

EMU FEATURED IN 601-800 BAND OF WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) appeared within the 601-800 band in World University Rankings 2026 of UK-based Times Higher Education (THE), publisher of the widely referenced university rankings worldwide. The list also featured 2,191 universities from 115 different countries.

The number of universities included in the sad ranking has increased by 90 compared to the previous year. The University of Oxford ranked as the first followed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology in second place. Princeton University and University of Cambridge, appeared on the list in third place.

The number of Turkish universities featured on the list rose by 18 from the previous year, totalling 112. EMU was placed in the fifth tier among universities in Türkiye.

Notable Achievements in Subject Rankings
EMU secured a position in the 301-400 band in Business and Economics out of 850 universities across 85 countries, ranking first in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and sharing the second band among universities in Türkiye and across Cyprus.

In Medicine and Health, EMU was placed in the 601-800 band among 1,150 universities from 102 countries, ranking first among



TRNC universities and third among Turkish universities.

EMU also ranks among the world's leading universities in Physical Sciences and Engineering. It is in the 301-400 band for Physical Sciences among 1,447 universities from 107 countries, and in the 501-600 band for Engineering among 1,488 universities from 97 countries.

"EMU is Always Listed among the Top Universities in World University Rankings"
EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç remarked

that, as a public university, EMU continues to excel in both quality education and scientific research. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stressed that the university's consistent high rankings in prestigious international lists—such as THE, QS, U.S. News & World Report, and ShanghaiRanking—are no coincidence. According to Prof. Dr. Kılıç, these achievements result from EMU's success-driven institutional culture, embraced by all its staff. Lastly, Prof. Dr. Kılıç congratulated the EMU community and expressed his best wishes for their continued success.

EMU CHALLENGES LEADING INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), consistently ranked among the best universities globally by various international independent ranking bodies, has once again achieved a phenomenal success.

On Tuesday, 18 November 2025, EMU was ranked within the 51-75 band globally in Hospitality and Tourism Management category in the China-based Shanghai Ranking's 2025 World University Academic Rankings.

Furthermore, the university earned a score of 18.2 out of 20 in the "Research Impact" category, placing 12th in the world for this field.

EMU - Top University in the Island in the Field of Hospitality and Tourism Management

EMU is the sole university from both the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and the Republic of Türkiye to be featured



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in this ranking for Hospitality and Tourism Management, and it secured the top position on the island of Cyprus. The ranking evaluated about 2,000 universities out of a total of 5,000 institutions worldwide from 100 countries. Moreover, EMU is among the only university from Türkiye and Cyprus that has been consistently ranked in the field of Hospitality and Tourism Management since 2019.

Ranked 12th Globally in “Research Impact” Category

In the 2025 Shanghai Ranking’s World University Academic Ranking, EMU was assessed across key categories, including “World-Class Faculty”, “World-Class Output”, “High-Quality Research”, “Research Impact”, and “International Collaboration”. The university’s ranking was determined based on its academic publications in top global journals (Q1), international academic awards, citations (excluding self-citations), and its academic partnerships with institutions worldwide, covering a period of 5 years.

Consistently making our country proud with its scholarly achievements, EMU secured 12th place globally in the “Research Impact” category for Hospitality and Tourism Management, with a score of 18.2 out of 20. Adding more, in “International Collaboration” category, EMU was featured among top 17



Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2025				
Eastern Mediterranean University Turkey				
Number of Top 1 Subjects	Number of Top 10 Subjects	Number of Top 50 Subjects	Number of Top 100 Subjects	Total Number of Subjects Listed
-	-	-	1	1
Subject	World Rank	Country /Region Rank		
Hospitality & Tourism Management	51-75	1		

universities around the world, receiving a score of 9 out of 10, thanks to its international collaborations carried out in the field of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

EMU achieved within top 54 globally in the Hospitality and Tourism Management field with a score of 31.0 in the “High-Quality Research” category. It also secured a global ranking in 68th place in the “World-Class Output” category with a score of 27.1. Making remarks on the university’s achievements, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; “Our university has once again secured the top position in Hospitality and Tourism Management across both Cyprus and Türkiye, just as it does each year. This achievement stems from our faculty’s publications in high-impact academic journals, the strong citation performance of these works, and the research

produced through international collaborations. With 1,096 students and distinguished faculty members, our Faculty of Tourism—offering associate, undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral programs in Tourism Management; associate, undergraduate, and master’s programs in Gastronomy and Culinary Arts; and an associate program in Civil Aviation Cabin Services—has once again made us proud by maintaining its standing on the global stage. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone whose efforts contributed to this success, in alignment with our university’s Vision 2030”.

About Shanghai Ranking

Shanghai Ranking began releasing world university rankings by academic subject in 2009, and after updating its methodology, introduced the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) in 2017. The 2025 GRAS evaluates universities in 57 subjects within the areas of Natural Sciences, Engineering, Life Sciences, Medical Sciences, and Social Sciences. This ranking includes nearly 2,000 universities out of 5,000 institutions across 100 countries and regions. GRAS uses objective academic indicators and third-party data to assess university performance globally in five main categories: ‘World-Class Faculty’, ‘World-Class Output’, ‘High-Quality Research’, ‘Research Impact’, and ‘International Collaboration’.

EMU SIGNS AN EDUCATION AND CONSULTANCY PROTOCOL WITH THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ministry of Labour and Social Security has recently signed a protocol covering education and consultancy collaborations in various fields, particularly occupational health and safety (OHS). The protocol was signed by Minister of Labour and Social Security Oğuzhan Hasipoğlu and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, and EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici were also present during the signing session.

The protocol includes EMU’s organization of training programs for Ministry staff and outlines that the Ministry’s occupational health and safety-related consultancy needs will be addressed by the EMU Occupational Health and Safety Center, while its other training and consultancy requirements will be fulfilled by the EMU Continuous Education Center.

“Key Element of the Protocol: Health and Safety at Work”

In his remarks, Minister Hasipoğlu stated that the parties had signed a collaboration protocol covering training and consultancy, noting that the core of



the agreement centers on education in occupational health and safety. Hasipoğlu underlined the Ministry’s strong commitment to protecting workers’ health and safety, adding that it is crucial for them that all activities and services provided are based on scientific foundations. Furthermore, Hasipoğlu expressed his satisfaction in establishing this collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University, one of the country’s long-standing and distinguished academic institutions. He added that these training programs are essential not only for enhancing workers’ well-being, safety, and productivity, but also for maintaining the credibility of employers and related organizations. Concluding his speech, he wished the protocol to be beneficial for both parties.

“EMU is An Institution that Serves the Public”

Also delivering a speech during the signing session, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored that the university is institution that creates knowledge and gains value by sharing it with the community. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his gratitude to Minister Oğuzhan Hasipoğlu for the confidence placed in EMU to deliver services in the critically important area of occupational health and safety, adding that he believes this partnership will yield meaningful contributions to the country. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also conveyed his confidence in achieving the jointly defined objectives with the Ministry and wished for the protocol to be beneficial for both parties.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND KAYAD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Association of Women to Support Living (KAYAD) has signed a memorandum of understanding for establishing joint education programs. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and KAYAD Chairperson Meral Akıncı signed the said agreement during a signing session held at EMU Rector's Office building. The signing session was also attended by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, KAYAD Activist Att. Mine Atlı and EMU Center for Women Studies (CWS) Executive Board Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin.

The signed memorandum of understanding seeks to create a foundation for cooperation in teaching, research, and community service, encompassing scientific, social, cultural, artistic, educational, and sports activities, as well as facilitating the exchange of students, staff, and knowledge.

Making an address during the signing session, KAYAD Chairperson Meral Akıncı said; "I remember the old days when I visit EMU" and, noted that her connection with the university holds a special meaning for her. Speaking about her career journey, Akıncı also expressed her gratitude to EMU, particularly for the support provided to KAYAD interns.

During her speech, Att. Mine Atlı highlighted that EMU students frequently collaborate with KAYAD on their thesis projects to carry out women's studies. She emphasized that, thanks to the contributions of the university and its students, a valuable archive preserving societal memory in this field has been established. Atlı also mentioned two key lobbying initiatives by the association: addressing domestic violence and integrating gender equality curricula into early education. She underlined the importance of awareness campaigns and noted that EMU provides KAYAD with meaningful and sustainable support in these efforts.

Noting that EMU always puts special importance on women studies, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç continued; "Serving public is one of the key duties of our university". Prof. Dr. Kılıç underscored the significant value of women-focused initiatives and KAYAD's role



in this field. Stressing that issues related to women's rights must be handled with care, he described the signed protocol as "a reminder of our social duties and responsibilities". He added, "Families entrust their children to us, and it is our responsibility to nurture them and foster awareness and understanding. This is why I regard this protocol as highly important".

During her speech, EMU CWS Executive Board Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Üçışık Erbilin emphasized that the center, founded in 1998, is the island's first women's research center and one of Türkiye's pioneering institutions. Since

its establishment, it has led numerous significant academic and societal projects. Furthermore, Üçışık Erbilin noted that EMU's initiatives in this field have raised considerable awareness in society and highlighted KAYAD's role as a leading organization, making the collaboration both meaningful and valuable. She added that the work of EMU and its students has contributed substantially to the literature on women and gender issues in Northern Cyprus and that EMU CWS's gender equality efforts have had a significant regional impact. At the end of the signing ceremony, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Akıncı with a special gift from EMU.



EMU HOSTS THE 32ND CONFERENCE ON ECONOMICS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF TRNC MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND ENERGY OLGUN AMCAOĞLU



13 November 2025 at 09:30 a.m. with the participation of Olgun Amcaoğlu – the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Minister of Economy and Energy. The conference took place at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

The opening ceremony was attended by TRNC Minister of Economy and Energy Olgun Amcaoğlu, EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçen, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Chair of TRNC Central Bank Rifat Günay, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Eksiçi, Chairperson of TEA Prof. Dr. Hasan Kazdağlı, Dean of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, faculty deans, department heads and academics.

“Around 150 Presentations to be delivered Across 36 Different Sessions”

In his opening remarks, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, Dean of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, expressed pride in collaborating with a long-established and respected institution

like TEA for this event. He noted that this year's congress will feature around 150 presentations across 36 sessions and will include a special panel focusing on the TRNC's economy. Prof. Dr. Besim also shared insights on the TRNC's economic developments, particularly in banking, foreign exchange, and deposits. Highlighting the achievements of the higher education sector in both economic and academic productivity, he stressed the importance of further efforts in quality assurance, strategic planning, and policy management to ensure these successes continue.

“Theoretical and Practical Research Proposals to Be Presented”

Prof. Dr. Hasan Kazdağlı, the Chairperson of TEA, opened by recounting the history of TEA, founded in 1929 under the guidance of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. He highlighted the institution's contributions to the national economy during the global economic crisis and its ongoing role today. Prof. Dr. Kazdağlı explained that TEA organizes economic seminars, publishes scientific journals, provides scholarships to outstanding economics students, and rewards students who produce theses on the Turkish

Hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Business and Economics and organized in collaboration with Turkish Economics Association (TEA), the 32nd Conference on Economics commenced with an opening ceremony held on Thursday,

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economy. He further noted that the conference will bring together academics from around the world to exchange ideas and present recommendations based on both theoretical and practical research. Emphasizing major shifts in the global economy, Prof. Dr. Kazdağlı pointed out that wealth is increasingly concentrated among a small segment of the population and that economic disparities widened especially after the COVID-19 pandemic, providing participants with insights into key events and trends shaping the global economy.

“Determining Role on TRNC Economy”

Rifat Günay, Chairperson of the TRNC Central Bank, discussed the distinctive nature of the TRNC economy, noting its unique structure regarding foreign exchange and deposit usage. He explained that citizens primarily save through local and limited financial instruments, which shapes the economy in particular ways. Günay also emphasized the determining role of economic ties with Türkiye, highlighting that policies and developments from Türkiye significantly influence the local economy. Günay further stressed the critical importance of a strong banking sector in navigating economic and political challenges. Pointing out that the banking sector is essential for keeping the economy afloat during crises, Günay underscored that its stability is crucial for the overall resilience of the TRNC economy.

“Contributing Regional Development through Knowledge and Science”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed his great pleasure and honor in hosting the conference. He highlighted that the event will offer three days of rich scientific content in the fields of economics, finance, labour, and entrepreneurship, emphasizing that the conference serves not only as a scientific gathering but also as a strong platform for idea generation and academic collaboration. Prof. Dr.



Kılıç noted that EMU, as the first and only state university established by law in the Northern Cyprus, contributes to regional development through knowledge and science. He added that the conference helps promote and strengthen the academic environment of Northern Cyprus on an international level. Prof. Dr. Kılıç concluded by wishing that the conference would be productive and inspiring both for the scientific community and for society.

“Recommendations to Strengthen the Economy”

Olgun Amcaoğlu, Minister of Economy and Energy of the TRNC, expressed his appreciation to EMU and TEA, highlighting the importance of the event for assessing and discussing the country's economy. He

described the TRNC's unique economic dynamics, addressing foreign exchange usage, saving behaviours, and initiatives to minimize the informal economy. Emphasizing the role of technological infrastructure in economic monitoring and management, Amcaoğlu noted that electronic tracking systems and data analysis have made economic activities more transparent and systematically organized. Pointing out that between 2020 and 2023, the TRNC economy witnessed notable growth, with significant contributions from tourism, higher education, and the services sector, Amcaoğlu stressed that the conference provides a platform for the academic community and industry representatives to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and propose recommendations to strengthen the economy. He highlighted that strategic actions in tourism, education, and energy will be particularly important for future economic growth. Minister Amcaoğlu concluded by thanking the participants and wishing the conference a successful outcome.

Following the opening speeches, invited speaker Prof. Dr. Hakan Kara from Bilkent University delivered a presentation moderated by Prof. Dr. Erol Tayman from Middle East Technical University. Throughout the day, Participants exchanged insights and experiences in sessions addressing a variety of topics, including the transformation of the Northern Cyprus economy, firm dynamics and international trade, corporate finance, risk management and governance, labour markets and employment, macroeconomic modelling and policy, household behaviour, technological transformation, research and development, and digitalization.

Continued until Saturday, 15 November 2025, panels and presentations offered participants the opportunity to evaluate current economic developments as well as sharing their academic perspectives with one another.



EMU DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION HOSTS INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education organized a seminar titled “Critical Approaches to Teaching Disciplines through English in Higher Education Institutions” which was held in Ali Hikmet Civelek Hall. The event organized with the initiatives of Prof. Dr. Naciye Kunt, a faculty member at the Department of Foreign Language Education, hosted two important figures Prof. Dr. Enric Llorda and Prof. Dr. Yasemin Bayyurt from University of Lleida, Spain.

At the event, Prof. Dr. Bayyurt delivered a presentation titled “Changing Paradigms, Changing ELT Practices in a Growingly Multilingual and Multicultural World”, approaching English teaching

methods in a multilingual and multicultural world. In her presentation, Prof. Dr. Bayyurt explored how language policies from early childhood education to higher education are being redefined through the concept of ‘global citizenship’. She discussed the crucial role English teachers play in helping students develop intercultural awareness. She also underscored the value of multilingualism and intercultural citizenship education, offering awareness-focused teaching examples for both prospective and current teachers.

Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Llorda’s “The Englishization of Academic Institutions in the Expanding Circle” presentation discussed the notion of Englishization emerging from globalization. Prof. Dr. Llorda addressed the difficulties faced

by universities in non-English-speaking regions that choose English as their medium of instruction. Using Catalonia (Spain) as a case study, he discussed the pedagogical and cultural consequences of adopting English for teaching. He highlighted several key issues, including the use of English as a common communicative language and the notion of native speakerism, the difference between teaching the English language and teaching academic content in English, and the challenges that may arise in English-medium education settings. Prof. Dr. Llorda also shared strategies that teachers and institutional leaders can implement, along with suggestions for navigating this process moving forward.

In her statement on the seminar, Head of EMU Department of Foreign Language Education Assist. Prof. Dr. Fatoş Erozan highlighted that in a globalized world, language serves not only as a communication tool but also as a fundamental aspect of intercultural understanding. She stated; “International academic interactions like this provide valuable opportunities for students and faculty alike to gain new perspectives and enhance their professional development. Having two leading experts share their insights and experience at our university represents a significant advantage for both the department and the institution”.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION REPRESENTED AT THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONGRESS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education was represented at the 9th International Early Childhood Education Congress hosted by Bursa Uludağ University Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education. At the congress, EMU Faculty of Education, Department of Elementary Education academics Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın and Specialist Ayşe Kekilli delivered the presentation

titled “Hatay’da Deprem Sonrası Okul Öncesi Çocuklara Yönelik Kapsayıcı Psikoeğitimsel Müdahale Etkinliklerinin Değerlendirilmesi / An Evaluation of Inclusive Psychoeducational Intervention Activities Implemented for Preschool Children in Hatay Following the Earthquake”, also acting as session chairs during the event.

International Early Childhood Education Congress

Biyearly organized International Early Childhood Education Congress is recognized as one of the most extensive scientific events in the field of early childhood education, bringing academics, researchers and executives together. Hosting nearly 1,000 participants this year, the congress featured approximately 586 presentations. Moreover, it was announced that the tenth

congress will be hosted by Sivas Cumhuriyet University in two years.

“To Continue Its Pioneering Studies”

The EMU Rector’s Office expressed its pleasure with the Department of Elementary Education within the Faculty of Education for contributing to the university’s scientific productivity through its academic work at both national and international levels. Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç noted that the department’s scholars enhance EMU’s prestige through the high-quality studies they conduct in their fields, and he congratulated Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eda Yazgın and Specialist Ayşe Kekilli for their involvement in the congress. He further highlighted that EMU will continue to advance its leadership in research, education, and community service in line with its commitment to academic excellence.



COSMOLOGY SUMMIT AT EMU: PROF. DR. AHMEDOV EXPLAINS THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE AND THE DISCOVERIES OF JAMES WEBB

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Arts and Sciences Faculty, Department of Physics hosted a renowned figure from the cosmology world. Prof. Dr. Bobomurat Ahmedov, representing both the Ulugh Beg Astronomical Institute of the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences and the Advanced Research Institute of New Uzbekistan University, gave an impactful presentation at EMU's Department of Physics on "The Modern Understanding of the Universe's Structure and Evolution".

Only 4% of the Universe is "Visible" Matter

Prof. Dr. Ahmedov began his lecture by discussing the theory that the universe originated 13.7 billion years ago with the Big Bang. Emphasizing that from that point onward, the universe has been expanding and cooling, Prof. Dr. Ahmedov also presented remarkable findings on the universe's composition according to the widely accepted Λ CDM (Lambda-CDM) model.

Prof. Dr. Ahmedov pointed out that, contrary to what many assume, the vast majority of the universe is composed of elements we cannot observe. He stated that about 73% of the universe's total mass and energy is made up of dark energy, the force behind its accelerating expansion. He added that roughly 23% consists of dark matter, which has strong indirect evidence supporting its existence despite not yet being directly detected. Meanwhile, ordinary 'baryonic' matter—the material forming stars, planets, and humans—makes up only about 4% of the universe, underscoring how little of the cosmos is made of familiar matter.

"Foam-Like" Structure of the Dark Matter
Discussing the formation of the universe's present structure, Prof. Dr. Ahmedov explained that dark matter serves as the backbone of the cosmos, saying, "Under gravitational influence, dark matter gradually accumulated and formed a

'foam-like' pattern made up of filaments and vast empty regions. Enormous hydrogen and helium clouds were pulled into these dense areas, eventually giving birth to the first galaxies, stars, and everything we see in the universe today".

James Webb Telescope: A Revolution in Cosmology

Prof. Dr. Ahmedov devoted a major portion of his lecture to the latest discoveries made by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) and their transformative impact on cosmology. He stressed that the telescope's pioneering observations are reshaping our understanding of the universe's core mechanisms and prompting a re-evaluation of current theories. He then outlined JWST's primary contributions as follows:

"Discovery of Ancient Galaxies"

"By observing galaxies from the universe's earliest, 'baby' stages, JWST has provided new insights that refine our knowledge of how galaxies form and evolve."

"Exoplanet Atmospheres"

"The telescope studies the atmospheres of exoplanets—planets beyond our Solar System—providing crucial data on their compositions and potential signs of habitability."

"Stellar Nurseries"

"By peering through cosmic dust clouds, the telescope has provided unprecedented views of how stars are born and die." Prof. Dr. Ahmedov added that JWST has also uncovered unexpected phenomena, such as the mysterious structures of dark matter, challenging scientists to reconsider current models. He concluded his talk by saying, "As the James Webb Telescope continues to probe the depths of space, we anticipate many more groundbreaking discoveries that will deepen our understanding of the universe's workings." At the end of the event, Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, Head of



EMU Department of Physics, presented Prof. Dr. Ahmedov with a special gift representing the university.

A Visit to EMU Rector's Office

Following the event, Prof. Dr. Ahmedov visited EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, expressing his contentment on being at the university. He stated, "I was deeply impressed by the curiosity and dedication to science shown by EMU students and faculty. Being in an environment where scientific inquiry is so strong was a great pleasure for me."

Prof. Dr. Karatepe shared his happiness in hosting a globally recognized scientist at EMU, noting, "Prof. Dr. Ahmedov's extensive knowledge and the striking insights he shared about the universe have been a tremendous source of inspiration for our students and faculty. As EMU, we will continue to bring the universal power of science to our campus."

The visit was also attended by Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, Head of EMU Department of Physics, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün, a faculty member in the same department. At the conclusion of the visit, Prof. Dr. Karatepe presented Prof. Dr. Ahmedov with a gift unique to Cyprus.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION MAP OF TRNC SHAPED AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted the “KKTC Giriřimcilik ve İnovasyon Ekosisteminin Durum Tespiti, Strateji ve Eylem Planı Çalıştayı / Workshop on the Assessment, Strategy, and Action Plan for the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ecosystem of the TRNC” on Monday, 17 November 2025 at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. Commenced at 08:45 a.m., the workshop was sponsored by Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry, Inventionland MENA and Aura Line Solution. The event, held with the aim of creating a sustainable future and a unified vision for entrepreneurship and innovation in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, convened a diverse group of stakeholders from public sector, private sector, academia, and civil society.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici and EMU Advanced Technology Research and Development (R&D) Institute Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı attended the said event.

“A Concrete Step to Boost TRNC’s Entrepreneurship and Innovation Capacity”

In his opening speech, EMU Advanced Technology R&D Institute Director Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı stressed that the workshop marked a significant step in strengthening the TRNC’s entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem. He highlighted that the initiative, which brought together representatives from the public sector, private sector, academia, and entrepreneurial circles, aimed not only to assess the current situation but also to develop an action plan tailored to the country’s specific needs. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Solyalı also noted that the TRNC Ministry of Economy and Energy’s forward-looking policies, along with relevant laws and regulations, support innovation and technology-driven growth. He emphasized EMU’s role as a key player that goes beyond academic research by fostering collaboration among stakeholders and leading innovative processes. Finally, he expressed gratitude to all institutions and individuals who contributed to the workshop’s success, underlining that the outcomes will provide a lasting impact on the nation’s entrepreneurship and innovation journey.

“A Strategic Meeting Shaping TRNC’s New Development Story”

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that the workshop was not merely a platform for exchanging ideas, but a strategic gathering where TRNC’s new



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development narrative is being shaped. He emphasized that EMU functions not only as an educational institution but also as a national innovation hub, driving the country's scientific capacity, technological output, and innovation ecosystem. Prof. Dr. Kılıç pointed out that small nations can achieve remarkable progress with the right vision, ecosystem, and bold initiatives, citing global examples such as Estonia, Singapore, Aalto University, KAIST, and MIT. Prof. Dr. Kılıç underscored that TRNC—with its strong higher education system, youthful population, and international ties—provides an ideal environment for innovation, with EMU acting as the scientific backbone of this transformation. Moreover, Prof. Dr. Kılıç added that the workshop's purpose extends beyond producing a report, aiming instead to envision TRNC in 2040. He concluded by thanking all who contributed to the workshop and reaffirmed EMU's commitment to continue leading the country's innovation journey.

Following the opening speeches, a panel titled "Change and Innovation" and moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı, featured Prof. Dr. Mehmet Başar and Ufuk Batumas panellists. After the panel, sessions focused on "SWOT Analysis – Evaluating Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats", "Defining Strategic Areas and Priorities" and "Creating and Prioritizing Action Plans". The workshop ended with a comprehensive evaluation session following these discussions.



"LIMITLESS FUTURES: WOMEN, TECHNOLOGY, CREATIVITY AND CHANGE" SEMINAR FROM TECHGIRLS COMMITTEE



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) TechGirls Committee organized a seminar titled "Limitless Future: Women, Technology, Creativity and Change". Working in line with its mission of contributing to society and the future, the TechGirls Committee held a seminar focused on empowering women in technology and informatics. The event drew significant attention, with 110 students in attendance. The seminar featured Faize Akçaba—an internationally recognized figure in the telecommunications and IT sectors and a multiple recipient of the "Woman Entrepreneur of the Year" award—as the keynote speaker.

EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, Dean of EMU Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rızaner, Vice Deans Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Özen and Assist. Prof. Dr. Hüsnü Bayramoğlu, Information Systems and Technologies Program Coordinator Dr. Şebnem Çoban, TRNC Telsim Corporate Communication Director Nil Zorlu Atai and faculty members attended the event.

Delivering a speech on behalf of the TechGirls Committee, Dr. Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak explained the mission of the committee as; "Ensuring that every new generation of women in technology and STEM becomes stronger than the one before". Highlighting the continued underrepresentation of women

in technology, Dr. Çırak noted, "The issue is not a shortage of talent, but a shortage of opportunities — and we have the ability to bridge this gap."

In her speech, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu shared insights from her own career journey as a women academic fulfilling administrative roles. Advising students to believe in themselves, pursue their goals with determination, and not be discouraged by obstacles, adding, "The participation of both female and male students today reflects a future that will be more inclusive." After her remarks, she presented Faize Akçaba with a plaque of appreciation.

The seminar offered students a platform to be inspired and to connect directly with accomplished women in the industry. Following the event, students had one-on-one meetings with Faize Akçaba, where they received career guidance and gained opportunities to grow their professional networks.

Studies carried out with the TechGirls Vision

The TechGirls Committee, founded by EMU Information Systems and Technologies Program academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nazife Dimililer, Instructor Dr. Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak, EMU Academic Affairs

Coordinator and Instructor Dr. Özlem Görkan Evre, and EMU Computer Programming Program academic staff member Halide Sarıçizmeli, seeks to promote women's active participation in technology and entrepreneurship while strengthening their representation in leadership roles.

Since its establishment in 2020, the TechGirls Committee has carried out numerous initiatives in line with EMU's vision of equality and inclusivity. Between 2022 and 2024, in collaboration with the Famagusta Women's Center (MAKAMER), the committee reached hundreds of high school students through events held under the BİTEK project at three different high schools. Additionally, in partnership with the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (KTTO) Women Entrepreneurs Council (KGS) and the Turkish Cypriot Union of Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB) Chamber of Electrical Engineers (EMO), two university seminars were organized. TechGirls also played an active role in the Geek Girl Dinner events, conducted as part of the EU-supported "Enhancing Women's Economic Participation across the Green Line" project.

The TechGirls Committee's executive team emphasized that they will keep advancing and strengthening efforts to raise awareness and empower women in the fields of technology and IT.



“ORGAN DONATION PANEL AND DONATION EVENT” HELD AT EMU

As part of 3-9 November Organ and Tissue Donation Week, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organized a panel titled “Organ Donation in TRNC” and an Organ Donation event. Held on Thursday, 6 November 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy hall, the said event was organized in collaboration with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ministry of Health and EMU Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate with the contributions of Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Faculty of Health Sciences. Scientific Research Society, Nursing Club, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Club and, Nutrition and Dietetics Club operating at EMU provided significant contributions to the event which was held with “Bağışınız Umut, İziniz Yaşam Olsun / Let Your Donation Bring Hope, Leave a Legacy of Life”.

The panel was attended by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Düriye Deren Oygur, Undersecretary at the TRNC Ministry of Health; EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe; EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu; Ahmet Varoğlu, Coordination Board Member at the Ministry of Health, faculty deans, department heads, academics and students.

“A Major Social Responsibility”

In his opening speech, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Karatepe noted that EMU’s 46-year history of contributions to education, research, and society, highlighting its significant impact in the healthcare field. Prof. Dr. Karatepe also emphasized the importance of the organ donation panel for both the university and the broader community. Underlining that universities should go beyond teaching and research by actively promoting social awareness, he pointed out that organ donation is not only an individual decision but should be discussed within families, fostering empathy and offering hope to those in need. Prof. Dr. Karatepe added that lives saved through organ donation can lead to future societal contributions, making it a major social responsibility. He concluded by thanking the student clubs, the Ministry of Health, and the



Faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences for their efforts in organizing the event, wishing it to be both meaningful and productive.

“Achievable with Awareness and Effort”

EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu stressed the importance of organ donation in saving lives and giving hope for new beginnings. She explained that donated organs can restore life, while tissue transplants can bring light to the world. Prof. Dr. Zorlu underscored that thousands of people start each day hoping for an organ transplant, and fulfilling this hope requires awareness and effort, not just wishes. Noting that the event successfully raised awareness and encouraged organ donation, Prof. Dr. Zorlu thanked the Ministry of Health, EMU’s Faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences, the Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate, and the contributing student clubs, expressing her hope that the message about organ donation reaches an even broader audience.

Moderated by the Acting Dean of EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu and the Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, the “Organ Donation in TRNC” panel featured Ministry of Health’s Undersecretary and Nephrologist Assoc. Prof. Dr. Düriye Deren Oygur, Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty academic staff and Neurologist Assoc. Prof. Dr. Amber Eker, Internal Medicine and Nephrology Specialist Dr. Ahmet Behlül, Barış Mental and



Neurological Diseases Hospital Psychiatrist Dr. Gözde Ataöv, and transplant patient İbrahim Yazıcı as panellists.

The panel explored the current state of organ donation in the TRNC, covering topics such as the Human Cell, Tissue, and Organ Transplant Law, brain death, the psychological aspects of organ donation, global challenges and solutions, as well as patients’ and families’ experiences. Following the discussion, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu presented plaques to the speakers. Throughout the event, registrations for organ and tissue donation were also collected from participants willing to contribute.

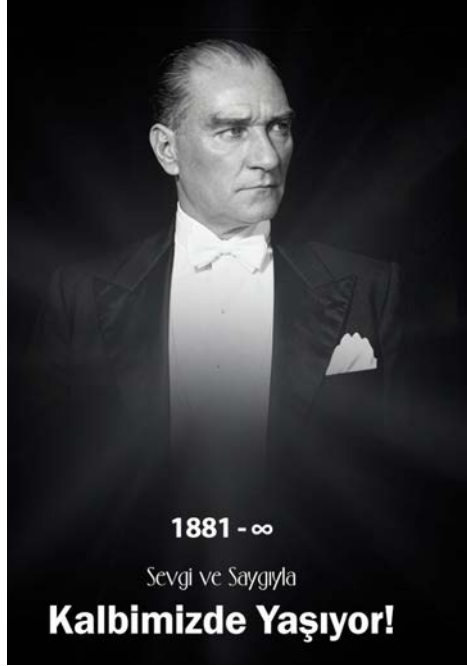


EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ RELEASES A MESSAGE COMMEMORATING GREAT LEADER MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a commemorative message on the 87th year of the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's passing. The message of Prof. Dr. Kılıç reads as follows:

"On the 87th anniversary of his passing, we remember Great Leader Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the Founder of the Republic of Türkiye, with respect, gratitude and longing.

November 10 represents more than a day of remembrance. It is an opportunity to revisit, embrace, and carry forward the values, principles, and ideals he entrusted to us. Atatürk, a visionary far ahead of his era, inspired not only the Turkish nation but all of humanity through his unwavering commitment to science, reason, and education. His statement, "Science is the most reliable guide in life", continues to serve as a guiding principle for educators and researchers. As Eastern Mediterranean University,



we remain dedicated to cultivating individuals who advance with the light of science, who think critically, who create,

and who consistently uphold Atatürk's goal of contemporary civilization.

Our essential responsibility today is to advance the Republic that Atatürk entrusted to us, always steering it forward with the guidance of reason, science, democracy, and human rights. His vision is not only a legacy of the past; it remains the most steadfast compass for shaping our future.

87 years has passed since the Great Leader Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk left us, yet his thoughts, principles, reforms, and worldview continue to live with us and will remain with future generations for eternity.

On this meaningful occasion, I commemorate Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and all the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for our homeland with deep respect and gratitude, and I once again reaffirm our sincere commitment to his principles and reforms."

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ CELEBRATES THE FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY OF TRNC

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a message on the 42nd anniversary of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). The message released by Prof. Dr. Kılıç reads as follows:

"As the first and only state university established by law in our country, we are celebrating the 42nd foundation anniversary of TRNC with great pride, joy and enthusiasm. November 15 represents a historic milestone for the Turkish Cypriot people, honouring their fight for freedom, equality, and independence, and bringing to life the principles of democracy, justice, and sovereignty.

Led by our community leader Dr. Fazıl Küçük and our founding president Rauf Raif Denktaş, the Turkish people in Cyprus were inspired by Atatürk and his comrades, who fought alongside the people

for freedom. After years of independence struggles, they succeeded in founding the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. We are truly fortunate that, thanks to our Motherland Türkiye, our leaders, and the sacrifices of our martyrs and veterans, we can live freely under the protection of an independent state, breathing freely in our homeland without the domination of any other country.

It is our collective responsibility to preserve the core values of our Republic and strive for a future that is stronger, more productive, and freer. At Eastern Mediterranean University, we remain committed to advancing our nation's progress by fostering science, education, and societal development.

On this significant day, I honour with respect, gratitude, and remembrance all the leaders, veterans, and beloved martyrs



who gave their lives for our homeland, especially our Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş and our Leader Dr. Fazıl Küçük, as well as everyone who dedicated themselves to the Turkish Cypriot people's struggle for existence.

With these sentiments, I wholeheartedly congratulate all our people on Republic Day, 15 November, wishing everyone many more years filled with peace, prosperity and solidarity."

PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE RELEASES A MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM ON THE 87TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT LEADER MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK

On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM), Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a message on the 87th year of Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's passing. The message released by Prof. Dr. Karatepe reads as follows:

"Leaders are those who bring people together around shared ideas, values, and principles, inspiring them toward a common goal and motivating them to take purposeful action. To be an effective leader of a community or nation, one must be a guide, a source of inspiration, a teacher, progressive in outlook, and trustworthy, while also being capable of devising creative solutions to the issues the community and nation faces.

Reflecting on the division of Anatolia by Western powers, the occupations that followed the Armistice of Mondros, the severe conditions of the Treaty of Sèvres, the extraordinary resistance of the National Struggle, the founding of the Republic, and the subsequent reforms, all highlight Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's qualities. His ability to identify internal and external challenges of the nation, to devise effective, rational, and pragmatic solutions, and implement

transformative changes stands as evidence of his remarkable and visionary leadership.

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who changed the course of world history, was more than just a soldier, he was also a visionary statesman. The Gallipoli Campaign was a pivotal victory achieved through the brilliance and foresight of Commander Mustafa Kemal Pasha at Anafartalar. Following this success, he gained the trust of the Turkish people and secured a special place in their hearts. His arrival in Samsun on 19 May 1919, marked the start of the National Struggle, a defining moment in Turkish history that signalled the resurgence of a nation once threatened with destruction. The Turkish people, under the leadership of Atatürk, rebuilt their shattered world through the founding of the Republic of Türkiye, guided by his principles and reforms.

On the anniversary of Atatürk's passing, it is everyone's most important responsibility to comprehend Atatürk and his greatest legacy, the Republic, to preserve its values in all situations, and to adopt the principles of Atatürk's philosophy.

The Turkish Cypriot community, who provided unwavering support to the national struggle



in Anatolia, have also been devoted followers of the great leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's principles and reforms.

Guided by these ideals, we once again honour the memory of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk on the 87th anniversary of his passing, with love, respect, and deep longing, bowing before his memory."

PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE RELEASES 15 NOVEMBER REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM

On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM), Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a message on the 42nd anniversary of 15 November, founding of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The message released by Prof. Dr. Karatepe reads as follows:

"A country's geographical and strategic position is undeniably a crucial factor in shaping its history and future. This is particularly true for the island of Cyprus, which has faced numerous turning points over time. In the more recent history of Cyprus, Turkish Cypriots have endured difficult periods, fighting hard to have a voice, and to establish recognition of their presence on the island, along with their language, religion, customs, and collective experiences.

The Greek Cypriot group EOKA initially directed actions against the British but soon turned its focus toward Turkish Cypriots. Despite being partners in the Republic of Cyprus established in 1960, Turkish Cypriots were forcibly removed from governance in 1963 due to attacks by Greek Cypriot armed groups. These attacks, along with imposed embargoes, intensified

between 1963 and 1974, prompting a 19-year struggle for survival led by the Turkish Resistance Organization (TMT). On 20 July 1974, Türkiye, acting as one of the guarantor states, intervened militarily on the island to protect the security and interests of Turkish Cypriots. This action prevented Cyprus from being annexed by Greece and ensured the preservation of the Turkish Cypriot community. After the successful completion of the Peace Operation, the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus was formed on 13 February 1975. This long struggle reached its peak with the proclamation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) on 15 November 1983, as decided by the Turkish Cypriot Federated Assembly. In a special session held that day, the Assembly unanimously approved the TRNC's foundation and independence declaration. Established 42 years ago today, the TRNC marked a pivotal moment, affirming the Turkish Cypriot people's political identity on the island through the creation of an independent state.

Rauf Raif Denktaş, the founding President of the TRNC and leader of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus at the time, spoke to the crowd gathered outside the Federated



Assembly following the declaration session. In his address, he declared, "How fortunate are the children of the TRNC".

On this meaningful occasion, I wholeheartedly commemorate with great longing and gratitude, the leader of our struggle, Dr. Fazıl Küçük, our Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş, heroes of our national struggle and all the martyrs. I also extend my respectful greetings to our veterans."

EMU COMMEMOREATES GREAT LEADER MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) commemorated the founder of the Republic of Türkiye, Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, on 87th anniversary of his passing with a ceremony held at EMU Atatürk Monument on Monday, 10 November 2025 at 08:45 a.m. Organized in collaboration with EMU Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) and EMU Atatürk Ideology Club (ADK), the ceremony was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, academic and administrative personnel, and students.

Within the scope of the ceremony program, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç placed a wreath at Atatürk Monument at 09:00 a.m. Then, on behalf of EMU ATAUM, Dr. Devran Kaya read the '10 November Declaration'.

“Established a Modern Republic Respected By All”

Dr. Devran Kaya noted that the 87th anniversary of the passing of Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, founder of the Republic of Türkiye, should not be seen only as a day of mourning. He highlighted its significance for fully understanding Atatürk's 57-year life, his struggle and his contributions to the Turkish state. Dr. Kaya explained that Atatürk, despite limited means, resisted the most advanced weaponry of his time, closed one chapter of history and opened a new one, ultimately establishing a modern Republic respected by all. Dr. Kaya stated that Atatürk's principles and reforms were embraced by Turkish Cypriots willingly and without pressure. Dr. Kaya underlined



that the great leader's determination, the responsibilities he entrusted to the nation and the goals he set must be remembered at all times.

“Among the Most Influential Leaders Not Only in Turkish History But Also Globally”

Delivering a speech following the observance of A Minute of Silence and National Anthem, Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that they honour Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, founder of the Republic of Türkiye, with profound respect, gratitude and remembrance on the 87th anniversary of his passing. Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted that Atatürk stands among the most influential leaders not only in Turkish history but also globally. He also reminded the audience of Atatürk's unwavering belief in the Republic and the Turkish nation, quoting his words: “Every mortal will one day return to the earth, yet the Republic of Türkiye shall live forever”.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that 10th of November is not only a day of remembrance, but also a time to reflect on the values, principles and ideals Atatürk entrusted to the nation and to carry them forward. He stated that Atatürk's dedication to science, reason



and education served as an inspiration not only for the Turkish people but for all humanity. Saying; “It is our duty to follow the path laid out by the Great Leader Atatürk and to continually advance our Republic guided by reason and science, grounded in democracy and human rights”, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that Atatürk's path is not a memory of the past, but the most reliable compass for the future.

At the end of his speech, Prof. Dr. Kılıç remembered Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and his comrades in arms, who sacrificed their lives for the homeland, with respect and longing. Quoting from the “Atatürk'ten Son Mektup / Last Letter from Atatürk” poem by Halim Avcıoğlu, Prof. Dr. Kılıç explained that truly understanding Mustafa Kemal means keeping his legacy alive not just through words, but through science, effort, and productive action.

The ceremony concluded with a piano performance by EMU Faculty of Education, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Atakan Sarı who performed a variety of marches.

EMU REPUBLIC DAY RUN EVENT ORGANIZED FOR THE 42ND YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC



Within the scope of the events held for the 42nd foundation anniversary of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Sports Affairs Unit operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate, organized a 'Republic Run' event on Friday, 14 November 2025 at 02:00 p.m. The sixth edition of the traditional run began in front of the EMU Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Hall and concluded at the EMU Yasin Düşüner Stadium, following the completion of racecourse set through the campus.

EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu gave the start signal of the event which was attended by EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, VYK members İsmail Güneş Güneşoğlu and Beyhan Gürgöze, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, EMU Registrar Yağmur Ergüneş Tümer, academic and administrative personnel members, and students.

Before the run, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, addressed the participants, saying: 'Today,

on the 42nd anniversary of our Republic, we gather together for the Republic Run. I sincerely thank everyone for taking part and wish us all a bright future, hoping we will come together for many more celebrations'.

"EMU Will Continue to Generate Value in All Fields"

In this address, EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk stressed that November 15 is a day of pride for the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, adding; "November 15 marks the founding day of our Republic. Each year, we hold the Republic Run to celebrate this significant day and to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to the Republic. This event stands as a meaningful symbol of our dedication. I extend my gratitude to all the participants of our annual traditional run. Just as it leads in scientific achievements, Eastern Mediterranean University will continue to generate value in sports and all areas that benefit society."

First, Second and Third Place Cups Awarded

In the U18 age group, Emir Kafa, as the only male participant, secured a spot on the podium. In the U18 women's category, Ada Kafa, a national athlete, claimed first place, followed by Acıbesu İflazoğlu in second and Sofia Palupets in third. In the 18–35 general category, the men's

podium featured Enis Alçıçı in first place, Ömer Faruk Kicim in second, and Hasan Doğa Yürekli in third. On the women's side, Reyhan Melisa Kabaklıoğlu took first, Gökay Tabur came in second, and Laren Şeren placed third.

For the +35 age category, Aydın Kayol achieved first place among men, Onur İstillozlu second, and Serdar Avcı third. In the women's +35 category, Naile Günbay took first place, Havva Baletti second, and Yağmur Ergüneş Tümer third.

A Special Award was also presented during the event. Elvin Kaymakçı, the youngest participant, was invited to the podium and presented with a special award.

Ranking competitors were presented with their awards by EMU VYK President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU VYK members Beyhan Gürgöze and İsmail Güneş Güneşoğlu, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, EMU Sports Affairs Unit Coordinator Aydın Kayol, EMU Sports Affairs Chiefs Mehmet Topöu and Osman Konnolu, EMU Sports Affairs Unit Coaches Hasan Maydon and Tuğba Aydın.

REPUBLIC DAY CONCERT FROM EMU MUSIC TEACHING PROGRAM STUDENTS

On 42nd anniversary of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Education, Department of Fine Arts Education, Music Teaching Program students performed a Republic Day Concert on Monday, 17 November 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at EMU Central Lecture Halls Lobby Area. The concert, which is held annually, was attended by the Head of Department of Fine Arts Education Prof. Dr. S. Çetin Aydar, faculty members and students.

Led by Choir Master Erkan Dağlı and accompanied by Assist. Prof. Dr. Atakan Sarı, Music Teaching Program Polyphonic Choir a series of beautiful marches and Turkish Cypriot folk songs, giving the audience unforgettable moments.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND SOCIETY MANIFESTO FROM EMU



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has released the “EMU Artificial Intelligence and Society Manifesto,” emphasizing that AI is more than just a technology—it is a transformative force shaping how humans think, create, and coexist. The manifesto underscores EMU’s ambition to be a leading institution that actively steers, rather than merely follows, the changes brought by the AI era.

In his remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that while artificial intelligence eliminates obstacles to accessing information, the true challenge is making sense of knowledge, thinking critically, and applying it ethically. He added, “A university’s strength lies not just in generating knowledge, but in having the courage to ask the questions that will guide humanity’s future. At EMU, we embrace that courage”.

The released manifesto reads as follows:

1. On the Verge of a New Era

Artificial intelligence goes beyond being just a technology; it is a powerful force reshaping the ways humanity thinks, creates, and coexist. Today, accessing information is no longer the challenge—the true task is to make sense of it, think critically, and apply it ethically. At Eastern Mediterranean University, we aim to lead this transformation rather than merely follow it, because we believe that a university’s strength lies not only in producing knowledge, but in having the courage to pose the questions that will guide humanity’s future.

2. From the Summit to Change: Fostering Social Awareness

For the past two years, our annual Artificial Intelligence Summit has served as an influential platform for engineering, IT, and innovation. Now, we are taking this initiative further with the “EMU Artificial Intelligence and Society Movement”. This movement aims not only to build technical expertise, but also to cultivate a human-centered, ethical, and multidisciplinary learning culture. AI is transforming every sector of society, and we aim to explore and rethink its impact across education, arts, law, economics, and culture.

3. Basic Principles of the Movement

Ethics, Law and Responsibility:

The impact of artificial intelligence on data protection, privacy, human rights, and decision-making will be considered alongside the values of academic freedom and the greater good of society.

Creativity and Culture:

The creative potential of AI in fields such as arts, literature and design will be explored: aesthetic production styles will be supported with the “human + AI” collaboration.

Social Benefit and Participation:

Students will be motivated to apply artificial intelligence in addressing challenges in city life, the environment, healthcare, and social services. Each EMU student will serve as an ambassador for change, using AI to advance the well-being of humanity.

Interdisciplinary Cooperation:

Every faculty, from engineering to psychology and from communication to economics, is an integral part of this movement. At EMU, connecting science, art, and humanity remains a key priority.

4. New Learning Model: Human + AI

The future of education lies in a collaborative learning model that supports teachers, prioritizes students, and applies technology ethically. AI is not meant to replace educators; instead, it enhances their capabilities. Guided by this principle, EMU will implement student-focused, ethically driven learning systems supported by AI.

5. Coexistence and Harmony

Eastern Mediterranean University represents a distinctive ecosystem where different cultures, disciplines, and ideas come together. Aligned with our vision of “Coexistence and Harmony,” we strive to enable students to both develop technology and apply it in meaningful ways.

6. Our Call

Today we are at a milestone. Artificial intelligence is not just a matter for laboratories, but a concern for the shared future of humanity. As EMU, we are determined not only to be part of this transformation, but to lead it. We invite all our students, academics, and stakeholders to join us in shaping this change.

7. Towards the Future

A university’s strength lies not just in generating knowledge, but in having the courage to ask the questions that will guide humanity’s future. The EMU Artificial Intelligence and Society Movement embodies the collective vision of those willing to ask these questions. Together, we innovate and grow stronger. The future starts here.

Kind regards,
EMU Rectorate

Upcoming Events

EMU TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL ISTATISTICS CONGRESS IRSYSC 2025

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) will be hosting the 9th International Researchers, Statisticians and Young Statisticians Congress (IRSYSC 2025) to be co-organized by the Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University. The event will bring the recent researchers in the field of statistics and applied sciences together with international science society. The IRSYSC 2025 will be held at Adana Alparslan Türkeş Science and Technology University on 26-27 November 2025 and will also be in Famagusta, at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center on 28-29 November 2025 hosted by EMU.

The congress aims to go beyond a purely academic event by acting as a significant bridge for scientific diplomacy between Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selim Gündüz, Chair of the Organizing Committee, emphasized that IRSYSC 2025 offers a strategic platform not only for the exchange of scientific research but also for fostering long-term collaborations. He stated, "This congress is not just about sharing research; it is about establishing lasting

scientific connections between the two countries. Knowledge generated from statistics, economics, and data science will evolve into strong partnerships among universities, government institutions, and the private sector."

The congress will cover both foundational fields—such as statistics, biostatistics, econometric analysis, biometrics, and operations research—and contemporary research areas including data science, AI applications, actuarial science and risk management, economics, business, and finance. Through live-linked joint panels, mentoring sessions, and project match-making activities between the two congress venues, participants will have the chance to connect and collaborate with professionals from academia, government, and the private sector.

International Scientists to meet at IRSYSC 2025

The keynote speakers of the 9th International Researchers, Statisticians, and Young Statisticians Congress include internationally acclaimed experts in statistics and applied sciences such as, Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim Demir

from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK), Prof. Dr. Hamparsum Bozdoğan from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Prof. Dr. Hülya Çingil from Hacettepe University, Prof. Dr. Coşkun Kuş from Konya Selçuk University, Prof. Dr. Çiğdem Arıcıgil Çılan from Istanbul University Faculty of Business, Assoc. Prof. Dr. F. Feyza Gündüz from Adana Alparslan Türkeş University Faculty of Business, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hakan Demirtaş from the University of Illinois Chicago. The keynote speakers will present their insights and experiences to the congress participants.

Scientific Contribution and Awards

Open to the participation of all academics, researchers, undergraduate and postgraduate students, the congress will publish the submitted papers in the ISBN-registered Congress Proceedings following a peer-review process. Additionally, one of the selected studies will be awarded the Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK) Special Prize.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç in the Honorary Committee

The congress's Honorary Committee comprises Zorlu Töre, former Spokesperson of the TRNC Parliament; Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Rector of EMU; Prof. Dr. Adnan Sözen, Rector of Adana Alparslan Türkeş University of Science and Technology; and Prof. Dr. Hülya Çingil, Retired Professor from Hacettepe University.

Statement from EMU Rector's Office

EMU Rector's Office conveyed their enthusiasm for hosting this important international event, highlighting that the congress will significantly contribute to scientific productivity, collaboration, and knowledge exchange. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç remarked, "At Eastern Mediterranean University, we believe in the universal power of science and the transformative potential of research. I am confident that IRSYSC 2025 will open new avenues not only in statistics and data science but also in interdisciplinary collaboration. We are proud to host this congress, which fosters academic solidarity between Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus".

Application Period Continues

Full Text Submission Deadline for IRSYSC 2025 will continue until 26 November 2025. Applications and registrations are carried out on the official website of the congress, <http://irsyrc2025.info>.



The poster for the 9th International Researchers, Statisticians and Young Statisticians Congress (IRSYSC 2025) features a large blue number '9' on the left. The title 'International Researchers, Statisticians and Young Statisticians Congress' is written in white and blue text. The dates and locations are listed: '26-27 NOVEMBER 2025 CUKUROVA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADANA / TÜRKİYE' and '28-29 NOVEMBER 2025 RAUF RAIF DENKTAŞ CULTURE AND CONVENTION CENTER FAMAGUSTA / TRNC'. Two scenic images of Adana and Famagusta are shown. Below the images are seven circular portraits of keynote speakers with their names and affiliations: Assoc. Prof. Dr. İbrahim DEMİR (Turkish Statistical Institute), Prof. Dr. Hamparsum BOZDOĞAN (University of Tennessee), Prof. Dr. Hülya CINGIL (Hacettepe University), Prof. Dr. Coşkun KUS (Selçuk University), Prof. Dr. Çiğdem ARICIGİL ÇILAN (Istanbul University), Assoc. Prof. Dr. F. Feyza GÜNDÜZ (Adana Alparslan Türkeş University), and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hakan DEMİRTAŞ (University of Illinois Chicago). At the bottom, the IRSYSC 2025 logo is displayed, along with logos of partner organizations: ATU, TÜİK, IQR ARAŞTIRMA, IQR CONGRESS, and IQR AJANS. The Congress Organizing Committee Chair is listed as Doç. Dr. Selim Gündüz, with the website www.irsyrc2025.info.

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