

## EARTHQUAKE REALITY DISCUSSED IN ALL ASPECTS AT EMU

Led by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Earthquake Research and Application Center (EMU-DAUM), the event titled “1st EMU-DAUM Workshop on Seismic Risk Reduction and Management” took place on 8-9 April 2026 at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture

and Congress Center, with the participation and cooperation of the Chamber of Civil Engineers (IMO) operating under the body Union of the Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB). The workshop event was carried out with

the contributions of the Deputy Prime Ministry of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment, the Cyprus Turkish Construction Contractors Association, and EMU Koop. > pg. 2-4



## STUDENTS EXPLORE THE DYNAMICS OF BUSINESS WORLD AT INDUSTRY SUMMIT'26 HELD AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) successfully hosted the “Industry Summit '26”, held for the first time in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Organized in collaboration with EMU Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate and the Industrial Engineering Club, the event brought students together with leading figures from the industry. The summit took place on Saturday, 4 April 2026, at 10.00 a.m. at the Rauf Raif

Denktaş Culture and Congress Center, with Telsim as the communication sponsor, Grand Sapphire Resort Hotel as the accommodation sponsor, and Prova Cyprus providing sound, stage, and lighting support.

The event was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, EMU Student

Development, Events and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Kılıç, General Director of Telsim Sefer Tüz, Assistant Directors of Telsim, EMU Industrial Engineering Department chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Oğuzhan Kırılmaz, EMU Industrial Engineering Club Supervisor Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sahand Daneshvar, representatives of shareholders, academic and administrative personnel, and students. > pg. 5-7



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The event, which aimed raising awareness on earthquake hazards, risk management, and structural safety in the TRNC and the Eastern Mediterranean region, was attended by Hakan Balaban, Head of Civil Defense Organization in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC); EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay, EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU Secretary General Derviş Ekşici, Union of the Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB) General Director Seran Aysal, KTMMOB Chamber of Civil Engineers Secretary General Hüsnü Coşan, EMU-DAUM President Prof. Dr. Mahmood Hosseini, Champion Angels Association's Chairperson Ruşen Karakaya, Faculty of Engineering Dean Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Özkaramanlı, Civil Engineering Department

Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eriş Uygar and expert academics and sector representatives from Türkiye and the TRNC.

### “Preparedness is not Optional - It is Essential”

Following the observance of a moment of silence and national anthem, EMU-DAU President Prof. Dr. Mahmood Hosseini delivered a speech and noted that North Cyprus is situated at the convergence of tectonic plates, highlighting the island's inherent susceptibility to earthquakes. Referring to the numerous seismic events recorded throughout Cyprus's history, Prof. Dr. Hosseini emphasized that the island falls within a moderate-to-high seismic hazard zone. In his remarks, Prof. Dr. Hosseini stated:

“Seismic risk reduction is not only a technical challenge; it is a multidisciplinary mission. It involves improving structural resilience,



advancing building codes, enhancing urban planning, strengthening emergency response systems, and most importantly, raising public awareness. True resilience is achieved when science, policy, and society move forward together. This context makes our mission clear: preparedness is not optional—it is essential”. Reaffirming EMU’s commitment to advancing research, encouraging collaboration, and transforming knowledge into practical outcomes, Prof. Dr. Hosseini described the workshop as a tangible reflection of this commitment and expressed confidence that it would yield productive outcomes.

#### “Earthquakes Are an Inseparable Reality of Our Geography”

Hüsnü Coşan, Secretary General of the Chamber of Civil Engineers (IMO) under the KTMMOB, stated in his address that earthquakes are an inherent and unavoidable aspect of the geography we live in. He emphasized that the real issue to be addressed is not the disasters themselves, but the fact that negligence and inadequacies can turn natural events into major catastrophes. Coşan underlined that the responsibility of the Chamber extends beyond merely constructing buildings;

it also includes creating safe, sustainable, and well-informed living environments. He further noted that the February 6 earthquakes clearly demonstrated the severe consequences of deviating from scientific principles and engineering disciplines. Expressing his belief that the workshop would contribute to enhancing the exchange of scientific knowledge, strengthening inter-institutional cooperation, and, in particular, supporting the implementation of concrete steps toward risk reduction, Coşan concluded by wishing for a productive and successful workshop.

#### “Applying Knowledge Is as Vital as Producing It”

Also making an address, Ruşen Karakaya, Chairperson of the Champion Angels Association, opened her speech with poignant reflections, noting that certain pains do not fade with time but instead deepen, and that some losses are impossible to come to terms with. She described their experience as a preventable tragedy—one that unfolded before their eyes in an environment where science was disregarded and the value of human life was diminished—emphasizing that they lost their children under such conditions, each one a bright hope for society. Karakaya

underscored that science is not merely an academic discipline, but an essential foundation of justice. She stressed that when science is neglected, justice is also compromised, leading to consequences that may cost lives. Drawing attention to the importance of the workshop, Karakaya stated that every scientific finding to be discussed represents a meaningful step toward saving lives. She concluded by emphasizing that generating knowledge alone is not enough, and that its practical application is equally crucial.

Union of the Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB) General Director Seran Aysal, extended his appreciation to all contributors involved in organizing the workshop. He emphasized that the Chamber has been engaged for many years in comprehensive efforts addressing earthquake-related issues, drawing attention to the studies carried out and the preventive measures implemented. Aysal noted that, alongside these initiatives, they have consistently worked to increase awareness among both public authorities and society regarding earthquake risks. He further stated that, as a result of these long-term efforts, key milestones such as the publication of the earthquake hazard map and the earthquake regulations have been achieved. Highlighting their commitment to





ensuring that the outcomes of the workshop are effectively translated into societal benefit, Aysal expressed their readiness to contribute in every possible way. He concluded by conveying his wishes for the workshop to be successful and for its outcomes to yield meaningful and beneficial results.

Famagusta Mayor Dr. Süleyman Uluçay underlined that the TRNC is seismically vulnerable, pointing to İskele–Gazimağusa (Famagusta) and Lefke–Gaziveren as key risk areas. He noted that the people of Gazimağusa were among those most affected by the February 6 earthquake, sharing his experiences from Adıyaman. Dr. Uluçay also summarized the municipality’s ongoing efforts and highlighted the steps that still need to be taken.

#### “We Aim to Build a Strong Roadmap for the Future”

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç emphasized that earthquakes constitute an inherent reality of our lives, noting that tackling this issue through a scientific basis has become an imperative rather than an option. He underlined that Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean lie within a geologically active zone shaped by fault lines, making it essential to fully comprehend seismic hazards, conduct accurate risk assessments, and formulate effective risk management strategies. Prof. Dr. Kılıç further stated that the workshop was initiated to address these needs, adding that key topics—including regional seismicity, structural and critical infrastructure inventories, earthquake codes, engineering practices, and emergency preparedness planning—would be examined by leading experts throughout the sessions.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued; “I strongly believe this workshop will deliver more than academic insights—it will produce real, actionable outcomes. Our goal is to bring together the work carried out across our country and shape a powerful roadmap for the future. The final declaration will stand as a significant reference for the steps ahead. At EMU, we are guided by a deep sense of responsibility to society. We see it as our duty to lead initiatives grounded in science and to

continue supporting efforts that raise earthquake awareness, encourage safe construction, and help build a society prepared for disasters”. Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed his sincere hope that the workshop would yield beneficial outcomes for the country, the region, and the scientific community, stating that he firmly believes the results of the workshop will translate into concrete steps that will guide decision-making processes.

#### “We Believe It Will Serve as a Guiding Light”

Head of the TRNC Civil Defense Organization Hakan Balaban referred in his speech to his experiences during the February 6 earthquake, emphasizing that the reason he is alive today is the earthquake drill his family had conducted beforehand. Providing information on the activities of the Civil Defense Organization, Balaban stated that the outcomes to be achieved through the workshop are of great importance. He expressed his belief that these outcomes will serve as a guiding light and extended his thanks to all those who contributed to the organization of the workshop.

#### The Earthquake Reality of the TRNC Examined Through Scientific Data

Following the opening remarks, the first session, titled “Seismicity of Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean Region,” was conducted. The session featured presentations by Prof. Dr. Nurcan Meral Özel from the Boğaziçi University who is a member of the Presidential Local Government and Disaster Policies Board and former Director of KRDAE; Assist. Prof. Dr. Hilmi Dindar from the Chamber of Geological Engineers and Prof. Dr. Aydın Büyüksaraç from Çanakkale University. The session continued with a discussion and preliminary declaration drafting segment, chaired by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bülent Özmen from Gazi University, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Selim Özalp from the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Türkiye. The second session titled “TRNC Building and Critical Infrastructure Inventory” consisted of presentations by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Ekinci and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayşe P. Balkis from Chamber of Civil Engineers, as well as Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet C. Genç, and Prof. Dr. Serhan Şensoy from EMU-DAUM. Speakers assessed the current state of building

stock and its earthquake resilience. The session continued with a discussion and preliminary declaration drafting segment, chaired by EMU-DAUM President Prof. Dr. Mahmood Hosseini and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Umut Yıldırım.

Furthermore, a special session was held with the participation of Prof. Dr. Lars Abrahamczyk, Prof. Dr. Mahmood Hosseini, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ebrahim Haghshenas and Prof. Dr. Gaetano Maenza, where English presentations were delivered.

#### Focus on Earthquake-Resilient Design and Preparedness

On Thursday, 9 April 2026, the program began with a session titled “Civil Engineering Design Regulations and Standards Related to Earthquakes in the TRNC”. During the event, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Yakut from METU, KTMMOB General Director and Senior Civil Engineer Seran Aysal, Senior Civil Engineer Aydın Öztemel, and Senior Civil Engineer Sinan Türkkkan, Dr. Mehmet Necdet from the Chamber of Geological Engineers, focused on earthquake regulations and strengthening practices. The session continued with a discussion and preliminary declaration drafting segment, chaired by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet C. Genç and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Umut Yıldırım.

Subsequently, the session titled “Earthquake Emergency Preparedness Planning” was held, featuring presentations by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nehir Varol from Ankara University, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özge Akboğa Kale from İzmir Democracy University, Prof. Dr. Bahadır Aktuğ from Ankara University, Yusuf Eker from the TRNC Civil Defense Organization, and Narin Güler Gündemir from the TRNC State Planning Organization.

Following the presentations, the workshop concluded with a discussion and preliminary declaration session, chaired by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nehir Varol and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serpil Gerdan from Kocaeli University.



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### “An Important Opportunity for Building Connections”

In her opening address, Zehra Elçin Erdem, President of the EMU Industrial Engineering Club, shared her enthusiasm for bringing together the leaders of today and the leaders of tomorrow on the same platform at the Industry Summit, organized for the first time in Northern Cyprus. She underlined that the event goes beyond a conventional gathering, aiming to foster strong and lasting connections between students and senior figures from the industry. Noting that the summit provides participants with an important opportunity to gain fresh perspectives, find inspiration, and build valuable networks, Erdem emphasized that reaching this stage was the result of months of dedicated work and effective teamwork. She concluded by thanking the Industrial Engineering Club executive team for their contributions and expressing her appreciation to all stakeholders—especially the university administration—for their support.

### “An Inspiring Learning Environment”

Following Erdem, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu delivered a speech and noted that such events extend beyond being mere gatherings, offering valuable platforms where knowledge, experience, and vision converge. She emphasized that hosting distinguished industry representatives from leading institutions in Türkiye and Northern Cyprus not only enhances EMU's international visibility but also creates an inspiring learning environment for students. Highlighting that these initiatives provide opportunities to question, reflect, and actively shape the future, Prof. Dr. Zorlu underlined the importance of such engagements. She further pointed out that in a rapidly evolving world, concepts such as technology, artificial intelligence, and sustainability are transforming the business



world. In this context, she stated that EMU aims to equip its students not only with academic knowledge, but also as well-rounded, forward-thinking individuals who are closely connected with industry.

### “A Strong Learning Atmosphere where Knowledge, Experience and Vision Come Together”

In his remarks, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç highlighted Industry Summit'26 as a key platform that connects students with prominent leaders from the business world, noting that the event creates a strong learning environment where knowledge, experience, and vision come together. He underscored that universities should go beyond delivering academic instruction and play an active role in bridging students with industry. Referring to the panels and interactive sessions held within the scope of the summit, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that these engagements would provide valuable guidance for students in their career paths. Emphasizing that success is not defined solely by a diploma, he pointed to the importance of adaptability, critical



thinking, risk-taking, and continuous learning, while encouraging students to act with confidence and determination.

Following the opening addresses, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented the stakeholders of the event – Telsim, Grand





Saphire and Prova Cyprus – and EMU Industrial Engineering Club members with plaques. Moreover, as part of the event program, EMU Industrial Engineering Club also presented a plaque to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç.

The event continued with a session moderated by Çiğdem Duvarcı featured a presentation by Mert Karaibrahimoğlu, CEO of Penti. Following his presentation, Karaibrahimoğlu held a book signing session in the foyer area for his book titled “Halden Anlayan Lider.

The summit proceeded with presentations by Ahmet Öztürk – CAE of Coca-Cola İçecek Türkiye and Hana Jalel Milesi – Chief Financial Officer and Executive Board Member at Vodafone Türkiye. In their sessions, both speakers addressed current developments in the industry while

sharing insights from their career paths and professional experiences.

The program also featured contributions from Değer Demircan Acılıoğlu - Design Center Director at Şişecam, Fidan Ahmet - Director of Foreverbest LLC and Career Coach, and Yelda Domaç Atilla - CFO of Multinet Up, who delivered presentations sharing their expertise and offering students valuable perspectives on the sector.

**“Production and Management in TRNC: A Panel Discussion” was held**

During the panel moderated by Çiğdem Duvarcı, MOS Glass Director Yaprak Özyalçın, Onan Ltd. Director Leman Onan, Dağlı Cosmetics & Cleaners Director Defne Dağlı and Oza Kahve Director Ergün Oza provided students with insights on the dynamics of the local

business environment and management strategies.

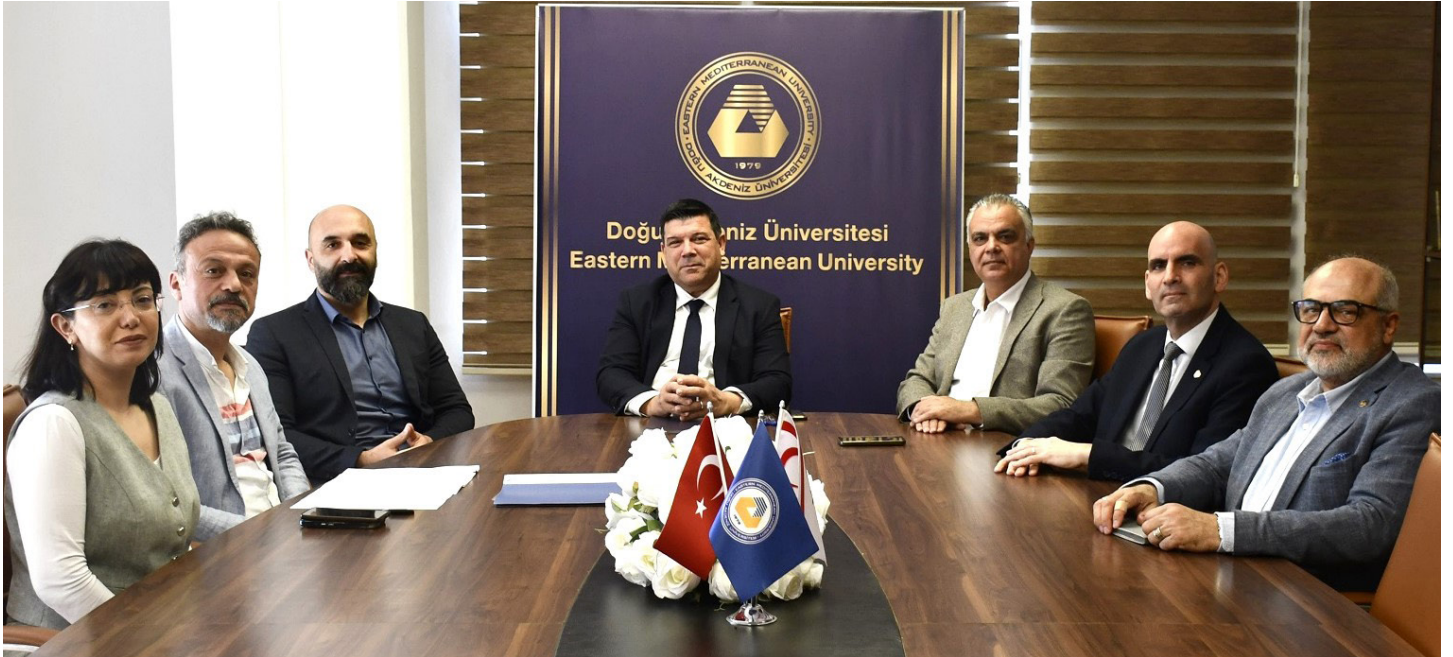
As part of the summit, representatives from the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry, along with various manufacturing and supply companies operating in the TRNC, engaged directly with students at exhibition stands, offering insights into industry expectations and career opportunities. Throughout the day, participants also took part in raffles, where gifts provided by Bilal Kuyumculuk, Penti, Astra Plus Dormitory, Pera Mackenzie, Palm Beach, and Crown Salamis Hotel were distributed.

The event, which was broadcast live via EMU’s YouTube channel and social media platforms, remains available for viewing online. Concluding with strong participation and great interest, the summit will also provide attendees with e-certificates.





## EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY FROM EMU TO GERMANY: A NEW COLLABORATION PROTOCOL SIGNED



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has signed a significant collaboration protocol with Germany-based Sprachportal GmbH and FutureMind Education Center in order to expand the international career opportunities of its students and graduates. The protocol was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Sprachportal GmbH General Manager of Çetin Ak, and FutureMind Education Center Director Asım İdris.

Present during the signing session of the protocol were EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, EMU Foreign Relations Advisor Tayseer Al Shanableh, Sprachportal and Equivalency Applications Supervisor Kenan Demirci and Visa Applications Supervisor Sevda Titiz.

The signed protocol aims to facilitate easier access for EMU students and graduates to employment processes in Germany. It offers significant opportunities, particularly for those studying or graduating in fields such as Nursing, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, Medical Imaging Technology, Tourism Management, Gastronomy, and Preschool Education. Under the cooperation protocol, it is planned that candidates' application, placement, and required official procedures will be carried out in a coordinated manner.

Making remarks during the signing session, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the parties had come together to initiate a robust agreement, emphasizing that it is well aligned with EMU's strategic objectives. Noting that the protocol represents a significant step forward, Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined its importance in providing opportunities for both current students and graduates, as well as in serving as a key milestone in supporting students in achieving their career goals. He concluded by extending his best wishes for the success of the protocol.

Speaking next, Asım İdris expressed his satisfaction with collaborating with EMU, one of the most well-established universities in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). İdris noted that programs offering job guarantees are always attractive, emphasizing that providing

employment opportunities in Germany is particularly significant.

In his speech, Çetin Ak, General Manager of Sprachportal GmbH, spoke about the increasing demand for workforce in Germany in the coming period, highlighting the country's growing need for qualified personnel. He added that he believes the signed protocol will be beneficial.

EMU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Öztüren also made remarks, noting that they initiated the project with firm belief and highlighting that the protocol would be a significant step for both students and graduates. He expressed confidence that it would create a success story and extended his best wishes for the protocol. Following the signing session, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented guests with gifts representing EMU and Cyprus.



## EMU'S CENTER FOR WOMEN STUDIES ORGANIZES A PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN WOMEN'S COOPERATIVES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE STRUCTURES



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Center for Women Studies (CWS) hosted the “Women’s Cooperatives Empowerment and Coordination Center Project - KooPro” organized in collaboration with Women and Democracy Foundation (KADEM). Held on Wednesday, 8 April 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, the program received great participation.

Mehmetçik-Büyükkonuk Mayor Dr. Fatma Çimen Tuğlu, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, EMU-CWS Administrative Board Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin, KADEM Administrative Board Chair Att. Dr. Canan Sarı and board members, chairs and members of women’s cooperatives established in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), many working women attended the event which commenced with a screening of KooPro and EMU promotional films and continued with opening addresses.

### “Women’s Entrepreneurship Is a Key Driver for Innovation and Social Equality”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilin, Chair of EMU-CWS, emphasized in her speech that women’s active participation in economic life is of great importance for social development and sustainable growth. Stating that women’s entrepreneurship serves as a significant tool for fostering innovation and strengthening social equality, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilin drew attention

to the challenges faced in accessing finance and technology. She further noted that the program aims to address women’s entrepreneurship from a multidimensional perspective, focusing on market, finance, and technology. Expressing their pride in KADEM’s decision to choose EMU-CWS to host its first event in the TRNC, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erbilin concluded by thanking all those who contributed to the program.

### “Women’s Cooperatives Play a Key Role in Economic Empowerment and Solidarity”

In her speech, KADEM Chairperson Attorney Dr. Canan Sarı stated that KADEM carries out initiatives to ensure that women achieve equal opportunities and actively participate in all areas of life. Drawing attention to education, projects, and cooperative-based activities aimed at empowering women, Dr. Sarı emphasized that women’s cooperatives play a key role in promoting economic empowerment and solidarity. She further noted that, through the KooPro model, efforts are made to support the institutionalization and sustainability of women’s cooperatives. Dr. Sarı also stated that the program will address women’s entrepreneurship from the perspectives of market, finance, and technology.

### “Gender Equality Must Be Reinforced Across All Areas”

EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu expressed her satisfaction in hosting the program organized in collaboration with

KADEM and CWS. Emphasizing the importance of strengthening women’s presence in social and economic life, Prof. Dr. Zorlu noted that such events make valuable contributions in raising awareness and encouraging concrete action. She stated that gender equality must be reinforced across all areas and highlighted that the future will be built upon a shared understanding of unity and equality. Prof. Dr. Zorlu concluded by expressing her hope that the program would yield productive outcomes and extended her thanks to all stakeholders involved.

Following the opening speeches, a panel “From Women Entrepreneurship to Sustainable Growth: Market, Finance and Technology” event moderated by Prof. Dr. Eda Becer was held. The panel featured various presentations; “From Local to Brand and Access to Sustainable Markets” by Mustafa Yıldırım, Trade Specialist at the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye; “Scaling through Technology” by Yasin Kaplan, Founder of Mobid Digital & Digital Marketing School and “Financial Structure and Resilience” by Ebru Kaptan Sertoğlu, Director of the Cyprus Turkish Investment Development Agency (YAGA).

The event continued with Yasemin Sayılğan, President of the HemDem Women’s Cooperative, sharing her experiences regarding the cooperative under the title “Best Practice Example.” As part of the program, participants also had the opportunity to visit the cooperative stands. The program concluded with the presentation of certificates to the participants and a group photo session.



## “GUIDING PHARMACIST” TRAINING SEMINAR HELD AT EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Pharmacy organized and hosted a training seminar titled “Guiding Pharmacist” in collaboration with the Cyprus Turkish Pharmacists Association (KTEB). Held at Green Hall in the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, the said seminar addressed topics such as professional role modeling and expectation management, patient safety, communication and teamwork, and leadership. The seminar was delivered by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bilge Sözen Şahne from the Department of Pharmacy Management, Faculty of Pharmacy, Hacettepe University.

Commencing with a moment of silence and the National Anthem, the event continued with an opening speech delivered by the Chairperson of KTEB, Pharmacist Duygu Karahan Kuran. In her remarks, Kuran expressed her satisfaction with the organization of the event and extended her thanks to the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy. Emphasizing that educational activities constitute a lifelong process, Kuran underlined the importance of such events in terms of professional development and continuity

Subsequently, Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan, Dean of EMU Faculty of Pharmacy, delivered a speech, noting that, along with its education and academic endeavors, the faculty continues to organize workshops and seminars that are focused on the future of pharmacy profession. Prof. Dr. Gülcan stated that the seminar was in line with the student workshop held in March, noting that the primary aim of the event was to share knowledge that would facilitate the duties of practicing pharmacists, particularly during internship processes. Prof. Dr. Gülcan also extended his gratitude to the Chairperson of KTEB, Pharmacist Duygu Karahan Kuran, for her contributions to the seminar, and to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bilge Sözen Şahne, a faculty member of the Faculty of Pharmacy at Hacettepe University, for delivering the training.

Within the scope of the seminar, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bilge Sözen Şahne presented an in-depth overview of professional role modeling, expectation management, patient safety, communication and teamwork, and leadership. She further assessed ways to improve the

effectiveness of pharmacist–student collaboration during community pharmacy internships, addressing scientific, clinical, patient-centered, and social aspects.

During the seminar, it was emphasized that the importance of professional training has increased in line with rapid technological advancements and emerging practices. Attention was also drawn to the need for more effective implementation of internship activities—an essential component in the training of future pharmacists—through strengthened collaboration between academia and the field.

At the end of the seminar, a plaque was presented to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bilge Sözen Şahne by the EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. H. Ozan Gülcan. The event concluded with the presentation of certificates to participants and a commemorative group photo.



## PRODUCTIVE MEETING HELD AT EMU WITHIN THE SCOPE OF A TÜBİTAK-SUPPORTED PROJECT

A comprehensive project team meeting was held within the scope of “The Role of Memory–Identity Association in Shaping Intergroup Attitudes” project supported by TÜBİTAK-1001 program and conducted under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Said project is coordinated by EMU Department of Psychology academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Burcu Kaya Kızıloz with Prof. Dr. Şenel Hüsnü Raman, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayşenur Talat Zrilli, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Şerif Türkhal Yenigüç contributing as researchers.

During the team meeting, all members of the project came together with the participation of Dr. Pınar Kurdoğlu Ersoy, who serves as a postdoctoral researcher on the project, and Prof. Dr. Ali İzzet Tekcan from Özyeğin

University, who acts as the project advisor. The meeting was also attended by Aemel İmran, Research Assistant in the EMU Department of Psychology, who serves as the project assistant.

Data data obtained within the scope of the project were examined in detail and the analytical processes were thoroughly reviewed. While evaluating the current findings of the study, recommendations aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the project were discussed in line with the outcomes obtained. In addition, strategic planning for the subsequent stages of the research was carried out, and views were exchanged on potential future academic studies, publications, scientific events, and possible new collaborations.

At the conclusion of the highly productive meeting, important decisions were taken to further strengthen the project’s scientific



contribution. The project team emphasized that the findings have the potential to make meaningful contributions both to the academic literature and to societal discussions on identity and intergroup relations.

## EMU FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION ISSUES DIGITAL SECURITY WARNING FOR STUDENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication academic staff member Dr. Hanife Erişen delivered “Online Security” seminar for 9th and 10th grade students of Eastern Mediterranean Doğa College, Famagusta.

The seminar addressed a range of current and important topics, including fake news, the risks of clicking on unknown links, methods of protection against malware, the privacy of personal data, and digital fraud. Aimed at raising students’ awareness of the risks they may encounter in digital environments, the seminar also provided essential information on safe internet use.

Focusing on the impact of social media on young people, Dr. Erişen explained how digital platforms shape perceptions of body image, popularity, and friendships. She pointed out that much of this content is driven by consumer culture and underscored the need for young people to approach it with greater awareness and critical thinking.

As part of the program, seminar also covered topics of online exploitation and cyberbullying. Students were informed about the steps they should take when encountering such situations and were reminded that they are not alone and can seek support when facing negative experiences.



Through such awareness-driven activities, EMU Faculty of Communication aims to help young people who are growing up in the digital

age to become safe, informed, and responsible individuals.

## FIRST TEST PILOT OF HÜRKUŞ MEETS WITH EMU STUDENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate, Faculty of Tourism and EMU Aviation Club co-organized an event and hosted Murat Özpala, the first ever experimental test pilot of HÜRKUŞ. During the event which took place on Tuesday, 7 April 2026 at 01:30 p.m. at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, Özpala shared his aviation career experiences with the youngsters, inspiring them.

The event was attended by EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, EMU Faculty of Tourism’s Acting Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı and Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Tuna Karatepe, academic and administrative personnel as well as students.

Delivering the opening speech of the event, Acting Dean of Faculty of Tourism Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey Yorgancı welcomed the participants and noted that they would be hosting a very special guest during the event. Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı also stated that they were honored to host Murat Özpala, emphasizing that the event would be vision-enhancing not only for Civil Aviation students but for all students. Noting that students had the opportunity to meet with a highly distinguished figure, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı further provided participants with an overview of Özpala’s professional background.



Speaking subsequently, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe stated that Eastern Mediterranean University is the first state university established by law, and provided information about the institution. Prof. Dr. Karatepe emphasized that EMU is a well-established educational institution that has achieved numerous milestones and successes since 1986, pioneering many firsts in Northern Cyprus. Noting that EMU stands as a role-model university through its achievements, he underlined that it holds a respected position internationally with its distinguished academic

staff and strong global rankings. Prof. Dr. Karatepe also highlighted the University’s vibrant calendar of events, adding that EMU carries out significant work not only in the academic sphere but also in service to society.

As part of the program, Murat Özpala provided valuable insights into the aviation industry, the processes of test piloting, and the HÜRKUŞ project, and also answered students’ questions. The event concluded with the presentation of a plaque to Özpala by Acting Dean of the Faculty of Tourism, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yorgancı.

## HEAD NURSE NURGÜL HIRKA SHARES HER EXPERIENCES WITH EMU NURSING DEPARTMENT STUDENTS

Final year students of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing organized a talk event within the scope of 'Management in Nursing (HMSR 410)' conducted under the supervision of the Department Chair, Prof. Dr. Sevinç Taştan, and faculty members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hülya Fırat Kılıç and Dr. Gülsen Müsteyde Altan Denizer. The event featured Nurgül Hırka, Head Nurse at Cyprus Central Hospital,



who addressed topics such as career planning, recruitment, and job interviews.

Sharing her 34 years of professional experience with the students, Hırka stated that she has held managerial positions for a significant part of her career and has played an active role in job interviews. She outlined the key qualifications and essential criteria expected from candidates during recruitment processes, particularly for newly graduated nurses. Emphasizing the

importance of preparation for job interviews, Hırka highlighted that both personal and professional readiness, as well as researching the working conditions, remuneration, and social benefits of prospective institutions, are of critical importance.

The talk event concluded with a practical session titled "Motivational Job Interview" by Tuğçe Uzun, a final year student at the Department of Nursing.

## EMU NURSING DEPARTMENT FACULTY MEMBERS MAKE SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Nursing Department academic staff member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rojjin Mamuk successfully represented EMU at the "Endometriosis & PCOS (Twin Sisters) Congress" held in Cappadocia on 2-5 April 2026, organized in collaboration with the Pelvic Pain and Endometriosis Association, the Turkish Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism, and the Mesotherapy Association.

Delivering a presentation titled "Pelvic Floor Dysfunctions: An Evaluation from Nursing and Midwifery Perspectives, Ethics, and Management" at the event, Assoc. Prof. Dr.

Mamuk highlighted their critical importance in women's health. She underlined that these conditions are globally prevalent and constitute a major public health issue, especially among women. While often reduced to urinary incontinence, she explained that pelvic floor dysfunctions actually cover a wider clinical range, including pelvic organ prolapse, sexual dysfunction, and often undiagnosed chronic pelvic pain.

Underscoring the serious impact of chronic pelvic pain on quality of life, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mamuk noted that it may also be a warning sign of conditions such as endometriosis, which can lead to infertility. She underscored the critical role of early awareness and diagnosis in pelvic floor disorders, stating that proper evaluation and guidance at an early stage make it possible to implement more effective, less invasive, and more cost-efficient treatments.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mamuk underlined that pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period are critical for pelvic floor health, stressing the vital role of midwives in care during this time. She noted that nurses and midwives, as healthcare professionals in closest and most continuous contact with the community, play a key role in early detection. She added that pelvic floor disorders can

be identified early through tools such as comprehensive patient histories, validated scales, bladder diaries, and basic laboratory tests. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mamuk noted that, this approach both improves clinical outcomes and reduces the economic burden on the healthcare system.

Addressing the ethical dimension of pelvic floor dysfunctions, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mamuk pointed out that although many women experience these conditions, they are frequently overlooked due to their non-life-threatening nature. She stressed that this should be seen as both a healthcare disparity and a gender-based injustice. Emphasizing that these issues cannot be resolved by a single discipline alone, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mamuk highlighted the importance of a multidisciplinary and holistic approach. Dr. Mamuk added that such collaboration not only improves clinical outcomes but also supports the application of the ethical principle of beneficence.

The congress highlighted that raising awareness of pelvic floor health, promoting early diagnosis, and reinforcing multidisciplinary care models would improve individual quality of life while contributing meaningfully to public health.

## EMU FACULTY MEMBER ASSIST. PROF. DR. PELİN KARAKUŞ AKALIN ISSUES A STATEMENT ON 7 APRIL – WORLD HEALTH DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Urban Research and Development Center (URDC) Executive Board Member, EMU Department of Psychology academic staff member and Head of the Space–Identity–Memory Research Group Assist. Prof. Dr. Pelin Karakuş Akalin issued a statement on 7 April – World Health Day:

“Today, the concept of health is understood within a highly dynamic, multidimensional, and contextual framework. In particular, the view that health is not merely an individual condition, but is shaped by social and environmental factors, has become increasingly prominent. Within this framework, emphasis is placed on the determining role of factors such as income, education, housing, environment, and urban planning on health. The discipline of psychology also approaches health as a multilayered state of well-being. In studies conducted particularly within the field of environmental psychology, the cities we live in emerge as primary living environments where the social and environmental determinants of health intersect. It is well established that the sense of attachment we develop to cities has positive effects on our psychological well-being, mental health, life satisfaction, and overall quality of life. In this context, cities, much like our homes, can transform into places we long for when we are away and feel happy to return to—places that carry meaning for us. In other words, we can come to love the cities we live in. The development of this sense of belonging is closely related not only to our individual orientations, but also to the opportunities offered by the city and our ability to access them. To the extent that we are able to find a place for ourselves within a city, and experience urban life in ways that affirm our existence, we come to feel a sense of belonging to that city.

According to research in environmental psychology, one of the key conditions for developing a positive relationship with the city we live in is the ability to feel safe within it. A sense of safety emerges when the urban environment provides a certain level of control, stability, and predictability. For instance, we may feel uneasy in poorly lit areas, in spaces where visibility is limited, in neglected environments that have long been unused, or in neighborhoods where we cannot anticipate what lies around the corner. What alleviates this sense of unease is the degree of control we perceive over our surroundings. This perception of control is closely tied to how well we know the city and how accessible opportunities for gaining such familiarity are. The more easily we can navigate different parts of the city—and the better we know its main streets, squares, side roads, and even its less visible neighborhoods—the stronger our sense of control becomes. If we can quickly determine how to get from one district to another, confidently give directions to someone asking for help, or mentally visualize the city’s layout in detail, it indicates that we have developed a strong cognitive understanding of that place. This sense of familiarity, in turn, becomes one of the primary sources that foster our attachment to the city we inhabit.

Perceptions of urban safety are shaped not only by environmental conditions but also through social processes. Our participation in urban life is closely linked to the extent to which we are recognized and acknowledged by different social, economic, and identity groups. The more we feel free from concerns about discrimination based on any aspect of our identity—whether in the city center, on the street, or within our own neighborhood—the more we come to experience a sense of belonging to that city. Accordingly, one of the key pathways to fostering attachment to place lies in being part of communities where we can exist authentically as ourselves. The spaces where such a sense of community is cultivated are often public areas that bring people together. Parks, squares, waterfronts, and other shared environments, along with the social and cultural activities held within them, create opportunities for interaction and encounter. These experiences enable individuals to form new connections and build shared meanings through collective experiences.

Over time, these shared social practices evolve into spaces where collective bonds with the city are formed and a sense of belonging is reinforced. Research in environmental psychology suggests that cities, in this respect, function as settings in which both personal and social identities are shaped and expressed. In a sense, the cities to which we become attached turn into spatial extensions of ourselves—places that reflect who we are. This spatial grounding indicates that our connection to the city becomes an integral component of our self-concept and self-worth. As a result, individuals who feel a strong attachment to their city are more likely to experience a sense of inclusion in life and greater psychological resilience. Such attachment may also lead individuals to perceive themselves as more privileged or fortunate compared to those living elsewhere, and can transform into a motivating force that encourages them to care for, protect, and improve their city.

Studies examining the relationship between natural environments and psychological health indicate that urban natural resources play a significant role in linking place attachment with mental well-being. Research shows that access to parks, green spaces, waterfronts, and natural scenery within cities contributes to mental restoration and the replenishment of cognitive resources. Such environments have been found to support processes of attentional regulation, stress reduction, and emotional recovery. However, in an era where the effects of global warming and climate change are becoming increasingly visible, the sustainability of these resources is under growing threat. The degradation of the natural fabric of cities, the reduction of green spaces, and the depletion of essential environmental resources can undermine the relationships we establish with both place and community. Environmental psychology research further highlights that these impacts are disproportionately experienced by socially and economically marginalized groups—such as children, women, older adults, and low-income populations. According to these studies, such groups are not only more exposed



to environmental risks but also have more limited access to the resources needed to cope with them.

In this context, the bond established with cities should be understood not only as a sense of belonging, but also as a protective psychological and social resource for individuals. Meaningful connections between individuals and their living environments can foster a sense of continuity and resilience in the face of social uncertainties and potential losses; however, the weakening of these bonds may further intensify existing inequalities. Therefore, understanding how urban residents experience their living environments constitutes an essential component of comprehending the social and psychological dimensions of health.

Indeed, this year the World Health Organization marks World Health Day with the call, ‘Together for health, stand with science,’ highlighting the societal value of scientific knowledge. This call also invites a reconsideration of how knowledge for health is produced. In this regard, it is essential to promote research approaches grounded in interdisciplinary collaboration, participatory methods, and the inclusion of urban residents’ voices. Within such a shared framework, making the needs and expectations of local communities visible—particularly through their own narratives—and ensuring that this knowledge informs urban design processes and is effectively communicated to decision-makers and practitioners are critical. Equally important is that public authorities recognize and utilize this knowledge to the extent it deserves. These steps constitute fundamental building blocks for creating more inclusive and healthier living environments.”

## PEER AND CYBERBULLYING DISCUSSED AT EMU SCIENCE CAFÉ: “RECOGNIZE, PREVENT, PROTECT”

A new edition of Science Cafe events, organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Science Communication Office, was held at Famagusta Bandabuliyā with communication sponsorship by North Cyprus Turkcell and contributions of Municipality of Famagusta. The issue of peer and cyberbullying, which is increasingly prevalent today and often progresses unnoticed, was addressed in all its dimensions during the event held with “Recognize, Prevent, Protect” theme. Through practical examples, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences member Prof. Dr. Fatih Bayraktar and EMU Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences member Dr. Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak highlighted forms of bullying that are commonly encountered in daily life yet frequently go unrecognized. The event garnered significant public attention and was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, as well as academic and administrative personnel.

### “Power-Seeking and Lack of Empathy Underlie Bullying Behaviors”

During the talk, peer and cyberbullying were defined, and their similarities and differences were examined. Particular emphasis was placed on the psychological effects experienced by victims, including anxiety, depression, loss of self-confidence, and social isolation. The speakers noted that bullying behaviors may be rooted in factors such as a desire for power and a lack of empathy, and highlighted that



bystanders often tend to remain silent, which constitutes a significant area of concern.

As part of the event, cyberbullying was explained through examples demonstrating how it manifests through social media, messaging apps, and online gaming platforms. Speakers highlighted that digital footprints are lasting and play a key role in shaping one's

digital identity. They noted that every post, comment, and interaction can have long-term implications, stressing the need for greater awareness, especially among young people. The risks associated with anonymous accounts and fake profiles were also emphasized.

The session also explored strategies for preventing bullying at individual, family, institutional, and societal levels. Participants were encouraged to utilize tools such as blocking, reporting, and evidence collection, while the importance of open family communication and enhanced awareness initiatives in educational settings was underlined. The event concluded with an interactive discussion, allowing participants to share insights and experiences.

## EMU STUDENT'S NATIONAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: FIRST PLACE IN COMPETITION HELD IN MEMORY OF MARTYR PROSECUTOR KIRAZ

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Law student Emin Gencer Aydın received first place award in the undergraduate category of essay competition organized by Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation University, in memory of Martyr Prosecutor Mehmet Selim Kiraz.

This year's competition, being the seventh edition of the series, was organized with “illegal betting” theme and hosted many law students all around Türkiye. The participants were evaluated from multiple perspectives based on how they addressed a current social issue from a legal standpoint, as well as on the analytical depth and originality of their contributions.

EMU Faculty of Law student Emin Gencer Aydın's study titled “Illegal Betting Crimes from Perspective of Criminal Law” highlighted that defining illegal betting offenses as ‘abstract endangerment crimes’ creates a normative tension between the fundamental principles of criminal law and penal policy, presenting this argument through a systematic and critical analysis

Aydın's achievement is regarded not only as a reflection of individual academic excellence, but also as a concrete outcome of EMU's

educational approach, which encourages students to engage in scientific research and production. The awards were presented during a ceremony held on 9 April 2026, with the participation of Sedat Ayyıldız, Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Türkiye. Officials stated that the primary aim of the competition is to encourage young legal scholars to pursue academic work and to contribute to the discussion of contemporary legal issues on a scientific basis.

In her remarks on the matter, EMU Faculty of Law's Acting Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arzu Alibaba noted that achievements of their students have always been an immense source of pride for the faculty. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alibaba continued; “We attach great importance to our students distinguishing themselves not only through theoretical knowledge, but also through their analytical thinking and capacity for academic production. On behalf of the faculty, I extend my sincere congratulations to our student”.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also address the success of Law Faculty students, underscoring that the university attaches great importance on academic development of its students. Prof. Dr. Kılıç said; “We are extremely pleased that our student has achieved first place in such a meaningful and nationally prestigious



competition. As EMU, we take pride in seeing the results of our educational approach, which promotes scientific production, fosters critical thinking, and aims to cultivate individuals who are sensitive to societal issues”.

# KEY DATES FOR EMU ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAM ANNOUNCED



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**Exam Date:**  
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Making remarks on the matter, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç expressed that, as in previous years, EMU strives to support successful and talented students this year as well. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Kılıç continued; “As Eastern Mediterranean University, extending quality education to a wider audience and encouraging successful students are among our top priorities. Through the Entrance and Scholarship Exam, we aim to offer significant opportunities to our students while contributing to their academic and personal development”.

Highlighting that EMU provides education in line with international standards, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that its multicultural environment, bringing together students from diverse countries, constitutes one of the University’s key strengths. Extending his best wishes to all candidates who will take the exam, he invited students to join the EMU family.

Those who wish to obtain more information regarding the EMU Entrance and Scholarship Exam or to submit online applications may contact +90 392 630 11 11 and +90 533 820 10 40, or visit [www.emu.edu.tr](http://www.emu.edu.tr).

## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ’S MESSAGE ON WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç released a message on 2 April – World Autism Awareness Day. The message by Prof. Dr. Kılıç reads as follows:

“The true level of development of societies is closely linked to the extent to which they understand, accept differences, and create inclusive living environments for all individuals. 2nd of April, observed as World Autism Awareness Day, serves as an important occasion to draw attention to the lives of individuals with autism, highlight the challenges they face, and raise public awareness and sensitivity.

Autism is not a deficiency, but a different mode of development. It is a neurodevelopmental variation that influences how individuals communicate, engage in social interactions, and regulate their behavior. With appropriate education, support, and understanding, individuals with autism have the potential to make meaningful contributions to society.

In this regard, the primary responsibility lies with all of us. As educational institutions, families, civil society organizations, and individuals, we must work collectively to build an inclusive and supportive society free from prejudice. Raising awareness should not be confined to a single day; rather, it should evolve into an ongoing sense of consciousness and responsibility that is sustained throughout the entire year.

As Eastern Mediterranean University, we continue to implement initiatives that promote inclusive education, support equitable access for individuals with special needs, and uphold equal opportunity. On this meaningful day, we call upon society to deepen its understanding of individuals with autism, to approach them with empathy, and to take concrete steps that enhance their quality of life. It is important to recognize that our differences are a source of strength and contribute to a more resilient and enriched society. We hope that 2 April, World



Autism Awareness Day, will foster enduring awareness and sensitivity, and we extend our heartfelt respect and regards to individuals with autism and their families.”

## EMU REMEMBERS CHAMPION ANGELS ON THE FIELD: VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS UNITE AROUND A SHARED EMOTION



The second edition of Champion Angels Volleyball Tournament organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Directorate was completed with the final matches held on Wednesday, 15 April 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex. The tournament went beyond being merely a sporting event, as it was organized to honor the memory of the 'Champion Angels' who lost their lives in the February 6 earthquake and to carry their spirit of solidarity, hope, and resilience onto the field. This meaningful gathering once again demonstrated the unifying power of

sport by bringing together volleyball players from different teams around a shared sense of purpose.

The tournament final matches were attended by EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Members Özdiç Akdel and Recai Ergün, EMU General Secretary Derviş Ekşici, Student Development, Events and Sports Affairs Director Cemal Kılıç, Sports Affairs Coordinator Aydın Kayol from Sport Services Office, Galatasaray Sports Club Executive Board Member Ünal Memiç and athletes who have contributed to volleyball in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).





In the tournament, where a total of 10 teams competed in the masters category, every athlete who took to the court played not only for competition but also to honor and preserve a shared memory. Beyond the matches themselves, the spirit of solidarity, sportsmanship, and collective remembrance among the teams stood out throughout the tournament.

At the end of the tournament, Koop Bank secured first place, Kimse Görmeden team finished second, Team Alizavra came in third, and EMU Sports Affairs team placed fourth.

Within the scope of individual and team awards, Mehmet Bektaş, Milad Khalilzadeh, Mohammad Akbari, Hessam and Nadzeya Burdzeika received Best

Referee awards. On the other hand, Most Supportive Press Award was given to Ahmet Ogan.

Participation awards were presented to the teams Blok Yok Umut Var, Girne Fire Department, Koop Bank, MVO Masters 1 and 2, Team Alizavra, Voleybol Tutkunları, EMU Volleyball, EMU Sports Affairs, and Kimse Görmeden.

In addition, Girne Fire Department was named the Most Enthusiastic Team, Voleybal Tutkunları received the Fair Play Award, and Blok Yok Umut Var was recognized for Best Team Spirit. Individual awards were also presented as follows: Senem Öcal was named Best Spectator, Süleyman Rebge Best Captain, Devrim Bukel Most Improved Player, Mehmet

Ali Osanmaz Best Amateur Player, Nafi Çetintaş Most Mature Player, Sezgin Şeren Youngest Player, Recep Kılıç Most Colorful Player, and Kunter Nesimi was awarded the MVP of the division.

Maraş Volleyball School was recognized as the institution contributing the most to the tournament. Individual awards were presented as follows: Selen Denizer was named Best Defensive Player, Aydın Kayol Most Sportsmanlike Player, Cemal Astan Best Setter, Ali Duvarcı Best Spiker (Men), Buğra Eryıldız Tournament MVP (Women), and İsmail Kovancı Tournament MVP (Men). The tournament concluded following the presentation of the awards.





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