

EMU SIGNS STRATEGIC COLLABORATION PROTOCOL WITH BUÜ AND ÜSİGED

A collaboration protocol aimed at bringing academic knowledge together with the real sector was signed between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Bursa Uludağ University (BUÜ), and the University-Industry Cooperation Development and Education Association (ÜSİGED). The cooperation protocol was signed at Bursa Uludağ University on Thursday, 20 August 2026, by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, BUÜ Rector Prof. Dr. Ferudun Yılmaz, and ÜSİGED President Prof. Dr. Ozan Gürbüz. Officials from EMU, BUÜ, and ÜSİGED were also present at the signing ceremony.

Through the protocol signed between the three institutions, the parties aim to carry out joint initiatives in the fields of agriculture, R&D, higher education, entrepreneurship, and social development, while establishing a sustainable model of cooperation.

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EMU MAINTAINS LEAD IN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT IN THE TRNC FOLLOWING 2026 YKS PLACEMENT RESULTS

According to the 2026 Higher Education Institutions Examination (YKS) placement results announced by the Republic of Türkiye's Measuring, Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM), Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) maintained its leading position among universities in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in terms of both the number of students placed in undergraduate programs and the number of equivalent students. According to the results, a total of 2,235 students were placed at EMU through the YKS this year, including 1,785 students in undergraduate programs and 450 students in associate degree programs.

EMU Leads the TRNC in Undergraduate Numbers

EMU ranked first among universities in the TRNC in terms of the number of students placed in undergraduate programs according to the 2026 YKS results. In 2026, a total of 1,785 students were placed in EMU's undergraduate programs, making EMU the university with the highest number of undergraduate placements in the TRNC. With its consistent performance in undergraduate student placements over the past three years, EMU has maintained its leading position in the TRNC.

EMU Also Ranks First in Equivalent Student Numbers

Another noteworthy indicator in the 2026 YKS results was the number of equivalent students. With 1,170 equivalent students, EMU ranked first among universities in the TRNC. This result demonstrates that EMU continues to maintain its strong position as a preferred higher education institution in the TRNC, particularly among students from Türkiye.



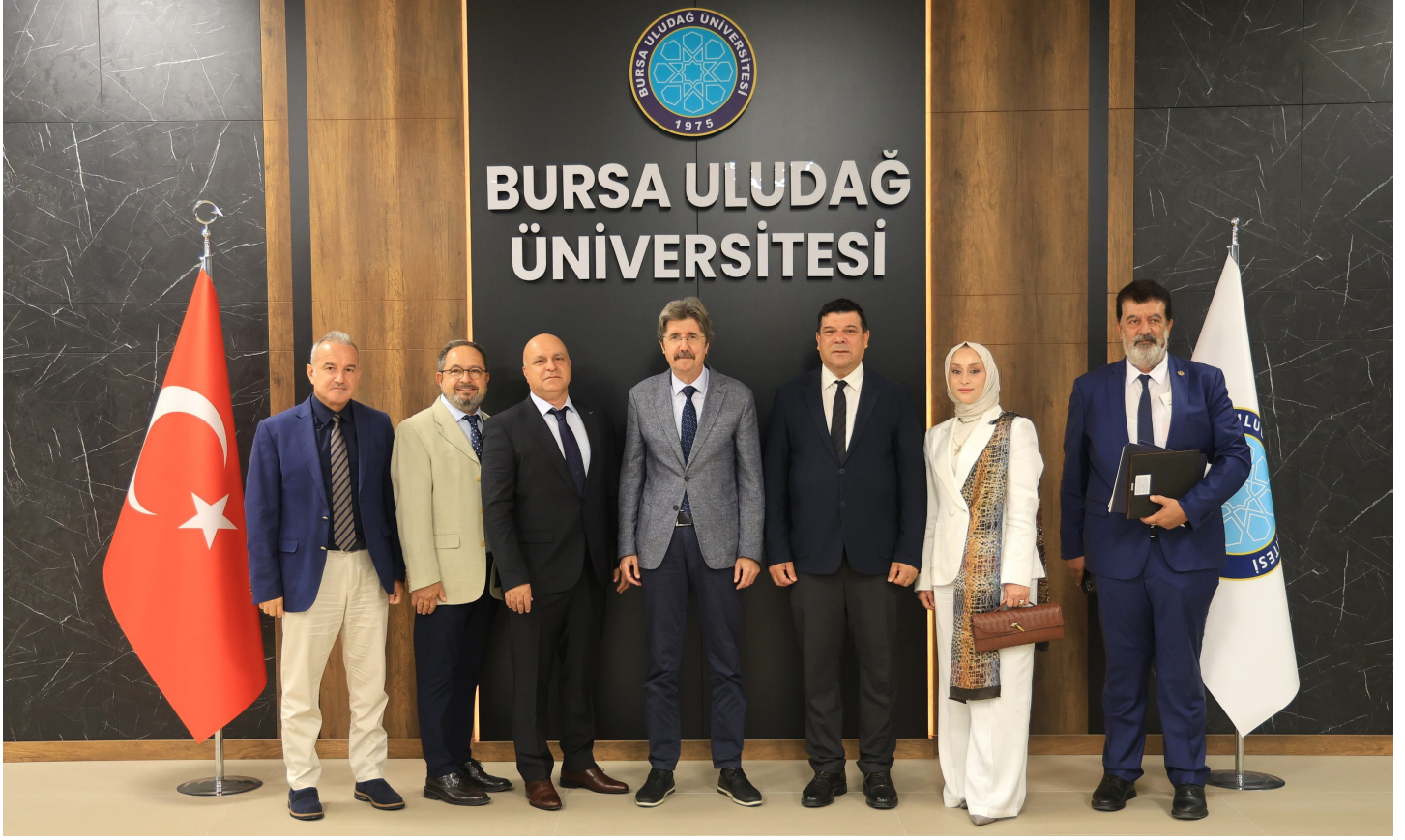
"We Are Extremely Proud"

Commenting on the 2026 YKS placement results, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the results achieved are an important reflection of the confidence placed in the University's quality of education, academic strength, and student-centered approach. Prof. Dr. Kılıç said, "We are extremely proud to maintain our leading position among universities in the TRNC in terms of both the number of students placed in our undergraduate programs and the number of equivalent students in the 2026 YKS placement results. The fact that students choose EMU is one of the strongest indicators of the confidence placed in our University's academic expertise, international approach to education, and the opportunities we provide to our students. This achievement is the result

of the collective efforts of the entire EMU family, particularly our academic and administrative staff."

Emphasizing that EMU contributes to the advancement of higher education in the TRNC not only through its student numbers but also through the high-quality and international educational opportunities it offers, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that the University aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills required by today's world while preparing them to become individuals capable of competing on a global scale. Noting that the 2026 YKS results have once again demonstrated EMU's strong position within the TRNC higher education sector, Prof. Dr. Kılıç welcomed all students who have chosen EMU and wished them every success in the new academic year.

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“We Will Transform Academic Cooperation into Social Benefit”

Speaking at the protocol signing ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the fundamental functions of higher education institutions are to provide quality education, conduct high-quality research and, ultimately, serve society. He also highlighted the importance of ensuring that projects developed through university-industry cooperation translate directly into tangible benefits for society.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç expressed their pride, excitement and pleasure in creating such a strong synergy with BUÜ, one of the most well-established and respected institutions in the Motherland Türkiye, and ÜSİGED. Emphasizing that this initiative, which brings theory and practice together, will further strengthen academic ties between the two countries, Prof. Dr. Kılıç

noted that the protocol will contribute to the professional development of academics. He further stated that he believes a highly productive period in higher education will begin for both parties through joint projects and student and academic staff mobility.

“We Are Crowning Our Long-Standing Ties with a Strategic Partnership”

Speaking at the ceremony, BUÜ Rector Prof. Dr. Ferudun Yılmaz stated that, as a well-established research university, they attach great importance to inter-institutional and international academic cooperation. Drawing attention to the strong and active ties that have long existed between EMU and BUÜ, Prof. Dr. Yılmaz stated that the protocol will take the existing relations to a more advanced level and add significant value to the academic dynamism, quality of education and research ecosystems of both institutions.

Noting that this cooperation will make significant contributions to the academic dynamism, quality of education and research ecosystems of both universities, Prof. Dr. Yılmaz stated that the partnership will also contribute to helping the universities attain the positions they deserve in national and international rankings. He emphasized that scientific productivity will be further enhanced through initiatives to be undertaken particularly in the fields of postgraduate education and joint R&D projects.

“We Are Ready to Support R&D and Industry Collaboration”

ÜSİGED President Prof. Dr. Ozan Gürbüz stated that the signed protocol represents a highly significant milestone in terms of joint projects, R&D activities and industry integration. Prof. Dr. Gürbüz noted that they are ready to provide all necessary support and contributions in every area required by EMU, drawing on their experience and the resources of the association. He also highlighted the importance of this model, which brings together academic knowledge and practical field experience.

Emphasizing that the protocol will enable innovative solutions required by industry to be implemented under the guidance of academics, Prof. Dr. Gürbüz stated that they will play an active role at every stage, from project support to funding applications. He concluded by expressing his hope that the protocol will yield positive outcomes for both institutions, their students and the industrial sector.



COLLABORATION PROTOCOL SIGNED BETWEEN EMU AND ADA KADINI DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE



A collaboration protocol was signed between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and Ada Kadını Development Cooperative (ADA-KOOP) with the aim of promoting gender equality, empowering women in economic and social life, developing educational and entrepreneurial activities, preserving cultural values, and implementing joint projects. The signing ceremony was held at the EMU Rector's Office Building at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, 14 August 2026, during which the protocol was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and ADA-KOOP President Bilge Kanlı. TRNC Member of Parliament Resmîye Eroğlu Canaltay and EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe also signed the protocol as witnesses. The protocol signing ceremony was attended by EMU Center for Women's Studies (EMU-CWS) President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Süheyla Üçışık Erbilien, EMU Rector's Office Director Kazım Hakverdi, and the ADA-KOOP delegation.

Through the signed protocol, EMU and ADA-KOOP aim to combine their knowledge, experience, and expertise to carry out joint initiatives that will contribute to the Turkish Cypriot community. Within the scope of the protocol, it is envisaged that training programs, projects, and awareness-raising activities will be implemented, particularly to enable women to take a more active role in social and economic life. In line with the protocol, the parties will carry out activities aimed at raising awareness of gender equality at the individual, family, and community levels. The protocol also aims to draw attention to occupational discrimination faced by women as a result of gender roles and to undertake joint activities aimed at increasing women's representation across different fields of employment.

“Various Initiatives to be implemented”

Speaking at the protocol signing ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the fundamental duties of universities are not limited to providing education and conducting research, emphasizing that universities also have

a responsibility to serve society. Describing the protocol signed with ADA-KOOP as an important and meaningful example of this responsibility, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted that they are very pleased to cooperate with a non-governmental organization that carries out initiatives aimed at empowering women. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that various initiatives, ranging from educational projects to institutional support, will be implemented within the scope of the cooperation and expressed his hope that the protocol will mark the beginning of strong and sustainable steps that will contribute to the advancement of women.

“It Will Be an Important Achievement”

ADA-KOOP President Bilge Kanlı stated that they are very pleased to establish such a meaningful cooperation with EMU, noting that it is particularly important for them to encourage women in Gazimağusa to step beyond the home environment and participate more actively in

social and economic life. Emphasizing that receiving training from distinguished academics, developing new collaborations, and becoming more empowered in production processes will represent an important achievement for women, Kanlı thanked the EMU Rector's Office and academics for their support throughout the process.

“Indispensable for Social Development”

TRNC Member of Parliament Resmîye Eroğlu Canaltay stated that respect for women's labor and enabling women to become active participants in productive life are indispensable for social development. Noting that the support provided by EMU to women is extremely valuable, Canaltay expressed her belief that the cooperation will make significant contributions to the development of women living in Gazimağusa and the surrounding areas.



EMU OFFERS EXTENSIVE SCHOLARSHIP AND TUITION DISCOUNT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRNC STUDENTS

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Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) offers a wide range of scholarships and tuition fee discounts for students who are citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), covering various areas from university admission and academic achievement throughout their studies to sporting accomplishments and special circumstances. Designed to reward student achievement and help reduce the financial cost of higher education, these opportunities provide tuition support of up to 100%, depending on the relevant eligibility criteria.

Admission and Merit-Based Scholarships

Based on the results of the EMU Entrance and Scholarship Examinations and within the quotas allocated to each program, one student is awarded a 100% scholarship, one student a 75% scholarship and one student a 50% scholarship. These scholarships cover the respective percentage of tuition fees and, for programs requiring English preparatory education, include an additional year of English language preparation. The scholarships remain valid throughout the standard duration of the respective program.

TRNC citizen students applying with GCE A/AS Level results may also qualify for scholarships covering 100%, 75% or 50% of tuition fees, depending on their academic achievement, for programs other than International Joint Undergraduate Programs (UOLP) and certificate programs.

Students who graduate from a high school or equivalent institution in the TRNC during the 2025–2026 Academic Year as the top-ranking student of their graduating class with an overall graduation grade of “Excellent” are eligible for a 100% tuition scholarship upon enrolling at EMU, with the exception of International Joint Undergraduate Programs (UOLP).

Academic Achievement Continues to Be Rewarded Throughout University Studies

At EMU, students are also rewarded for their academic achievement throughout their university studies. In each program, High Honor students ranking within the top 1% based on their semester grade point average are eligible for an academic achievement award. In this regard, the highest-ranking student receives a 20% tuition fee discount, the second-highest a 15% discount and the third-highest a 10% discount. Students who already hold a 100% tuition scholarship receive the equivalent support in the form of a cash award.

Athletic scholarships are also available to national-level athletes who continue to compete actively, as well as students who successfully represent EMU in national or international sporting events. These scholarships may cover tuition fees and/or accommodation fees, with the scope and eligibility requirements determined by the University administration.

Scholarships for Special Circumstances

EMU also offers scholarships designed to support students facing special circumstances in continuing their education. TRNC citizen students with a disability level of 40% or above are eligible for a scholarship covering 100% of tuition fees. Where a person under the student's care has a disability, the student may be eligible for a scholarship covering 50% or 100% of tuition fees, depending on the applicable criteria. These scholarships may remain valid for up to two academic years beyond the standard duration of the program. Children of TRNC citizen martyrs or disabled veterans are also eligible for a scholarship covering 100% of tuition fees. To retain this scholarship, students are required to maintain a semester grade point average of at least 2.00.

EMU also offers a range of tuition fee discounts to help students and their families manage the cost of higher education. Children of EMU employees receive a 50% tuition fee discount, while children of EMU graduates receive a 25% discount. Students whose parents are both EMU graduates are eligible for a 50% tuition fee discount. Sibling discounts range from 25% to 50%, depending on the applicable conditions. TRNC citizen students can also benefit from an additional 5% tuition fee discount for early registration and payment.

EMU SUPPORTS TR-CITIZEN STUDENTS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION FEE DISCOUNTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) offers a wide range of scholarship and tuition fee discount opportunities for associate and undergraduate programs to support access to higher education for students who are citizens of the Republic of Türkiye (TR). From scholarships based on the results of the Higher Education Institutions Examination (YKS), administered by the Measuring, Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM), to preference discounts, merit-based incentives and financial support for specific groups, a variety of opportunities provide students with significant advantages throughout their studies.

Scholarships and Discounts Based on YYS Achievement

At EMU, students who are citizens of the Republic of Türkiye may qualify for 100% or 50% scholarships based on their YYS results. These scholarships cover the tuition fees of the program in which students are placed and, where applicable, also include English preparatory education. Students who rank EMU among their top choices are also eligible for a “Preference

Discount”. Students who are placed in tuition-paying quotas through one of their first three preferences will receive discounts at specified rates. Further information regarding the applicable discount rates is available at <https://www.emu.edu.tr/yks>.

One of the most comprehensive forms of support offered by EMU is the EMU Incentive Scholarship, available to students who are citizens of the Republic of Türkiye, rank among the top 5,000 in the YYS and are placed in an EMU program. Under this scholarship, students benefit from a full tuition fee waiver, free accommodation in a double room, a monthly allowance, round-trip airfare between Türkiye and the TRNC twice a year, and a notebook computer. Students who are citizens of the Republic of Türkiye, graduate as the top-ranking student from a high school in Türkiye and are subsequently placed at EMU are also eligible for a 100% tuition fee scholarship for undergraduate programs.

Special Support for Different Groups

EMU also offers special discounts and financial support tailored to students' diverse needs and areas of achievement. Students who are citizens of the Republic of Türkiye and transfer to EMU through horizontal transfer may benefit from scholarships at specified rates. In addition, students who are members of a national sports team or who are licensed and actively competing in the highest league of their respective sports field are eligible for a 20% tuition fee discount. This discount remains valid throughout the standard duration of the program, including preparatory education.

Children of individuals working in the education and healthcare sectors may also benefit from special discounts. Children of teachers and academic staff are

eligible for a 20% discount, while children of healthcare professionals are offered a 20% discount in the relevant programs.

Special arrangements are also available for members and retirees of the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF), as well as their spouses and children. For programs where the Preference Discount applies, tuition fees are reduced to the same level as those applicable to students who are citizens of the TRNC, while a 20% discount is applied to other programs.

In addition, children of veterans of the 1974 Cyprus Peace Operation and children of civil servants of the Republic of Türkiye serving in the TRNC are eligible for the same tuition fee advantages offered to students who are citizens of the TRNC.

Additional Benefits throughout the Period of Study

EMU students may also benefit from scholarships and student loans provided by the Credit and Dormitories Institution (KYK), affiliated with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye. The availability of a KYK dormitory on the University campus also provides students with an additional accommodation option. Moreover, a range of other benefits are available, including sibling discounts for families with more than one student studying at EMU, discounts for children of EMU graduates, and early payment discounts. In addition to encouraging academic achievement, EMU's scholarship and discount system aims to facilitate access to higher education for students from diverse social and economic backgrounds and to support them throughout their studies.

AI LITERACY TRAININGS IN COLLABORATION WITH EMU AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION



Artificial Intelligence (AI) Literacy Training Program co-organized by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the Ministry of National Education has commenced on Tuesday, 1 September 2026, at EMU Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences. Through the training program which will continue until Friday, 11 September 2026, nearly 1500 teachers from pre-school education institutions, as well as primary and secondary schools and high schools around Famagusta region will receive training on AI literacy.

“Vital for Teachers to Adapt to the Digital Transformation Process”

Delivering a speech within the scope of the training program, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe emphasized that the collaboration between EMU and the Ministry of National Education holds great importance in enabling teachers to adapt to the digital transformation process and to consciously and effectively utilize artificial intelligence technologies in teaching and learning processes.

Prof. Dr. Karatepe noted that, within the scope of the Artificial Intelligence Literacy Training

Program carried out in collaboration between EMU and the Ministry of National Education, the program aims to provide training to teachers working at preschool education institutions, primary schools, secondary schools and high schools in the Famagusta region.

Trainings Delivered with Contributions from 13 Academics

Organized within the framework of an intensive and comprehensive program, the Artificial Intelligence Literacy Training Program is being delivered with contributions from 13 EMU academics who are experts in their respective fields. The EMU academics contributing to the preparation and implementation of the training program are Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rızaner, Prof. Dr. Ersun İşçioğlu, Prof. Dr. Yıldıran Bitirim, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Adnan Acan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emre Özen, Assist. Prof. Dr. Cem Yağlı, Dr. Özlem Görkan Evre, Dr. Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak, Dr. Sima Kaçmaz, Dr. Tansel Sarıhan, Mahmut Sevince, Mustafa Güler and Erce Öztürk.

The training program aims to familiarize teachers with the fundamental concepts and operating principles of artificial intelligence technologies, enable them to use artificial

intelligence tools effectively and responsibly in teaching and learning processes, and raise their awareness of the opportunities these technologies offer in the field of education. The program also aims to enhance teachers' knowledge and skills in the field of artificial intelligence, as well as to increase their awareness of the ethical, safe and responsible use of these technologies in educational environments.

With its robust academic structure and technological infrastructure, EMU aims to contribute to the digital transformation of the education system and enhance teachers' professional competencies in future technologies through this important collaboration with the Ministry of National Education.

The training program, which will continue from 1 to 11 September 2026, is expected to make significant contributions to enhancing the knowledge, skills and awareness of teachers working at preschool, primary school, secondary school and high school levels, in the Famagusta region in the field of artificial intelligence.



FEMALE STUDENTS MEET WITH TECHNOLOGY SECTOR THROUGH THE EMU-ASBANK COLLABORATION

TechGirls Committee operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, initiated an exemplary internship program with Asbank, aiming to support equality of opportunity in the field of Information Technology and, to strengthen women's representation in the field. Within the scope of the program, innovative projects developed by the students were introduced to the audience during an event organized at the General Directorate Building of Asbank.

The internship program, launched between EMU and Asbank in 2025 for female students under the lead of EMU TechGirls Committee, is still in effect within the framework of the collaboration protocol signed in 2026.

Student Developed Projects in Real-World Professional Environment

Under the leadership of Asbank Information Technologies Director Belgan Koral, the internship program provided students with the opportunity to gain first-hand insight into the operations of the Information Technologies Unit as well as various processes within the institution. Throughout the program, students received information on a range of topics, including corporate communication, business ethics, professional conduct, the responsibilities of the Information Technologies Unit, and various aspects of professional life.

During the internship, students applied the knowledge and experience they had gained to projects developed through teamwork. They carried out projects in contemporary areas of technology and application, including artificial intelligence-based applications, robotic process automation (RPA), React-based application development, and children's banking. Selected with due consideration for gender equality, the interns worked collaboratively in a real-world professional environment to develop joint solutions and presented their projects to a delegation comprising representatives from Asbank and EMU.

Project presentation sessions were also attended by Asbank General Director Çağatay Karip, EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Assistant Director of Asbank Kafiye Sefer, Asbank Information Technologies Director Belgan Koral, Asbank Human Resources and Coordination Unit Director Emrah Ekinci and, EMU TechGirl Committee members Prof. Dr. Nazife Dimililer, Dr. Yeşim Kapsıl Çırak and Senior Instructor Halide Sarıçizmeli.

Future of Banking in the Age of Artificial Intelligence Discussed

As part of the program, Asbank General Director Çağatay Karip briefed the students on recent developments in the banking sector and the future of banking in the age of artificial intelligence. Addressing the transformation brought about by artificial intelligence and digital technologies in the banking sector, Karip also shared his views on the future direction of the industry with the students.

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe highlighted the impact of rapid technological transformation on higher education and the business world. Stating that knowledge and



skills related to current and emerging technologies are incorporated into curricula across EMU, Prof. Dr. Karatepe noted that the University aims to equip its students with the knowledge and competencies required by an ever-evolving technological landscape upon graduation.

Prof. Dr. Karatepe underscored the significant role of university-industry collaboration in supporting students' professional development, familiarizing them with real-world working environments, and equipping them with competencies aligned with the needs of the business world. He further emphasized that providing students with opportunities to engage with industry representatives and work on real-world projects throughout their studies helps establish a strong link between the knowledge acquired at university and its practical application in industry.

Contribution to Women's Representation in Technology

The collaboration between the EMU TechGirls Committee and Asbank serves as an important example of an initiative that not only enables female students to gain professional experience in the field of information technology but also supports their stronger representation in the technology sector. In a statement issued by the EMU TechGirls Committee, the following remarks were made: "The information technology sector continues to face a pronounced gender imbalance, which becomes increasingly evident as one moves from entry-level positions towards managerial roles. In a field where women remain significantly

underrepresented, it is essential for both the sector and society to evolve in order to increase female representation and establish sustainable equality of opportunity. It is equally important that this transformation be supported through university-industry collaboration. Developed with this vision in mind, the collaboration between the EMU TechGirls Committee and Asbank represents an important example of an initiative that not only provides female students with opportunities to gain professional experience in information technology but also supports their stronger participation and representation in the technology sector."

In his remarks at the end of the event, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe highlighted the valuable knowledge and experience students had gained through the internship program and emphasized the importance of investing in their education and professional development. Prof. Dr. Karatepe thanked Asbank General Director Çağatay Karip and Asbank representatives for their contributions to providing students with opportunities to gain experience in a real-world working environment and further develop their skills in the field of technology. He then presented a plaque to Asbank General Director Çağatay Karip in recognition of his contributions and support.

EMU and Asbank Had Signed a Cooperation Protocol

The collaboration initiated in 2025 under the leadership of the EMU TechGirls Committee was formalized in 2026 with the signing of a cooperation protocol between EMU and Asbank. The protocol was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Asbank General Director Çağatay Karip.

Within the scope of the protocol, female students were provided with internship opportunities at Asbank, enabling them to apply the theoretical knowledge and skills acquired at university in a real-world working environment and gain experience in the information technology sector. The collaboration also contributed to strengthening the representation of women, particularly in the field of information technology, promoting gender equality in the sector, and fostering inclusive working environments.



EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN RESEARCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN ROMANIA

Yasemin Erbilin, a second-year student at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, participated in a one-month research exchange program in Romania to gain international scientific and academic experience. From 1 to 31 July 2026, Erbilin took part in scientific research activities as part of the program hosted by George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology in Târgu Mureş, Romania.

Erbilin applied for the exchange program, organized through the Medical Students' Association of Northern Cyprus (MSANC), which operates under the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), via the Eastern Mediterranean University Medical Students' Association (EMUMSA), active within EMU. After meeting the required criteria, Erbilin was accepted into the program.

Actively Participated in Scientific Research Project

As part of the program, Erbilin participated in the research project titled "Fungal and Mycotoxin Contamination of Cereal Products Commercialized in Romania and Their Impact on Human Health" through IFMSA's Standing Committee on Research Exchange (SCORE). Within the scope of the research conducted at the Department of Microbiology, Erbilin actively participated in laboratory practices.

During the one-month exchange, Erbilin had the opportunity to observe and carry out various laboratory procedures involving culture preparation and the examination of microorganisms, allowing her to reinforce through practical experience the theoretical knowledge she had acquired as part of her medical education at EMU. Through the research project, Erbilin gained first-hand experience of the laboratory stages of scientific research and also participated in various workshops, providing her with the opportunity to become familiar with the academic working environment in a different country.



"It Made a Significant Contribution to My Academic and Professional Development"

Describing the one-month SCORE exchange program in Romania as a valuable experience, Erbilin stated that the program provided her with the opportunity to experience a scientific research environment in a different country, develop her laboratory skills and undertake clinical observation.

Erbilin also noted that the opportunity to engage in academic and cultural exchange with medical students from different countries was among the key benefits of the program. She emphasized that the experience not only contributed to her academic and professional development but also enabled her to gain new perspectives and experiences in the fields of medicine and scientific research.

"Such Experiences Make Significant Contributions to Academic Development"

EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu stated that students' participation in international research projects makes significant contributions to their academic development, noting: "One of the key components of medical education is the development of our students' scientific thinking and research skills. We are highly pleased to see our students gain experience in educational and research environments in different countries within the scope of IFMSA and become part of international academic communities. We are equally pleased to welcome medical students from different countries to our Faculty, where they have the opportunity to study and interact with our students. Our student's active involvement in a research project in Romania, participation in laboratory studies and academic

interaction with students from different countries provided her with the opportunity to apply the knowledge acquired during her education in a different academic environment. We believe that such experiences not only broaden our students' professional perspectives but also strengthen their interest in scientific research."

Prof. Dr. Kılıç: "We Value Our Students' International Experiences"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored the importance of enabling EMU students to gain experience not only at their own university but also in academic and scientific environments in different countries through exchange programs. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that international exchange programs make significant contributions to students' academic development.

Expressing their pleasure in seeing EMU students benefit from educational, research and professional development opportunities in different countries, Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated: "We consider our students' participation in international academic environments, exposure to different cultures and opportunity to gain diverse experiences in their respective fields to be an important part of our University's approach to education. Our student's research exchange in Romania is an excellent example of this approach. We are proud to see our student take an active role in a scientific research project and integrate the knowledge and experience gained through this opportunity with her education at our University. As EMU, we will continue to expand international opportunities that support the academic, professional and personal development of our students."

EMU TAKES PART IN “OCEANS AND SEAS ACTION AGENDA” WORKSHOP HELD AS PART OF COP31



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) participated in the workshop titled “UNFCCC COP31 Presidency of Türkiye – Oceans & Seas Action Agenda Workshop”, held in Istanbul on 13–14 August 2026 as part of the preparations for the 31st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP31), one of the world’s most prominent international platforms in the fight against global climate change. At the workshop, organized within the framework of the COP31 “Oceans and Seas Action Agenda”, EMU was represented by Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek, Member of the COP31 Process Advisory Board, Chair of the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biological Sciences, and President of the Underwater Research and Imaging Center (SAGEM).

Organized by the COP31 Presidency of Türkiye, the two-day workshop brought together representatives of national and international organizations, scientists and various stakeholders to discuss the priorities of the ocean and climate agenda within the COP31 process, as well as practical and actionable solutions.

COP31 to Take Place in Antalya, 9–20 November

Held annually under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and regarded as the world’s foremost climate summit, COP31 will take place in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9 to 20 November 2026. The summit will serve as a major global gathering where the international community will address future policies and concrete implementation measures, particularly in the areas of climate change adaptation, climate finance and sustainable development. At the summit, EMU aims to bring its expertise and knowledge to Antalya through a delegation led by Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek, Member of the COP31 Process Advisory Board, Chair of the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biological Sciences, and President of the

Underwater Research and Imaging Center (SAGEM).

“Seas and Oceans Are at the Heart of Climate Action”

Commenting on the matter, Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek stated: “Covering a large proportion of the Earth’s surface, seas and oceans play a critical role in regulating the climate system and sequestering carbon from the atmosphere. At the same time, rising sea temperatures, sea-level rise, ocean acidification, oxygen loss and extreme weather events associated with climate change are placing increasing pressure on marine biodiversity, coastal ecosystems and communities that depend on these systems.

For this reason, the protection of seas and oceans is regarded not merely as an environmental policy aimed at conserving biodiversity, but as one of the fundamental components of global efforts to combat and adapt to climate change. In particular, the protection and restoration of blue carbon ecosystems, marine renewable energy, sustainable maritime activities, the reduction of marine pollution and the development of climate-resilient coastal areas are becoming increasingly important elements of climate action.

In line with this approach, the two-day workshop held in Istanbul addressed a wide range of topics, including blue carbon and the protection of marine ecosystems, marine renewable energy, the decarbonization of maritime transport and ports, the strengthening of regional cooperation on marine issues, marine pollution and circular solutions, data and knowledge sharing, the regenerative blue economy, and ocean and climate finance. One of the key areas of focus at the workshop was the translation of scientific and technical studies into practical applications. Discussions focused on transforming solutions developed in the fields of oceans and climate into concrete projects and measurable outcomes, strengthening regional and international

cooperation, expanding financing opportunities, and establishing implementation mechanisms that will remain in place beyond COP31.”

EMU Brings Its Scientific Expertise to the COP31 Process

The Eastern Mediterranean is among the regions where the impacts of climate change are being felt particularly strongly. Rising sea temperatures, changes in biodiversity, the spread of non-native and invasive species, increasing pressures on coastal habitats and changes in marine ecosystems are heightening the region’s vulnerability to climate change. In this context, long-term scientific studies conducted on marine ecosystems in and around Cyprus are important not only at the local level, but also for understanding how the Eastern Mediterranean is responding to climate change.

EMU continues to make scientific contributions to this process through its research and extensive field experience in areas including marine and coastal ecosystems, marine biodiversity, the conservation and restoration of seagrass meadows, wetlands, water quality, nature-based solutions, and strengthening ecosystem resilience to climate change.

The COP31 process also provides an important opportunity to bring EMU’s expertise in these fields to the international climate agenda and, in particular, to raise international awareness of the challenges facing the Eastern Mediterranean and island ecosystems, as well as the nature-based solutions that can be developed to address them.

As preparations for COP31 continue, with a focus on recognizing seas and oceans as an integral part of climate action and translating scientific knowledge into actionable policies, EMU will continue to contribute to the process through its academic expertise, research infrastructure and field experience in the Eastern Mediterranean.

EMU FACULTY MEMBER MAKES SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTION TO SEAGRASS CONSERVATION



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is contributing to the scientific implementation of the *Posidonia oceanica* (seagrass) Conservation and Rehabilitation Project, carried out along the coast of Milas in Muğla in collaboration with the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Muğla Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry, and Yeniköy Kemerköy Energy. The project's scientific activities are jointly led by EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biological Sciences Chair and Underwater Research and Imaging Center (SAGM) Director Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek, together with the SAGM team.

As part of the project, the transplantation, planting and rehabilitation of seagrass using various methods are being scientifically monitored, with the findings providing valuable data to support the conservation of marine ecosystems across the Mediterranean.

Successful Results in Seagrass Rehabilitation

Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek, who leads the scientific processes of the project, stated that the study provides valuable scientific experience in developing practical methods for seagrass rehabilitation in Türkiye. Noting that transplantation and implantation methods have been applied at different depths, Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek explained that the studies are being conducted in consideration of the ecological conditions of the region and that the results achieved so far have demonstrated high success rates.

Referring to the results of nearly three years of monitoring, Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek reported that approximately 90% of more than 200 seagrass clumps relocated as part of the project continue to grow healthily, while around 70% of the 1,300 seedlings planted have survived. He emphasized that these findings demonstrate that, when appropriate scientific methods are applied, seagrass can be successfully relocated to different areas and re-established.

Seagrass Is Vital to the Mediterranean Ecosystem

Highlighting the importance of seagrass not only for marine biodiversity but also for climate change mitigation, Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek noted that *Posidonia oceanica* ecosystems are among the most important blue carbon habitats. He explained that, in addition to storing carbon and producing oxygen, seagrass meadows help protect coastlines from erosion, improve water quality and provide essential habitats for a wide range of marine species.

Scientific Research to Enter a New Phase

Commenting on the next stages of the project, Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek pointed out that seagrasses are flowering plants rather than algae. He explained that the next phase of the research will focus on monitoring the natural seed production and dispersal processes of seagrass, cultivating seedlings from the collected seeds, and using these seedlings in further implantation studies. Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek noted that these efforts are expected to contribute not only to the conservation of existing seagrass meadows but also to the restoration of degraded marine habitats through the development of appropriate rehabilitation methods.

EMU's Scientific Expertise in Marine Ecosystem Research

Highlighting EMU's extensive research expertise in marine biodiversity, seagrass,

coastal ecosystems and underwater research, Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek stated that the University's academic knowledge and experience make a significant scientific contribution to the project. He emphasized the importance of combining the research infrastructure and field expertise of universities with public- and private-sector partnerships to transform scientific knowledge into practical environmental projects.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek noted that the project being carried out along the coast of Milas provides an important example of how scientific research can be directly applied to conservation and rehabilitation efforts in the field. He added that the knowledge and experience gained through the project could also contribute to future seagrass conservation and rehabilitation initiatives in other coastal areas.

Stating that EMU will continue its scientific research aimed at protecting marine ecosystems, particularly those of the Eastern Mediterranean, and strengthening their resilience to climate change, Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek emphasized that safeguarding seagrass meadows is an important responsibility in ensuring that healthy and sustainable marine ecosystems are preserved for future generations.



EXCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR INSTITUTIONS COLLABORATING WITH EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is launching a comprehensive educational support package designed to strengthen and expand its institutional partnerships with public institutions, professional organizations, and private sector representatives, while making high-quality education accessible to a broader audience. Introduced under the slogan “The Privilege of Collaboration”, the initiative aims to contribute to the development of a highly qualified workforce within partner institutions and promote equal access to educational opportunities.

Up to 40% Discount Opportunities

Employees and members of institutions that have signed cooperation protocols with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), as well as their spouses and children, will be eligible for special discounts on the University's academic programs and educational opportunities. Under the relevant institutional protocols, tuition fee discounts of up to 30% are available for associate and

undergraduate programs, up to 40% for master's programs, and up to 25% for doctoral programs. In addition, discounts of up to 25% are offered for courses and certificate programs delivered by the EMU Continuing Education Center (EMU-CEC), as well as for programs offered through the International Summer School.

Collaboration in Internships, Employment, Joint Events and Project Development

The collaboration between the University and its partner institutions extends beyond tuition fee discounts, with a focus on building long-term partnerships in areas such as internships, employment, joint events and project development. The applicable discount rates and scope may vary depending on the terms and conditions of the protocol signed with each institution.

Those wishing to benefit from these opportunities, learn more about the application requirements or obtain further information may visit emu.edu.tr/

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BABY SEA TURTLES RELEASED INTO THE SEA UNDER COORDINATION OF EMU-SAGM

With the permission granted by the Environmental Protection Department under the Deputy Prime Ministry, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), the release of sea turtles into the sea continues under the coordination of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) as part of the project for the monitoring and protection of sea turtles along the coasts of Famagusta, Yeniboğaziçi and İskele, which has been ongoing since 2008.

Led by Assist. Prof. Dr. Burak Ali Çiçek, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences at the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the Underwater Research and Imaging Center (SAGM), the project involves the periodic monitoring of nests, while measures are taken against beach access and natural threats to ensure that the hatchlings safely make their way to the sea.

As part of the 2026 summer season baby sea turtle release activities, baby sea turtles were released into the sea at the EMU Beach Club with the support of clubs operating under the District 135 North Cyprus Lions Federation. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç also attended the event, which brought together many volunteers.



Prof. Dr. Kılıç emphasized that the project carried out for the protection of sea turtles is of great importance in terms of both raising environmental awareness and preserving wildlife, and said, “Every effort made to ensure the survival of these unique creatures entrusted to us by nature is extremely valuable. As EMU, alongside our scientific studies, we also fulfill our social and environmental responsibilities with great care and sensitivity. Witnessing sea turtles safely make their way to the sea is a great source of happiness and pride for us.”

Also making remarks on the 2026 summer season baby sea turtle release activities, Assist. Prof. Dr. Çiçek stated; “We have been carrying out our sea turtle monitoring and conservation activities uninterrupted since 2008, in accordance with the permits obtained from the Environmental Protection Department. Continuing for nearly 18 years, this initiative is the result of a long-term, collaborative conservation effort sustained through the

cooperation of state institutions, municipalities, our university, non-governmental organizations and private organizations. In this respect, our project also serves as a good example of biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration efforts, which are among the key components of today's approach to sustainability.

One of the greatest strengths of these efforts is our volunteers. I would particularly like to thank our EMU students, whose number has now reached 80, as well as the student volunteers from other universities who join us and work with great dedication each year at various stages of the process, from fieldwork and nest monitoring to ensuring that the hatchlings safely reach the sea. It is extremely valuable to us that young people not only support these efforts but also take responsibility for protecting nature and biodiversity and actively become part of this endeavor. I would like to thank all the institutions, organizations and volunteers who have contributed to and supported this long-term initiative.”

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ ISSUES A MESSAGE ON THE 104TH ANNIVERSARY OF 30 AUGUST VICTORY DAY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kiliç issued a message on the 104th anniversary of 30 August – Victory Day. The said message reads as follows:

“I proudly commemorate the 104th anniversary of August 30 Victory Day, marking one of the greatest victories of the Turkish nation, which throughout history has made great sacrifices in the pursuit of independence and freedom.

August 30, 1922, represents far more than the date of a military victory; it marks the beginning of a new era in which our nation took its destiny into its own hands and shaped its future through its own will. The Great Offensive, launched on August 26 and culminating in victory at the Battle of the Commander-in-Chief on August 30, changed the course of the Turkish War of Independence and demonstrated to the entire world the Turkish nation's determination to continue on its path as an independent state. This historic achievement became one of the defining milestones in the process that would soon culminate in the liberation of İzmir and ultimately pave the way for the establishment of the Republic of Türkiye.

Although 104 years have passed since the Great Victory, the significance of August 30 and its place in the collective memory of our nation remain unchanged. The meaning of August 30 extends far beyond a victory achieved in the past. The Great Victory represents a powerful historical legacy, demonstrating what can be achieved through perseverance in the face of adversity, an unwavering commitment to independence and unity around a common ideal. In this respect, August 30 remains a source of faith and determination that will continue to guide our nation, today and in the future.

This historic legacy also holds particular significance in the Turkish Cypriot people's struggle for existence. In their efforts to safeguard their existence, identity, freedom and future, the Turkish Cypriot people drew strength from the Turkish nation's struggle for independence and the spirit of determination that defined it. The resolve embodied by the August 30 Victory—the determination to live in freedom and take ownership of one's own future—also became an important source of inspiration in the Turkish Cypriot people's struggle for existence. For this reason, the Great Victory represents not only a major turning



point in the history of Türkiye for the Turkish Cypriot people, but also a shared source of pride that continues to reaffirm the ideals of independence and freedom.

On this meaningful occasion, I commemorate with profound respect, gratitude and remembrance Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, Commander-in-Chief of the Great Victory and Founder of our Republic, together with all the heroes of the Turkish War of Independence and our cherished martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the independence of our homeland. I also extend my deepest gratitude to our heroic veterans. I commemorate the 104th anniversary of August 30 Victory Day and sincerely hope that the spirit of independence and freedom entrusted to us as the enduring legacy of the Great Victory will live on forever.”



PROF. DR. OSMAN M. KARATEPE RELEASED 30 AUGUST – VICTORY DAY MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF EMU-ATAUM

On behalf of Eastern Mediterranean University Atatürk Research and Application Center (EMU-ATAUM), EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe released a message on the 104th anniversary of 30 August – Victory Day. The said message reads as follows:

“The Great Offensive, which began on August 26, 1922, and continued for five days and five nights until August 30, was planned with the utmost secrecy and precision under the direct leadership of Commander-in-Chief Gazi Mustafa Kemal Paşa. This carefully prepared strategic operation culminated in a decisive victory for the Turkish army on August 30. Under the leadership of Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the Turkish National Struggle, which also inspired many nations seeking to live in independence, thus achieved its most significant military success, paving the way for the Turkish War of Independence to culminate in a decisive victory.

Two years after this victory, which was greeted with great joy by both the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye and the Turkish people, a magnificent ceremony was held in Dumlupınar on August 30, 1924, with the participation of Gazi Mustafa Kemal Paşa, Commander-in-Chief of the Great Victory. As the victory was celebrated, the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for their homeland were also commemorated with gratitude and reverence. In his address at the ceremony, Atatürk emphasized the profound significance of the Great Victory for the Turkish nation. Two years after this historic commemoration, the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye enacted legislation designating August 30 as a day of celebration for the Turkish Armed Forces. Since then, August 30 Victory Day has been celebrated each year with great pride, enthusiasm and a profound sense of national unity through ceremonies and events held across the Republic of Türkiye, at its diplomatic missions abroad and in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The historic victory achieved through the Great Offensive once again demonstrated to the world the determination, resolve and unwavering commitment of the Turkish nation to independence, bringing its struggle for freedom and independence to a successful conclusion. One of the most significant outcomes of the victory was the decisive establishment of the principle of national sovereignty. Achieved under the leadership of Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, this great triumph demonstrated the Turkish nation's determination to uphold its sovereign rights and became one of the most powerful symbols of the process leading to the establishment of the modern, independent and fully sovereign Republic of Türkiye.

The August 30 Victory represents not only a military triumph but also a historic turning point demonstrating that the Turkish nation can overcome even the greatest challenges when united



in solidarity and common purpose. As one of the strongest expressions of independence, national will and devotion to the homeland, the legacy of this great victory continues to be passed down from generation to generation, inspiring our nation to safeguard and uphold the fundamental values of the Republic. In this respect, August 30 is not only the anniversary of a great military victory achieved in the past, but also one of the most meaningful symbols of confidence in the future, national unity and commitment to the Republic.

On this meaningful occasion, I proudly commemorate the 104th anniversary of August 30 Victory Day. I remember with profound respect, gratitude and reverence Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, Founder of our Republic, his comrades-in-arms, and our cherished martyrs who sacrificed their lives for our independence, and I extend my deepest respect and gratitude to our heroic veterans.”



EMU PREPARES ITS NEW STUDENTS FOR UNIVERSITY LIFE WITH ITS 29TH ORIENTATION DAYS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is preparing its new students, who will join the EMU family in the 2026–27 Academic Year, for university life through its 29th Orientation Days, organized with North Cyprus Turkcell as the main sponsor. Held under the theme “Listen to This Voice”, the program aims not only to familiarize students with the campus but also to help them adapt more easily to Famagusta, life in North Cyprus and their new social environment.

Continuing until 30 September 2026, the Orientation Days offer students a comprehensive program ranging from academic preparation and career planning to airport welcome services and cultural adaptation, as well as city and campus tours, student clubs and sports activities. In this way, the orientation process, which begins even before new students arrive at EMU, will continue with various forms of support from the moment they step onto the campus.

The first stage of the orientation process began with the online sessions “Preparing for Undergraduate Studies at EMU” and “Preparing for Postgraduate Studies at EMU,” held in both Turkish and English. In addition to these sessions, which aim to help students embark on their university education with greater awareness and preparation, special information sessions were also held for families.

EMU Supports New Students from the Very Beginning

To facilitate the arrival of newly registered students at EMU, welcome and transportation services are also being provided at Ercan Airport. Students who register through the Orientation Days webpage will be welcomed at the airport and provided with transportation to the campus between 5 and 20 September 2026.

To help students arriving on campus make new friends and adapt more quickly to university life, a variety of recreational activities, including movie screenings, karaoke and game nights, will also be held between 7 and 13 September 2026.

From Campus to Famagusta: Students to Discover a New Way of Life

The Orientation Days will provide students with the opportunity to become closely acquainted not only with the university, but also with the city they will be living in and daily life in North Cyprus. As part of the program, Famagusta City Tours will be held on 14 and 21 September, while a Campus Tour will take place on 16 September. New students will explore key locations across the university, including the EMU Library, Sports Facilities, Health Center, Beach Club and faculties. The program will also feature career counseling and cultural adaptation sessions, providing support for students’ needs beyond their academic life.

Practical information on issues that students may encounter in their daily lives will be shared during the sessions titled “Banking and Budgeting in Northern Cyprus,” “Residence Permit and Student Visa Guide” and “Safety and Support in Famagusta,” to be held on 17 September.



The “Welcome to EMU and City Life Session” program, to be held at the EMU Activity Center on 22 September, will also address topics that students may be curious about regarding university and city life.

At EMU, Students Join Not Just a Department, but a Community

Based on the understanding that university life at EMU extends beyond the classroom, encouraging new students to actively participate in social, cultural and sports activities constitutes an important part of the Orientation Days.

On 23 September 2026, international student societies and student clubs will meet with new EMU students. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about societies and clubs operating across a wide range of interests, take part in activities that appeal to them and make new friends.

On 24 September, the Sports Activities Promotion Event, to be held at the Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex, will introduce students to the sports facilities and activities available at EMU. Through these events, the aim is to ensure that new students

become part not only of the faculty or department in which they study, but also of EMU’s multicultural and dynamic university community.

Orientation Journey to Be Enlivened with “Welcome Night”

The orientation journey, which begins before new students arrive at EMU, will continue as they become acquainted with the campus and the city, gain practical information about daily life, make new friends, and discover student societies, clubs and sports activities.

As part of the program’s social activities, a “Welcome Night” will be held at the EMU Beach Club at 06:00 p.m. on Friday, 25 September 2026. Bringing together new EMU students, the event aims to provide them with an enjoyable and memorable start to university life. The detailed program of the Orientation Days, event times and up-to-date information will be available on the Orientation Days website, orientation.emu.edu.tr. Any changes to the program will also be announced through the same website.

A WEEKEND FILLED WITH SPORTS AND FUN AT EMU



The 3-on-3 Beach Volleyball Tournament and “Colour Fest”, organized in collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Famagusta Municipality (GMB), and the Famagusta Youth Council, brought young people together for a weekend filled with sports, music, and entertainment. Held at the EMU Beach Club, the two-day event saw participants compete in beach volleyball while also enjoying a variety of colorful activities and memorable moments.

41 Teams Competed for Championship

The 3-on-3 Beach Volleyball Tournament, hosted at the EMU Beach Club, concluded with strong participation from young athletes. A total of 41 teams competed in the tournament, which featured U13 and U17 women’s categories. The event brought together 17 teams in the U13 category and 24 teams in the U17 category, with a total of 45 matches played throughout the tournament.

During the two-day tournament, young athletes stood out not only for their competitive performances but also for their team spirit and sportsmanship. In the U13 category, the trio of Derin-Gökçe-Almina claimed first place, followed by Yaynur-Günay-Eylül in second place and Büğlem-Tuğsem-Aslin in third. In the U17 category, Büşra-Melek-Azra secured first

place, while Neriman-Berre-Öyküm finished second and Kayra-Karmen-İrem placed third. Büşra Duran was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the U17 category, while Gökçe Tepeci received the same distinction in the U13 category. Awards were presented to the top-ranking athletes by representatives of the EMU Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Directorate and Famagusta Municipality.

Sports Followed by a Colourful Festival

The energy of the weekend reached its peak with the “Colour Fest” held following the tournament. Drawing strong interest from young participants, the event brought together music, dance, and entertainment, featuring a variety of activities including karaoke and a foam party.

The EMU Beach Club was filled with vibrant scenes throughout the day as young people enjoyed the festivities and made the most of the weekend following the competitive excitement of the beach volleyball tournament.

Sports and Social Interaction Come Together for Young People

The two-day event offered young participants more than an opportunity to showcase their sporting abilities; it also provided a vibrant



social setting that strengthened team spirit, encouraged new friendships, and fostered greater social interaction.

Organized in collaboration with EMU, Famagusta Municipality, and the Famagusta Youth Council, the event gave young people the opportunity to enjoy an active and social weekend centered around sports, while once again highlighting the EMU Beach Club as an important venue for youth and sporting events.



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