

Sustainable KTU

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2024

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Sustainable development is not only a global vision, but also a shared responsibility that our country bears towards future generations. In this sense, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations, Turkey's 11th and 12th Development Plans, the Green Deal Action Plan, and the Higher Education Council's sustainability vision form a roadmap for higher education institutions.

As Karadeniz Technical University, we consider it our primary duty to contribute to these goals in line with our mission of education, research, and community service. Our university produces science-based knowledge, develops policies, and implements projects in interaction with the community across a wide range of areas, from quality education to climate action, from poverty reduction to the construction of innovative and sustainable cities.

In line with our country's national policies, our university leads regional development and assumes global responsibility through international collaborations, while also aiming to educate our students to become conscious individuals for a sustainable future. The report prepared in this context reflects not only the activities carried out but also our university's determination on its sustainability journey.

Our belief in the future is strengthened by the guidance of science and the dynamism of our youth. Karadeniz Technical University will continue to contribute to sustainable development goals and support our country's vision in this area.

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Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG-16) aims to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, ensure access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels. In an era marked by regional conflicts, growing inequalities, and forced migration, universities play a critical role in developing democratic values, social cohesion, and institutional resilience.

Karadeniz Technical University (KTU) actively contributes to SDG-16 goals through its academic programs, social impact activities, and commitment to institutional transparency. As one of Turkey's most established universities, KTU has integrated democratic governance, human rights education, and social justice awareness into its curriculum and institutional culture.

KTU supports initiatives based on legal awareness, anti-violence education, and conflict resolution, particularly among young people, in collaboration with local governments, civil society organizations, and national institutions. Legal studies, human rights seminars, and ethics education are included in various departments, particularly in law, social sciences, and public administration programs.

Additionally, KTU places great importance on ensuring institutional transparency and accountability. The university's internal quality assurance system, which is regularly evaluated by the Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK), promotes participatory decision-making processes and effective governance. Students, academic staff, and administrative staff are represented in the university senate and committees, ensuring that various perspectives are incorporated into institutional development.



Institutional Structure

Karadeniz Technical University (KTU) operates in accordance with the principles of peace, justice, transparency, and strong institutions as outlined in SKA-16, incorporating accountability, ethical management, open information sharing, and participation as fundamental elements of its institutional structure. The university's administrative and academic organization is structured to support these objectives.

- **Strategic Management and Financial Transparency:** The preparation of the university's strategic planning, performance program, and annual activity reports is carried out under the coordination of the Strategy Development Directorate. This unit presents data on financial transparency and the effective use of resources to the public and operates internal control and risk management mechanisms.
- **Audit and Accountability:** The Internal Audit Department audits all financial and administrative processes in accordance with the principles of compliance with legislation, efficiency, and effectiveness, ensuring that the findings are reflected in institutional development.
- **Ethical Management and Academic Integrity:** The University Ethics Committee and the Research and Publication Ethics Committees work to uphold academic integrity and scientific ethical standards. Plagiarism prevention policies and awareness training are disseminated throughout the academic community.
- **Access to Information and Transparency:** The Information Access Unit responds to citizens' requests for information within the framework of the Freedom of Information Act No. 4982. Institutional documents, including the strategic plan, activity reports, and budget data, are publicly available on the university's official website.





Institutional Structure

- **Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement:** The Quality Commission implements the quality assurance system in line with the standards of the Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK), regularly collecting feedback from students and stakeholders and integrating it into improvement efforts.
- **Participation and Stakeholder Collaboration:** KTU takes into account the opinions of students, academics, administrative staff, alumni, and civil society representatives in academic and administrative decision-making processes; it carries out joint projects with local governments, public institutions, civil society organizations, and international organizations.





Partnerships and Protocols

Awareness Activities on Violence Against Women, Addiction, Cybercrime, and Data Security

KTU carries out activities that support the security and welfare of society in line with the principles of peace, justice, strong institutions, and the protection of human rights as envisaged by SKA-16. Within this scope, an Education and Cooperation Protocol has been signed between the KTU Women and Family Studies Application and Research Center and the Trabzon Provincial Police Department.

- Within the framework of the protocol;
- Prevention of violence against women,
- Combating drug addiction (UYUMA),
- Raising awareness about cybercrime (SİBERAY),

Comprehensive awareness-raising activities are being carried out on the subject of ensuring personal data security.

Additionally, under the coordination of the Eastern Black Sea Development Agency (DOKA), a protocol for the “Cyber Homeland Program” has been signed between KTU, Trabzon University, and other stakeholders.

These activities are carried out in the form of seminars, conferences, workshops, and awareness campaigns for students, academic and administrative staff, and local community representatives. During the events, training provided by expert security personnel and academics increases participants' knowledge of their legal rights and responsibilities, safe behavior methods, and crime prevention strategies.



KTÜ SIBERAY

Temel Siber Güvenlik, Bilişim Suçları,
Sosyal Medya ve İnternet Dolandırıcılıkları
Farkındalık Eğitimi



26
Kasım
2024

Saat: **14.30**

Fen Fakültesi
Nazım TERZİOĞLU
Amfisi

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**ÇALIŞANLARIN
İŞ YERİNDEKİ PSİKOLOJİK
İYİ OLUŞU**

Karadeniz Teknik Üniversitesi
Ar. Gör. Hümevra DERVİŞOĞLU AKPINAR

KTÜ Fen Fakültesi
Nazım Terzioğlu Amfisi
30.05.2024 – Perşembe
10.30 – 11.30

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KTU Activities Under SKA-16

KTU has hosted numerous awareness-raising events on social consciousness, human rights, and safe living in line with the goals of peace, justice, transparency, and strong institutions envisioned by SKA-16. These activities, carried out in collaboration with the university's various academic and administrative units and local and national stakeholders, have made an important social contribution to both the university community and the local population.

Social Awareness and Human Rights Events

On March 8, 2024, as part of International Women's Day, a panel discussion titled "Building a Trustworthy Society" was organized by Karadeniz Technical University (KTU) in collaboration with KADEM, Trabzon University, and the Ministry of Family and Social Services.

Cybersecurity and Digital Awareness Initiatives

On November 19, 2024, in collaboration with KTU and the Trabzon Police Department's Cybercrime Division, an informational training session was held for administrative staff on the topics of "Basic Cyber Security, Cybercrime, Social Media, and Internet Fraud." During the training, presented by Crime Investigation and Inquiry Specialist İlhan Tozluyurt, preventive information was shared on cybercrime, phone addiction, and social media use. On November 26, 2024, as part of the SİBERAY program for our students, an awareness event was organized on similar topics; practical information was provided on digital security, cybercrime awareness, and safe internet use.





“Palestine, Tears of Humanity” March

KTU academic and administrative staff and students participated in a meaningful march themed “Palestine: Tears of Humanity.” It was held to bring attention to the humanitarian tragedy experienced by the Palestinian people and to highlight the need for peace and justice worldwide. The march, held on the university campus, attracted significant interest from the rectorate administration, academics, students, and civil society representatives. Participants carried banners and chanted slogans emphasizing human rights, freedom, and justice, calling for peace.

Research and Development Project for the Development of a Women's Shelter Service Model

KTU has taken an important step towards the development of social justice, human rights, and protective services for disadvantaged groups. In 2024, the project "A Specialized Approach in Women's Shelter Services: Empowerment and Effective Support for Efficient Integration (GÜVEN)" project, which was awarded funding in 2024 under the TÜBİTAK KAMAG 1007 Public Institutions Research and Development Project Support Program, is one of the pioneering studies in this field. This project aims to improve the quality of services in women's shelters, develop specialized support mechanisms, and ensure the effective reintegration of women into society. In this context, our university contributes concretely to strengthening social peace and justice by utilizing its academic knowledge base, scientific research capacity, and institutional cooperation networks.



[“Palestine, Tears of Humanity” March](#)





Academic Contributions

KTU continues its high-quality work under the heading of Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. According to the Scopus database, the number of scientific publications related to this development goal increased from 18 in 2023 to 20 in 2024. Purpose-driven scientific projects at the undergraduate and graduate levels are also actively ongoing.

According to THE Impact Ranking data, our university ranked in the 801-1000 band among 1086 universities in the 2024 results (based on 2023 data). In the 2025 results (based on 2024 data), it remained in the same ranking band among 1,265 universities, but its indicator score in the field of research rose from 55.3 to 71.7. This increase clearly demonstrates the impact of our university's work in the fields of peace and justice.

As a result, KTU contributes to the establishment of justice, security, and strong institutions through its research projects, collaborations with public institutions, and social awareness initiatives. Innovative initiatives such as the "GÜVEN" project serve not only to improve service models but also to empower disadvantaged groups and strengthen social cohesion. This approach demonstrates our university's determination to achieve sustainable development goals at both the local and national levels.



[Academic Publications-2024](#)





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