

EMU STRENGTHENS ITS INTERNATIONALIZATION VISSION THROUGH A COLLABORATION WITH PALESTINE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Palestine Polytechnic University has signed a protocol aiming to strengthen collaboration in academic, scientific and institutional fields. The said protocol was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Palestine Polytechnic University Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Alsafa during a signing session held at EMU Rector's Office building.

Present during the signing session were, Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Institutional Development and International Academic Affairs Office Coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Cahit Ezel, Foreign Relations Advisor Assist. Prof. Dr. Tayseer Al Shanableh as well as Palestine Polytechnic University delegation consisting of Board of Trustees Chairperson Ahmad Altamimi, Vice Rector Dr. Ayman Sultan, Dean of Faculty of Dentistry Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nour Qawasmeh and Dean of Administrative Sciences and Informatics Faculty Prof. Dr. Husam Rjoub.

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HANDOVER CEREMONY HELD AT EMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES



New administration of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Board of Trustees (VYK) has taken the office following a handover ceremony held on Monday, 9 February 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at VYK Meeting Room. The ceremony was attended by former President of VYK Dr. Erdal Özçenk and former members of the Board İsmail Güneş Güneşoğlu and Servet Karabacak, new VYK President Şemi Bora and new Board members Dr. Eyüp Göksü, Anıl İmre, Turan Büyükyılmaz and Özdiñç Akdel.

“We Made It Our Principle to Uphold the Rule of Law, Transparency and Institutional Responsibility”

Speaking at the Handover Ceremony, former President of the EMU Board of Trustees, Dr. Erdal Özçenk, noted that since July 2019 they had the privilege and responsibility of serving Eastern Mediterranean University as members of the Board of Trustees. He underlined that this role represented far more than a title; it was a significant and meaningful trust carried on behalf

of a long-established institution, thousands of young people, and the nation's future. Dr. Özçenk stated that their term officially came to an end with the decision published in the Official Gazette on the 4th of February 2026. Throughout their tenure, he explained, they remained committed to ensuring the university's financial stability, academic strength and institutional continuity, guided by the principles of legality, transparency and corporate responsibility. He highlighted that during the most financially challenging times, the university's academic and administrative staff demonstrated remarkable dedication and selflessness in supporting their institution. According to Dr. Özçenk, this unwavering commitment reflected a strong sense of belonging, institutional integrity and responsibility toward the future. He extended his congratulations to all EMU employees for their steadfast efforts. In closing, Dr. Özçenk conveyed his best wishes to the newly appointed President and members of the Board

of Trustees, stating that they were transferring their responsibilities with pride, clear conscience and the satisfaction of having served Eastern Mediterranean University. He expressed full confidence that, with its distinguished history, qualified human resources and deeply rooted institutional culture, the University remains in capable hands, and concluded by wishing it a bright and prosperous future.

“We Are Committed to Doing Everything Necessary for the University's Progress.”

Şemi Bora, the newly appointed President of the EMU Board of Trustees, stated that as of 4 February 2026, he and his team had undertaken the honorable responsibility of serving a long-established and reputable institution such as Eastern Mediterranean University. He extended his gratitude to the previous President and board members for their dedicated service and contributions. Acknowledging the university's strong legacy and the prestige it has earned over the years, Bora emphasized their determination to further strengthen and elevate this foundation. He affirmed that during their tenure, they would operate in strict adherence to the law and devote all necessary effort to the university's ongoing growth and development. Expressing confidence in a collaborative, harmonious and results-oriented approach alongside all university staff, Bora noted that shared commitment and decisive steps would pave the way for an even stronger EMU. He concluded by thanking the university community for the trust placed in them.

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Within the scope of the signed protocol, the two universities will work together on academic staff and student exchange, joint research initiatives, mutual participation in scientific events, the exchange of expertise in education and research, and the development of joint degree programs. In addition, both institutions seek to advance projects in areas of mutual interest and enhance international academic collaboration.

“An Important First Step”

During his address at the signing ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç referred to the developments taking place in Palestine and Gaza, highlighting messages of solidarity and fraternity. In line with EMU’s internationalization strategies, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the university has established various models of academic cooperation in numerous countries. He emphasized that EMU, which has built strong ties with Palestine over the years, aims to further deepen and strengthen this collaboration. Stressing that the signed protocol constitutes an important first step toward a sustainable and efficient partnership between the two universities, Prof. Dr. Kılıç also noted that EMU was founded in 1979 and has since evolved into a comprehensive and international higher education institution. He added that EMU currently hosts students from 110 different countries, with a student population of nearly 16,000 and a global alumni network exceeding 79,000 graduates.

“Beginning of a Long-Term Partnership”

Speaking during the ceremony, Palestine Polytechnic University Rector Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Alsafa expressed his belief that cooperation between the two universities will grow on the foundations of brotherhood and mutual solidarity. Explaining that Palestine Polytechnic University was established in 1978 as a small technical college and gained full university status in 1999, Prof. Dr. Abu

Alsafa noted that today the university stands as a leading institution in the field of technical and applied education in Palestine, with 12 faculties, a student body exceeding 11,000, and nearly 170 academic and professional programs. Emphasizing the university’s wide academic spectrum, which includes engineering, information technologies, health sciences, medicine, dentistry, and administrative sciences, Prof. Dr. Abu Alsafa stated that, in line with the entrepreneurial university model, a substantial portion of the curriculum has

been designed around hands-on, practice-based education. He also highlighted the development of strong collaborations with the private sector. Despite the current economic challenges, Prof. Dr. Abu Alsafa underlined that the university continues to advance its efforts in research and community service. Concluding his remarks, he expressed his hope that the signed protocol would serve as the beginning of a long-term partnership between the two universities, delivering meaningful academic, scientific, and societal contributions.



EMU AND SAKARYA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES SIGN A COLLABORATION PROTOCOL



Aiming to contribute education and training, research and development, and international cooperation, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Sakarya University of Applied Sciences (SUBU) has signed a collaboration protocol covering scientific engagement, cultural exchange and joint studies. The said protocol was signed on Monday, 16 February 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at EMU Rector's Office building where EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and SUBU Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Sarıbiyık put their signatures on behalf their institutions.

Present during the signing session were EMU Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, EMU Promotion and Marketing Director Murat

Aktuğralı, Rectorate Office Private Secretariat Director Kazım Hakverdi and SUBU Language Education and Training Application and Research Center Director Prof. Dr. Serhat Küçük.

In his address, Prof. Dr. Sarıbiyık presented extensive information about Sakarya University of Applied Sciences, offering insight on student profile, programs, accreditations and ongoing work. Expressing their pleasure for the collaboration to be initiated between two institutions, Prof. Dr. Sarıbiyık hoped that the said protocol would be beneficial for both parties.

Expressing his satisfaction at hosting Sakarya University of Applied Sciences at EMU, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasizing that the cooperation protocol lays the foundation for

collaboration between the two institutions. Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that the collaboration between the two institutions is expected to generate strength and synergy, and stated that they are pleased to collaborate with Sakarya University of Applied Sciences, a distinguished university of the Republic of Türkiye. Sharing detailed information about EMU, he underlined that the university prioritizes partnerships within the scope of its "EMU Global" vision. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his confidence that the protocol will continue to evolve and extended his best wishes for the success of the signed agreement.

Following the signing session, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented Prof. Dr. Sarıbiyık and Prof. Dr. Küçük souvenirs unique to EMU and Cyprus. On the other hand, Prof. Dr. Sarıbiyık also present a souvenir to Prof. Dr. Kılıç.



EMU INTRODUCES ITS NEW PROJECT SUPPORTING ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) held a press conference within the scope of the “University of the Third Age / 60+ Senior Development” project launched for individuals who are 60 or over. The said project was designed in line with the vision of active and healthy aging. Taking place on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 at 03:00 p.m. at L’Apprenti Restaurant, the press conference featured EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, Chair of the Association of Elderly Rights and Mental Health Prof. Dr. Hatice Jenkins and Project Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topçu. Also present during the conference were, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs; Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, Vice Rector for Student Affairs; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilien and Assist. Prof. Dr. Asiye Güngör Başaran, Executive Board Members of the University of Third Age / 60+ Senior Development; Dr. Kenan Başaran, General Secretary of the Association of Elderly Rights and Mental Health; and Semral Erel, Assistant Chair of the said association.

“An Innovative Model Aiming to Support Active Engagement in Social Life”

Making remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized the increasing importance of active and healthy aging as life expectancy continues to rise, and expressed his pleasure in launching the “University of the Third Age / Senior Development” project for individuals aged 60 and above, in cooperation with Famagusta Municipality and the Association for Elderly Rights and Mental Health. Highlighting that the project represents an innovative initiative designed to help older adults maintain and further develop their knowledge, competencies and talents, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that it also seeks to encourage their active engagement in social life through a lifelong learning perspective. He stated that,

in alignment with the university’s mission and vision, the initiative will be implemented as a volunteer-based social responsibility project and aspires to serve as a model university program for older adults in Cyprus. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also expressed his appreciation to Famagusta Municipality, the Association for Elderly Rights and Mental Health, and the university’s academic staff for their valuable contributions, reaffirming his belief that learning and growth remain possible at every age.

“A High-Quality, Innovative and Inclusive Educational Model”

In her address, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topçu, Project Coordinator of the University of Third Age / Senior Development, expressed her enthusiasm for introducing a project of significant social value to be launched under the auspices of EMU. Noting that the 60+ University of Senior Development— also known as the University of the Third Age — has been carefully developed over the past year, she emphasized that the initiative goes beyond being a conventional education program and stands as a powerful volunteer-driven social responsibility project promoting active, productive and high-quality aging. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topçu noted that the University of the Third Age has been structured to support individuals aged 60 and over in maintaining and enhancing their knowledge, skills and life experience, while also providing opportunities for acquiring new competencies. She reminded the audience that comparable educational models are widely and actively implemented in many countries worldwide. Stressing that learning is not confined to any age, she described lifelong learning as a continuous journey that enriches and strengthens individuals at every phase of life and fosters their active engagement in society. She further stated that the program has

been designed as a high-quality, innovative and inclusive educational model aligned with EMU’s mission, vision and core principles. Adding further details, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Topçu explained that the education will last four years, consisting of eight semesters, with participants required to enroll in at least three courses per semester.

“University is carried a Step Forward with Each Passing Day”

In his speech, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay expressed his pleasure on gathering for such a meaningful and special project. Underscoring that EMU is the most important higher education institution in the country, Dr. Uluçay stated that the university is being carried a step forward with each passing day under the vision and dedicated leadership of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç. Noting that important and impactful collaborations have recently been established among the university, civil society organizations and the municipality, Dr. Uluçay reminded that the partnership between Famagusta Municipality and EMU was initiated through a main protocol signed during the tenure of the former Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Erdal Özçenk. Thanking all those who contributed to the implementation of the project, Dr. Uluçay emphasized that the University of the Third Age / Senior Development represents a highly valuable initiative for EMU, the city of Famagusta and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and expressed his firm confidence in its success.

“A Remarkable Example of Local Government, University and Civil Society Collaboration”

In her remarks, Chair of the Association for Elderly Rights and Mental Health, Prof. Dr. Hatice Jenkins, underlined that individuals aged 60 and above should be recognized not simply as a group requiring protection, but



as active members of society who have the right to continue learning, producing and participating fully in social life. She stated that the association embarked on this initiative guided by this perspective, explaining that the “60+ University of the Third Age and Senior Development” was introduced as a social responsibility project in cooperation with EMU to serve older adults residing in the region. Prof. Dr. Jenkins further noted that the project has come to life through the support of Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, along with

the dedicated efforts of Project Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Güçhan Topçu. She emphasized that EMU’s 60+ University of the Third Age and Senior Development stands as a powerful illustration of the meaningful and sustainable outcomes that can be achieved through collaboration among local authorities, universities and civil society organizations.

University of the Third Age / Senior Development Spring Semester Calendar
The University of the Third Age / Senior Development will operate in accordance with the academic calendar set for the 2025–2026

Spring Semester. Within the scope of the program, courses will commence on 3 March 2026. Following the mid-term break to be observed between 10 and 25 April 2026, classes will resume as of 28 April 2026. The final day of instruction for the Spring Semester will be 11 June 2026.

Those wishing to obtain additional information regarding the program or to submit applications may contact +90 392 630 24 96 and 630 3909, or visit <https://tazelenme.emu.edu.tr/tr> web address.



EMU ACADEMIC PROF. DR. ŞÜKRÜ TÜZMEN RECEIVES “INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AWARD”



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Dentistry academic staff Prof. Dr. Şükrü Tüzmen has been awarded with the “Innovation in Education Award” within the scope of the 35th Elets World Education Summit, regarded as one of the most prestigious educational organizations around the world. The event took place on 4-5 February 2026 at Shangri-La Hotel, Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Prof. Dr. Tüzmen was presented with the said award in recognition of his innovation work and global contributions in the field of education.

According to a statement by the organizing committee, Prof. Dr. Tüzmen’s contributions were highlighted, particularly his efforts to enhance quality in higher education, his role in student mentorship, and his impact on institutional capacity development.

The international jury noted that Prof. Dr. Tüzmen’s pioneering work in business, ethics, and intercultural education has made a significant and lasting impact on the academic community. His commitment to sustainable quality in education, innovative teaching approaches, and leadership vision were identified as key factors behind this prestigious award.

“A Strong Testament to Our Quality and Innovation Vision in Education”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the award received by Prof. Dr. Tüzmen stands as a strong testament to the university’s commitment to quality and innovation in education. Prof. Dr. Kılıç remarked, “We take great pride in our faculty member, Prof. Dr. Tüzmen, being honored with the ‘Innovation in Education Award’ at the Elets World Education Summit, one of the most distinguished international education platforms.

EMU-WARWICK WMG GRADUATE DR. KEMAL HAŞİM CHOSEN AS CYPRIOT FINALIST IN SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARD CATEGORY OF “STUDY UK ALUMNI AWARDS 2026”

Dr. Kemal Haşım, a graduate of Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG) master’s program offered at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) within the scope of the collaboration between EMU and University of Warwick, has been chosen as a Cypriot finalist in the “Science and Sustainability Award” category of the Study UK Alumni Awards 2026 which is referred as one of the most prestigious graduate awards granted in the United Kingdom. The awards are granted by the British Council in recognition of graduates of UK universities who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and achieved significant impact both in their home countries and on the international stage.

Following the completion of his master’s degree in Supply Chain and Logistics Management program of the University of Warwick, delivered in EMU, Dr. Kemal Haşım pursued his doctoral study in Management at the University of Innsbruck in Austria. Throughout his career, he has drawn on the critical thinking, systemic perspective, and practical problem-solving skills gained during his Warwick education to contribute to sustainability, environmental resilience, and social development initiatives.

Dr. Haşım conducts interdisciplinary research in Cyprus focusing on climate change mitigation, ecosystem restoration, sustainable entrepreneurship, digital innovation, and

intercommunal cooperation. He has played an active role in projects supported by the European Union, the United Nations, and the British Council. His work particularly emphasizes nature-based solutions aimed at enhancing environmental resilience in climate-vulnerable regions, including sustainable land use, permaculture practices, and capacity-building initiatives.

With his 2025 project titled “Tech without Borders: Digital Innovation across the Green Line”, he received funding from the European Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ECSB). As part of the said project, he led a bi-communal academic event exploring how digital innovation and AI-based entrepreneurship contribute to sustainable development, inclusive growth, and the strengthening of intercommunal trust, highlighting the broader social value of science and technology beyond economic outcomes.

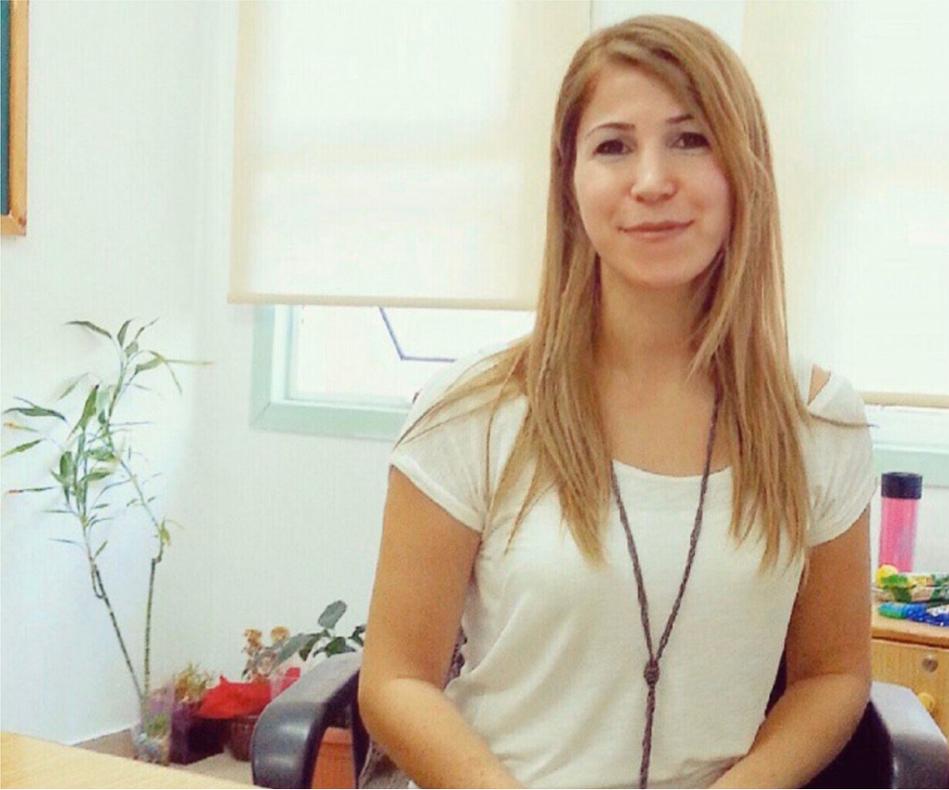
Describing the training he received from the University of Warwick as “transformative”, Dr. Haşım emphasized that the UK higher education system’s interdisciplinary approach, real-world case analyses, and problem-based learning model enabled him to effectively translate theoretical knowledge into practical application. He also noted that this approach now forms the foundation of the sustainability and innovation projects he leads.

Being named a finalist for the Study UK Alumni Awards once again demonstrates how Dr. Kemal Haşım’s locally driven environmental and social initiatives resonate with global sustainability objectives, while showcasing the far-reaching influence of the UK education system worldwide. More information about the awards programme and the Cyprus finalists is available at: <https://www.britishcouncil.com.cy/study-uk/alumni-awards>.

The WMG postgraduate programmes jointly offered by EMU and the University of Warwick will continue to deliver internationally recognized education, equipping students to emerge as leaders who make a difference on a global scale.



EMU AND TEPAV LAUNCH AN ACADEMIC COLLABORATION ON CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL LAW



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Türkiye (TEPAV) has launched a collaboration covering academic initiatives conducted in the fields of Cypriot Constitutional Law and its history. Within the framework of the said collaboration, EMU Faculty of Law Constitutional Law Major academic staff

member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bezar Eylem Ekinci will provide academic consultancy for studies to be carried out by TEPAV over the course of 6-month long project. The activities conducted within the scope of the project aim to support the production of academic knowledge in the field of Cypriot constitutional law and to contribute to the enhancement of scientific

output at the institutional level. The consultancy services will be carried out in accordance with academic research standards and the relevant legislation.

First Article: “Looking into the Cyprus Issue through a Constitutional Perspective: 1960 Republic of Cyprus Constitutional Law”

The first article published within the scope of the project titled “Looking into the Cyprus Conflict through a Constitutional Perspective: 1960 Republic of Cyprus Constitutional Law” examines the constitutional dimensions of the Cyprus issue through a detailed analysis of the 1960 Constitution, an area that has received limited attention in existing legal literature.

The study explores the constitutional origins of the 1960 Republic of Cyprus, the bi-communal state framework, and its effects on governance, highlighting the need to address the Cyprus issue from legal and constitutional perspectives alongside political ones.

The initial policy brief aims to serve as a theoretical and conceptual foundation for other academic outputs scheduled to be released in later stages of the project.

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that studies in Cypriot constitutional law, a discipline with both historical depth and current relevance, play a significant role in strengthening academic output while also fostering public legal awareness, and congratulated the academics and TEPAV representatives who contributed to the project.

EMU DEPARTMENT OF NURSING CONTRIBUTES SCIENTIFICALLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEXUAL HEALTH CONGRESS

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rojjin Mamuk, Dr. Sinem Dağ Canatan, Dr. Gülsen Müsteyde Altan Deniz, Dr. Emine Temikan Sekizler from Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of



Health Sciences, Department of Nursing, along with many research assistants and graduates of the department, successfully represented EMU at the 12th CİSEF International Sexual Health Congress held on 5-8 February 2026 at Concorde Luxury Resort. Organized in collaborations of World Academy of Sexual Health (WASHE) and Federation of Sexual Health Associations (CİSEF), the congress stood out with its international and multidisciplinary nature.

Impacts of Chronic Diseases on Sexual Health Discussed

Attending the event as an invited speaker, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rojjin Mamuk delivered a presentation titled “Kronik Bedenlerde Cinsellik / Sexuality in Chronic Bodies” where she discussed impacts of chronic diseases on sexual health through biological, psychologic and social aspects. Noting that approximately 43 million people worldwide lose their lives each year due to chronic diseases, while an even greater number are forced to live

with these conditions throughout their lives, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mamuk underlined that the all-encompassing nature of chronic illnesses across all stages of life elevates sexual health to a universal and timeless dimension. She further noted that these factors make patient-centered and biopsychosocial care approaches in healthcare services indispensable.

Presenting an oral paper at the congress, Dr. Emine Temizkan Sekizler focused on how medicalization in infertility treatment negatively affects couples’ sexual health, underlining the importance of nursing care as a protective and supportive component of the treatment process.

This international participation not only made the academic expertise of the Eastern Mediterranean University Department of Nursing in the field of health sciences visible on a global platform, but also made a significant contribution to the international sharing of the university’s scientific studies on chronic diseases, sexual health, and holistic care.

EMU CIVIL AVIATION CABIN SERVICES PROGRAM STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE 2026 MOCK-UP TRAINING

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program students successfully completed the 2026 Mock-up Trainings, one of the most critical practical training components of the aviation industry. The 3-day long intensive and comprehensive training program was attended by total of 75 students. The training program offer the students a high level learning experience integrated with theoretical knowledge.

Through highly realistic simulations replicating an actual aircraft cabin environment, the training aimed to further strengthen students' professional skills and ensure they are fully prepared to respond effectively to potential emergency situations. The program covered cabin fire and



smoke scenarios, as well as decompression incidents, in comprehensive detail. Additionally, both ditching and emergency landing procedures were practiced hands-on.

During the program, students underwent extensive training on recognizing and correctly operating the emergency equipment available in the aircraft cabin. Various devices — including fire extinguishers, oxygen systems, life vests, and emergency exit tools — were practiced through realistic, scenario-driven simulations. These sessions helped enhance students' ability to stay composed in high-pressure situations and make sound decisions during emergencies.

Throughout the training, key cabin crew competencies, including teamwork, leadership, passenger handling, and communication during crisis situations, were strongly emphasized. The instructor-led practical sessions enhanced not only the students' individual capabilities but also their ability to work effectively as part of a team. The demanding training schedule further highlighted the students' capacity to adapt to the standards and discipline of the professional aviation environment.

Based on the final assessments, it was reported that most of the participating students successfully met the targeted learning objectives. Ashlı Akı, Coordinator of EMU Civil Aviation Cabin Services Program, underlined that the

Mock-up trainings are conducted in accordance with international aviation standards and emphasized that their main goal is to equip students with the skills and confidence needed to enter the industry fully prepared.

Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Tourism, also made remarks on the topic, underscoring that practice-based education is one of the faculty's top priorities. She emphasized that the aviation industry is among the fields where discipline, responsibility, and crisis management skills must be maintained at the highest level. Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı stated that providing students with training in realistic simulation environments such as Mock-up significantly contributes to their goal of educating them not only as graduates, but also as professionals fully prepared for the sector. She further noted that, as the Faculty of Tourism, they aim to offer an education model that aligns with international standards, is practice-oriented, and closely integrated with the industry.

The successful completion of the 2026 Mock-up trainings once again highlighted EMU's strong emphasis on hands-on education, demonstrating that graduating students have been equipped with the expertise and competencies required to stand out in the aviation sector. The intensive three-day program, attended by 75 students, concluded as an efficient and rewarding experience in both academic and professional terms.

LATEST WORK OF EMU PRESS: "IN PURSUIT OF GENDER: COMMON VOICES FROM DIFFERENT FIELDS"

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Press released the book "Toplumsal Cinsiyetin Peşinde: Farklı Alanlarda Ortak Sesler / In Pursuit of Gender: Common Voices from Different Fields" online on 18 February 2026. The publication, which received approval from the relevant academic boards prior to release, brings together the shared intellectual contributions of researchers from a range of disciplines, offering an interdisciplinary approach to gender studies. The concept of gender is framed not only as a subject of academic inquiry, but also as a complex, multi-

dimensional field of thought through which societies engage in processes of self-definition and transformation.

The said book is compiled of full-text articles selected from presentations delivered at the 9th International Gender Studies Conference organized by the Center for Women's Studies (CWS) at Eastern Mediterranean University. Out of 74 abstracts submitted for review, 56 were assessed by the scientific committee and accepted for presentation.

The conference, held in Famagusta 3-4 April 2025, brought together academics, artists, and specialists from various regions of Northern Cyprus, providing a rich interdisciplinary forum for exchange. The volume includes 17 selected chapters in Turkish and English, chosen from conference papers representing a broad disciplinary spectrum ranging from sociology and law to literature and architecture. These contributions address gender representations in media and the arts, behavioral patterns within architectural spaces, and role negotiations in both public and private contexts, while also examining the interconnections between gender,

identity, class, and law. Highlighting gender as a dynamic and evolving process rather than a fixed category, the book emphasizes its continual reconfiguration within historical and cultural frameworks. By drawing attention to the value of interdisciplinary dialogue, the work underscores the need for academic knowledge to be coupled with social empathy and the pursuit of equality.

Edited by Prof. Dr. Kağan Günçe from Faculty of Architecture and, Director of EMU-CWS and Faculty of Education academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin, the book underwent a peer-review process involving not only the scientific committee but also three expert academics in the field. According to Prof. Dr. Günçe and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilin, the work represents not merely an academic compilation, but a collective voice that invites reflection on a more just, inclusive, and humane future. Published by EMU Press, the book serves as a reminder that discussions on gender extend beyond theoretical frameworks and occupy a central place in everyday life.



EMU 28TH ORIENTATION DAYS BEGIN

With the communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell, the 28th Orientation Days of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has commenced within the scope of 2025-2026 Academic Year Spring Semester endeavors. To continue until Friday, the 27th of February 2026, the orientation days aim to support the new students during their adaptation period to campus life, city of Famagusta and North Cyprus, through a rich events program including social cultural activities to academic informative sessions.

As part of the Orientation Days program, a series of online seminars, guided campus and city tours, and social activities will be organized. In addition, an information desk operating all day at the Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Directorate will offer guidance and support to students.

Online Informative Seminars Held

Within the scope of the EMU 28th Orientation Days, numerous online informative seminars have been conducted for supporting the adaptation process of new students and their families to university life. The orientation program commenced with these online sessions, ensuring that students were informed about essential aspects of university life even before arriving on campus. The online seminars were conducted by EMU Foreign Student Communities Coordinator Fetine Bayraktar. Under the program, a total of four sessions were held on different days, titled 'Information Sessions for Families' and 'Information Sessions for Students.'

Famagusta City Tour

Famagusta City Tour held on Monday, 16 February 2026, between 10:00 a.m. and 02:00 p.m., offering students a closer look into the historical and cultural landmarks of the city.

Campus Tour

On Wednesday, 18 February 2026, a campus



tour held for the new students to explore the academic and social settings of EMU. As part of the tour program, Rector's Building, EMU Özyay Oral Library, Faculties, Health Center, Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex, EMU Beach Club, Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center and Forum EMU visited.

Welcoming Night, Intercultural Meet-Up and Student Clubs Presentation

On Friday, 20 February 2026 at 4:00 p.m., the Activity Center will host a vibrant Welcoming Night event where students can meet friends from around the world. The event will also feature a presentation of student clubs, offering a glimpse into the wide range of social, cultural, and sports activities available at the university.

Experience Sharing Gathering and Film Screening

The "Experience Sharing Gathering and Film Screening" event to be held on Friday, 27 February 2026 at 04:00 p.m. at the Activity Center, focuses on boosting the interaction within students in a multicultural setting. Within the scope of the event, students will get the chance to share their personal experiences

and have joyful evening with a film screening session.

In her remarks, Orientation Program Committee Chair and Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu stated that the international orientation program aims to help students become closely acquainted with the university, the campus, and life in Northern Cyprus. She also emphasized the importance of making a strong and well-informed start to university life.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted that EMU is a long-established public university, welcoming nearly 15,000 students from 105 countries and over 1,000 academics from 35 countries, and has achieved notable accomplishments in international rankings. Referring to the university's 45-year legacy, he noted that EMU continues its educational and research endeavors with a vision grounded in knowledge, science, wisdom, and future-oriented thinking. He further stressed the significance of students engaging actively not only in academic studies but also in social and cultural life, extending his wishes for a successful university journey to all students.



EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ INVITES YOUNG PEOPLE ON A TECHNOLOGY JOURNEY AS PART OF TEKNOFEST 2026

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is getting ready to participate in TEKNOFEST 2026, the world's largest aviation, space, and technology festival, organized under the leadership of the Türkiye Technology Team Foundation (T3) and the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Industry and Technology. Once again, EMU will take part as an institutional partner at the TEKNOFEST 2026 event which is set to take place between 30 September and 4 October 2026 at Şanlıurfa GAP Airport. The last day for application has been announced as 20 February 2026.

To be held in 52 main categories and 127 sub-categories, TEKNOFEST 2026 Technology Competitions will serve as a platform where young tech enthusiast may carry out their innovate projects in various fields, such as aviation, space, artificial intelligence, defense industry, agricultural technologies and sustainability. Alongside the competition, TEKNOFEST 2026 will also feature exhibitions, shows and various scientific events.

A Message from EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç

In his message on TEKNOFEST, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted the significance of student involvement in



science and technology initiatives worldwide. Stressing that TEKNOFEST offers an important opportunity for young people to bring innovative ideas to life, he stated that EMU firmly supports these platforms as part of its vision to nurture creative, research-oriented, and entrepreneurial graduates.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç further addressed the students, “Dear youth, TEKNOFEST 2026 is a powerful platform where science, technology, and

innovative ideas come together. As EMU, we place great importance on our students transforming their dreams into projects and taking part in this major technology journey. I invite all young people who produce, think, and shape the future to participate in TEKNOFEST 2026”.

The video message of EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç is accessible at: <https://we.tl/t-Q7ViaaWrml>

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