institutions of not only in Portugal but globally. Its historic campus, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage

Site, adds to its prestige. During this year’s DSOTT25 conference, the university brought together doctoral researchers and scholars from multiple countries to engage in advanced scientific discussions on tourism.

Bayraktar expressed her pride and joy in representing EMU at a respected international academic forum, highlighting the event as a valuable opportunity for fostering global academic partnerships and increasing the visibility of emerging researchers on the world stage. She also conveyed her thanks to Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Özduvan, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Tourism, for his scientific mentorship and support during the development and submission of the research presented at the conference.

This involvement exemplifies EMU’s commitment to fostering scientific research and advancing its internationalization goals. Moreover, the university’s support for early-



career academics plays a key role in enhancing students’ competencies to engage and represent themselves internationally.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HELD FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education, English Language Teaching Undergraduate Program students delivered their end-of-semester project presentations. As part of the ‘English Literature’ (ELTE 216) and ‘The Structure of English’ (ELTE 122) courses coordinated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yeşim Betül Oktay, group research projects were exhibited as poster presentations at the foyer area of the Faculty of Education.

Undergraduate students in the ELTE 216 course shared their poster presentations analysing poems by notable authors from English, Scottish, and American literature, focusing on themes, language, and literary features. Meanwhile, students in the ELTE 122 course presented their projects on English sentence structures, based on examples from written and spoken media.

As part of the ELTE 216 course, students conducted in-depth analyses of poems from various historical periods. İlke Cemaloğlu, Ervanur Yanık, Zeynep Destici, and Ceren Çanakçı concentrated on John Keats’s “When I Have Fears That I May Cease to Be,” while Kerem Kaçar, Kardelen Şerife Yılmaz, Doğukan Şahin, and Zeynep Aydıngör explored William Ernest Henley’s “Invictus.” The group of Osman Kırmızı, Tolga Sağır, Selçuk Altuğ Baybora, and Yalçın Bayraktar examined John Edward Masfield’s “Sea Fever,” and Çağdaş



Demiralp alongside Devlet Egemberdyev delved into Edgar Allan Poe’s “Annabel Lee.” Duyal Şerif Çakmak, Emel Giritli, Filiz Nalbant, and Cemre Demiralp focused their work on William Blake’s “The Tyger,” while Hafize Nur Babuçu, Arda Demirdöven, Furkan Mert Dilek, and Eylül Ayça Şen presented on Sylvia Plath’s “Mirror.” Yaren Dikmen, Taylan Özgür Sefer, Merve Karalar, and Naim Ki directed their attention to Maya Angelou’s “Still I Rise,” and Gizem Türcan, Nilü Muratağa, and Emirhan Özkan analyzed Robert Louis Stevenson’s “Rain.”

The presentations by ELTE 216 (Group 3) students showcased deeply insightful literary analyses. Nisa Akdağcık, Elif Güzek Akka, Zehra Bayraktar, and Zeynep Şimal Ertek examined Edgar Allan Poe’s “A Dream Within a Dream,” while Mehmet Öztürk, Aşkın Çağlar Demir, Hüseyin Şeref, Ömer Anıl Börklüce,

and Emirhan Çetinkaya delivered a project on Dylan Thomas’s “Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night.” Işık Keçeci, Ali Can Gökalp, Ahmet Nuri Güntekin, and Hasan Enver Kutlu evaluated Maya Angelou’s “On the Pulse of Morning,” and Tuğba Tuğcu, Neriman Şingirli, Serel Sıla Yıldırıncı, and Ceren Akıncı explored Sylvia Plath’s “Lady Lazarus.” İremnur Doğa, Merve Mertoğlu, Yaren Kartal, and Elif Berfin Geçimli analyzed Christina Rossetti’s “Remember,” while Emine Azra Kara, İana Maliakina, Noor Awad, Kaan Mustafa Keleş, and Emirhan Rugala interpreted Sylvia Plath’s “Ariel.” Finally, Melisa Aytemiz, Leyla Aktuğ, Derin Can, and İnci Nural presented a literary study of Edgar Allan Poe’s “Alone.”

The event, which concluded with poster presentations, ended with a group photo featuring the course coordinator, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yeşim Betül Oktay, and the students.

AN EMU ALUMNUS AMONG THE MOST INFLUENTIAL CIOs IN TÜRKİYE: MERT ORUZ



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering graduate and CIO of the Arkas Holding, Mert Oruz, catches attention with his strong career. Invited to the 2024-2025 Academic Year Spring Semester Graduation Ceremony to deliver an inspirational speech for the graduates, Oruz paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç prior to the ceremony.

In his speech, Oruz noted EMU's significant contribution on his career journey. Stating he has received a warm and genuine welcome from the Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Oruz once again underscored his pride with his university. Defining his university years as "a perfect educational process", Oruz advised new graduates—who are at a turning point in their lives—to be patient and determined in the face of challenges, and to move forward as individuals who are always open to learning.

A Visit to EMU Rector

Visiting EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç at his chambers, Mert Oruz expressed his deep appreciation and sense of loyalty to the university. On the other hand, Prof. Dr. Kılıç

stressed EMU's pride in Oruz's achievements, thanking and presenting him with a souvenir.

Who is Mert Oruz?

Mert Oruz, born in 1974 in İzmir, completed his high school education at İzmir Atatürk High School. In 1997, he earned his degree in Computer Engineering from the Faculty of Engineering at Eastern Mediterranean University. That same year, he embarked on his professional journey at Sepiciler Holding as a computer engineer, later advancing to the roles of Deputy IT Manager and IT Manager. Between 2001 and 2004, he held the positions of IT Director and Process Leader at Teba Inc. In 2004, he joined Arkas/BİMAR Inc., taking on the role of Customer Relations and Procurement Manager. Currently serving as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) at the same company, Oruz is recognized for his extensive expertise in IT and technology management.

Among the Most Influential CIOs in Türkiye

In 2024, Arkas Holding CIO Mert Oruz was honoured at the Future of CIO & Awards—one of Türkiye's most prominent and wide-reaching CIO summits—where he was named among the country's most impactful CIOs.



Celebrated for his technological leadership, strategic foresight, and valuable contributions to the industry, Oruz added another major milestone to his distinguished career with this recognition.

Listed within the 50 Technology Leaders by Fortune

In 2024, Mert Oruz secured a notable achievement by being named to Fortune Türkiye's "Fortune 50 CTO Technology Leaders List" for the third year running, a list determined annually according to global Fortune standards. As the CIO of Arkas Holding, Oruz has consistently upheld a strong technology vision and leadership. This accomplishment highlights not only his professional success but also brings renewed prestige to his alma mater, EMU.

BUILD YOUR FUTURE ON A SOLID FOUNDATION WITH EMU DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

Engineering provides students with more than just academic achievement; it opens doors to a reputable and robust international career. EMU's global standing is reflected in its placement within the 611–620 band in the 2024 QS World University Rankings and between 601–800 band in the 2025 Times Higher Education (THE) rankings. These distinctions underscore EMU's academic excellence, strong research capabilities, and extensive international partnerships.

“Only University from Northern Cyprus to Appear on Civil Engineering List”

EMU Department of Civil Engineering's English-medium undergraduate program awarded with the world-renowned ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) accreditation offers an internationally recognized engineering training. Moreover, EMU is the only university from Northern Cyprus to appear on Civil Engineering list of ShanghaiRanking Global Academic Area Rankings for 2024.

Approved by YÖK

The programs of EMU Civil Engineering Department are accredited and recognized by the Republic of Türkiye's Higher Education Council (YÖK), with the undergraduate program taught in Turkish fully equivalent for students from Türkiye. The department provides a diverse range of academic programs at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. These include thesis and non-thesis master's degrees, specialized programs in partnership with the University of Illinois, Chicago, and doctoral research opportunities, all of which provide students with a supportive environment for academic and scientific advancement.

“Mastering This Art at EMU Means Building a Strong Foundation for Your Future”

A statement issued by the Faculty and the Department reads as; “While providing

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academic training, EMU Department of Civil Engineering also provides direct support to the sector by the virtue of its contributions to construction supervision, design consultancy and public projects. Furthermore, the department drives innovative research through its master's and doctoral programs, influencing both academic and industry developments. Students benefit from hands-on experience in state-of-the-art laboratories

that cover all aspects of civil engineering, including structural, geotechnical, hydraulic, transportation, materials, geology, soil science, engineering mechanics, and geodesy. These resources significantly deepen the learning experience by bridging theory with practice. Civil engineering is more than just a career—it's the art of shaping the world. At EMU, mastering this art means building a strong foundation for your future.”



EMU STUDENTS MEET WITH ROLE MODELS AT THE ‘GEEK GIRL DINNER’ EVENT

The ‘Geek Girl Dinner’ event organized for female students of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) studying in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) field was held at Walled City, Famagusta. Organized within the scope of the “Project for Enhancing Women’s Economic Participation and Partnership along the Green Line”, financed by the European Union (EU) and carried out by the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce Women Entrepreneurs Council (KTTO-KGK), the event aimed to increase the visibility and efficiency of women in technology.

The event organized under the leadership of Eda Kervanlı, Chair of the Council that began its efforts in 2020 under KTTO to promote women’s active involvement in the economy—and later became institutionalized as KTTO-KGK—brought together female students from EMU pursuing studies in information technology, engineering, and technology. During the event, students had the opportunity to present their own projects, share their aspirations for the future, and engage in inspiring discussions about their career paths.

Supporting Women’s Economic Empowerment

The project which is funded by the EU and carried out by the KTTO-KGK, aims to increase the rate of women’s entrepreneurship from 13.1% to 15% and female participation in the workforce from 34.9% to 38% by 2026. To meet these goals, the initiative prioritizes empowering women across social, academic, and economic domains, while also promoting the development of collaborative, multi-stakeholder partnerships. In this context, the

event titled ‘Geek Girl Dinner’ provided female students not only opportunities for their academic success, but also a chance to enhance their social skills, meet with their role models and initiate sustainable social networks. At the said event, Chair of KTTO-KGK Eda Kervanlı, KTTO-KGK Executive Board members Elif Onan and Tüge Dolmacı, and Project Coordinator Merve Ereksel offered participants insights on possible opportunities and challenges that they may encounter in the professional world. They also shared their experiences in entrepreneurship.

Strong Participation and Support from EMU

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU TechGirls Committee members, KTTO-KGK members and Analiz Özgü LTD. Director Özgü Taçyıldız also attended the event. Underscoring EMU’s sensitive approach on gender equality, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said:

“Enhancing the visibility of our female students in fields like technology and engineering is among our university’s key priorities. To support this mission, we provide dedicated scholarships, research funding, and mentorship opportunities for women. The ambition and enthusiasm demonstrated by the young women present today reaffirm our dedication to this cause. At EMU, we remain committed to advancing the empowerment of women across all sectors.”

DAÜ TechGirls

The TechGirls Committee, operating on a voluntary basis within EMU, carries out events and awareness initiatives to support

women pursuing technology fields. The committee members include Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nazife Dimililer, Dr. Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak, Dr. Özlem Görkan Evre, Senior Instructor Halide Sarıçizmeli, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Raziye Nevzat. Guided by the motto, “It was challenging for us, so it shouldn’t be for you,” the Committee thanked KTTO-KGK for their support in advancing their mission to mentor young women through this event.

Event Receives Top Praise from the Students

The event, which saw the participation of around 30 students, drew significant interest from female EMU students representing 12 different countries. Participant Muna Mahgoub reflected on the experience, saying, “The event was both incredibly insightful and enjoyable! I had the chance to meet inspiring, accomplished, and confident women. Connecting with peers made me realize that talent, ambition, and passion are the common threads that unite us all. For me, this event marked the start of many meaningful and lasting relationships. I hope similar events can be held more often to continue elevating women’s voices in technology.”

Nasım Niksiar, another participant, expressed her feelings by saying: “It was an immense pride to be invited to the event. I had the chance to meet with talented young women and hear their inspiring ideas. We engaged in meaningful discussions about the future of technology on this island. I sincerely thank everyone who made this event possible.”

Another attendee, Fatemeh Abbasi, said; “This event proved to be incredibly beneficial for me. It allowed me to connect with others who have shared interests and ambitions. Being part of a community where we can exchange ideas, support one another, and potentially collaborate on projects or ventures is truly rewarding. The chance to interact with professional women and gain insight from their experiences was very inspiring. Such events play a vital role in building our confidence and maintaining our motivation.”

An Inspiring Step for Young Women

The Geek Girl Dinner created a special opportunity for female students to engage directly with one another and with representatives from the industry, serving as a significant milestone in their career development. EMU is dedicated to persistently advancing initiatives that enhance women’s participation in the technology field.



'KUMBI' AND 'DISTRICT 135' BEGAN ROAMING THE MEDITERRANEAN



Eastern Mediterranean University, Underwater Imaging and Research Center (EMU-SAGEM) and North Cyprus Society for the Protection of Turtles (SPOT) carried out an outstanding scientific study this summer. Satellite transmitters were attached to two *Caretta caretta* turtles released into the sea from the shores of Northern Cyprus, allowing researchers to track their migration routes and feeding areas across the Mediterranean. One turtle was released from İskele, while the other was set free at Alagadi Beach.

The acquisition of the satellite transmitters was made possible through the financial support of Türkiye IsBank, the Northern Cyprus Lions Clubs Federation, and its 14 member clubs. The project seeks to produce valuable scientific information for the protection of the *Caretta caretta* species by monitoring changes in their migration paths and feeding grounds over time.

A statement issued by the Eastern Mediterranean University read; "The information gathered is crucial for safeguarding the turtles both on our local shores and in their distant feeding habitats thousands of kilometers away. These internationally coordinated efforts provide the groundwork for developing strategic actions to protect the species".

New Breeding Turtles, New Migration Paths
The turtle labelled D135, monitored since its release at Alagadi, has drawn scientific interest as a relatively young mature individual. Thanks

to ongoing night-time tracking efforts, this turtle was discovered, allowing researchers to explore an important question: "Do newly mature turtles entering the breeding population choose different feeding areas than earlier generations?" This idea has previously been confirmed in green sea turtles. Scientists intend to broaden their research to examine this pattern in *Caretta caretta* species as well.

'Kumbi' and 'District 135' on a Journey in the Mediterranean

Two *Caretta caretta* turtles, named "Kumbi" by employees of Türkiye IsBank and "District 135" by the Northern Cyprus Lions Clubs—named after the country's dialling code—are being monitored throughout the Mediterranean via satellite transmitters. Following their nesting period, both turtles made their way toward Türkiye's coastline. Of particular note, Kumbi left Cyprus and reached the shores of Anamur, where it nested once again.

Current locations of the turtles can be tracked live through the link below:

<https://my.wildlifecomputers.com/data/map/?id=68657ee0051df304dd0e0cc9>

Encounter with the Same Turtle after 12 Years

An exciting incident was reported along the İskele coastline. It was found that a turtle scheduled to receive a satellite tracker had already been tagged previously. This discovery was made by Robin from the SPOT team, who noticed that the turtle had been caught

in a fishing net near İskele by local fisherman Ahmet Kahveci on 6 June 2013, tagged, and then released back into the sea.

Despite 12 years passing, the turtle has only grown 3 centimeters. Researchers are currently examining whether the turtle is a permanent resident of the area or has migrated from other locations. This significant project continues to contribute to the protection of *Caretta caretta* turtles through the joint efforts of environmental organizations and civil society groups.



STUDENT CLUBS SUMMER CAMP ENDS WITH A CLOSING NIGHT AT EMU

Student Clubs Summer Camp organized for the first time this year by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Social and Cultural Activities Directorate, concluded with a closing night event. Bringing together student clubs from various universities in Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, the camp included a wide range of social, cultural and sports activities. Over 100 students had the opportunity of a joyful and educational experience.

The closing night event was also attended by the EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and EMU Social and Cultural Activities Director Cemal Kılıç.

Making an address at the event, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; “We highly value contributing to our students’ growth beyond academics, focusing on their social and cultural development as well. It was a great pleasure for us to host this event, which fosters solidarity among universities and provides a chance for students from different institutions to discover the cultural and social richness of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus”.

In her speech, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu said; “This camp provided a meaningful opportunity for students to interact with peers from



different cultures and work together in a spirit of collaboration. I sincerely thank all the participating students, student clubs, and everyone who played a role in organizing the event”.

Medals and Certificates of Participation were presented

Students who ranked in the chess and backgammon tournaments organized throughout the camp, were presented with their medals by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu. Certificates of participation were also distributed to all students who took part in the camp.

Participating Clubs’ Praise for EMU Summer Camp

Student clubs of universities that attended the camp shared their views on the Student Clubs Summer Camp organized by EMU.

Theatre Society from Akdeniz University expressed their satisfaction by saying:

“We spent an amazing week thanks to the warm hospitality of the EMU Theatre Club. Even though it was the first time the event was held, it was organized with remarkable professionalism. We are thankful to everyone involved in making it

happen. A heartfelt thanks to EMU and especially to the Theatre Club for hosting us so generously — they made us feel truly welcome as a sister club. We absolutely fell in love with Cyprus and managed to explore almost every part of it during the week. It was a fun-filled and unforgettable experience. We hope to come together again next year”.

Stating that they found the camp very beneficial, Theatre Club from the Istanbul Topkapı University said:

“It was an amazing event. We got to new beautiful places. We recommend everyone to join the camp. We sincerely thank EMU for this experience.”

Istanbul Technical University’s Yoga Club said: “We had great time at EMU. We built new friendships and had the chance to both relax and socialize. We definitely recommend it to everyone.”

Participating clubs highlighted that the summer camp offered more than just entertainment; it was a valuable opportunity for cultural sharing and building friendships among universities.



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RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ RELEASED A MESSAGE ON 1 AUGUST – SOCIAL RESISTANCE DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted the historical and social struggles of the Turkish Cypriot community in his message for the 1 August - Social Resistance Day. Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed out that this date commemorates the anniversary of three key events that represent the ongoing fight for survival of the Turkish Cypriots throughout history. In his message, Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed the following:

“The date 1st of August symbolizes several important historic events for the Turkish Cypriot community. It marks the 454th anniversary of the Ottoman conquest of Cyprus, the 67th anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Resistance Organization (TMT), and the 49th anniversary of the establishment of the Security Forces Command (GKK).

On 1 August 1571, the Ottoman Empire conquered the island of Cyprus, laying the historical foundations for the Turkish Cypriot presence and starting the Turkish settlement there. This period significantly contributed to the social, cultural, and economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community. Consequently, the conquest of Cyprus is of great

importance to the Turkish Cypriots.

Another important date is 1 August 1958, when the TMT was established as a covert resistance organization to safeguard the existence and rights of the Turkish Cypriot people. By defending the Turkish Cypriot community from attacks, the TMT emerged as a crucial symbol of their struggle for identity, freedom, and independence.

On the other hand, the Security Forces Command (GKK) established to protect the place and existence of Turkish Cypriot community in the world, ensures the safety and defence of the Turkish Cypriot people. Established on 1 August 1976, GKK is vital in protecting the freedom and independence of the Turkish Cypriot community, and stands as a powerful assurance of our community's commitment to live with independence and peace. As a symbol of the Turkish Cypriot national identity, the GKK holds significant importance in preserving peace and stability.

On the occasion of 1 August Social Resistance Day, which is observed to honor social solidarity and respect for past struggles, I



pay tribute to all the heroes and veterans who resisted to establish the historical roots of the Turkish Cypriots, their fight for existence, and the preservation of peace and, commemorate all our martyrs with great longing. I wholeheartedly convey my best regards to everyone, wishing days filled with health, tranquillity, and peace.”

PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE RELEASED A MESSAGE FOR 1 AUGUST – SOCIAL RESISTANCE DAY ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM

Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a message on behalf of Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) on the occasion of 1 August - Social Resistance Day. The said message reads as follows:

“The 1st of August, symbolizing the struggles, existence and security of the Turkish Cypriot community on the island, is observed as the Social Resistance Day in accordance with the “Public Holidays and Commemoration Days Law” enacted in 1984. This date marks three significant turning points in Turkish Cypriot history.

Without a doubt, 1st of August represents a crucial milestone that embodies the Turkish Cypriot community’s fierce struggle and steadfast resistance to achieve a life of equal rights, freedom, and safety. The first record in history was made on 1 August 1571, when the



Ottoman Empire conquered Cyprus, leading to the settlement of Turkish people on the island and establishing the basis for the current Turkish Cypriot community. The second significant incident was on 1 August, 1958 which is the date when the Turkish Resistance Organization (TMT) was founded to counter the terrorist group

EOKA, which sought to divide the island. The TMT operated with strong resolve to safeguard our community, coordinate the resistance efforts, and ensure a secure future. Lastly, 1 August, 1976, marks the establishment of the Security Forces Command (GKK), which plays a crucial role in maintaining the country’s peace and security through its police and military functions.

We take pride in celebrating the 454th anniversary of Cyprus’s conquest, the 67th anniversary of the Turkish Resistance Organization (TMT), and the 49th anniversary of the Security Forces Command (GKK). This day stands as the foremost symbol of the Turkish Cypriots’ presence on the island. We extend our most sincere wishes to everyone on 1 August Social Resistance Day, pay our respects to our martyrs with deep appreciation, and express our love and respect to our veterans.”

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