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CLIMATE ACTION REPORT 2025



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SDG 13: CLIMATE ACTION

SDG 13 Climate Action, one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), provides a global framework for mitigating the adverse impacts of climate change, strengthening resilience to climate disasters, and accelerating the transition to a low-carbon future. Climate change is a global crisis that directly impacts ecosystems, economic activity, health conditions, and the well-being of societies.

Universities are crucial stakeholders in combating climate change through the production of scientific knowledge, the development of sustainable energy solutions, policy recommendations, public awareness campaigns, and educational activities.

In this context, SDG 13 is not only an environmental goal but also a global responsibility requiring urgent action, impacting the achievement of all SDGs.

THREE PILLARS OF CLIMATE ACTION



RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Knowledge and awareness



LOW-CARBON CAMPUS

Energy and emissions



CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Stakeholder cooperation

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF CLIMATE ACTION

Achieving corporate sustainability goals is supported by effective measures against climate change, long-term environmental policies, and strong governance principles. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) embraces inclusive stakeholder engagement and a transparent and accountable management approach in line with its strategic plans and sustainability policies. This approach creates a broad impact through research focused on climate action, environmental responsibility projects, and multi-stakeholder collaborations, contributing to building a low-carbon and climate-resilient future.



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IGU CORPORATE PROFILE

IGU VISION

IGU is a foundation university based in Istanbul, founded in 2008 and granted university status in 2011. Since its founding, IGU has embraced the mission of enhancing quality, accessibility, and diversity in higher education, embracing education, research, and community service as its core activities. The university aims to educate its students as individuals committed to scientific ethical values, capable of creative thinking, aware of sustainability, and internationally competent.

To this end, it continuously updates its educational programs with a student-centered approach and focuses on developing qualified graduates who meet the needs of the age. IGU's institutional values include respect for individual differences, openness and transparency, an interdisciplinary approach, the principle of sustainability, collaboration with the real sector, and a commitment to continuous improvement. The university contributes to knowledge production by conducting research activities at both national and international levels, and enhances its impact on society through social responsibility projects and public-private partnerships. Within the scope of the 2024–2028 Strategic Plan, the vision is to create a global impact in the field of higher education and to contribute to the development of societies with qualified knowledge.

IGU INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

- Year of Establishment: 2008 (Vocational School), 2011 (University status)
- Number of Faculties: 7
- Number of Institutes: 1
- Number of Schools: 1
- Number of Vocational Schools: 2
- Number of Research Centers: 22
- Number of Laboratories and Workshops: 152
- Total Number of Students (2025): 39,081
- Total FTE (Full Time Equivalent) Number of Students (2025): 22,135
- Campus Location: Avcılar, Istanbul, Türkiye
- Library Facilities: 1 main library and 4 branch libraries
- Strategic Plan Period: [2024–2028](#)



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13.1 RESEARCH ON CLIMATE ACTION

IGU advances research on climate change mitigation, carbon management, sustainable energy and low-carbon technologies. According to Scopus SDG 13 publication records, IGU produced 264 unique climate action-related publications during the five-year period 2021–2025. This research output reflects the university's sustained contribution to scientific knowledge and solutions addressing climate change.

13.1.1 Climate Action: CiteScore

CiteScore provides an indication of the standing of journals in which climate action research is published. Among IGU's 264 Scopus SDG 13 publications from 2021–2025, 101 appeared in sources ranked within the top 10% by CiteScore percentile in at least one subject category, representing 38.3% of the five-year research output. The calculation uses the publication-year CiteScore percentile and counts each publication once.

13.1.2 Climate Action: FWCI (Field-Weighted Citation Impact)

Field-Weighted Citation Impact (FWCI) evaluates research citation performance in relation to global benchmarks, accounting for differences in publication year, subject area and document type. Alongside publication output and journal CiteScore indicators, FWCI provides a complementary perspective on the reach and influence of climate action research.



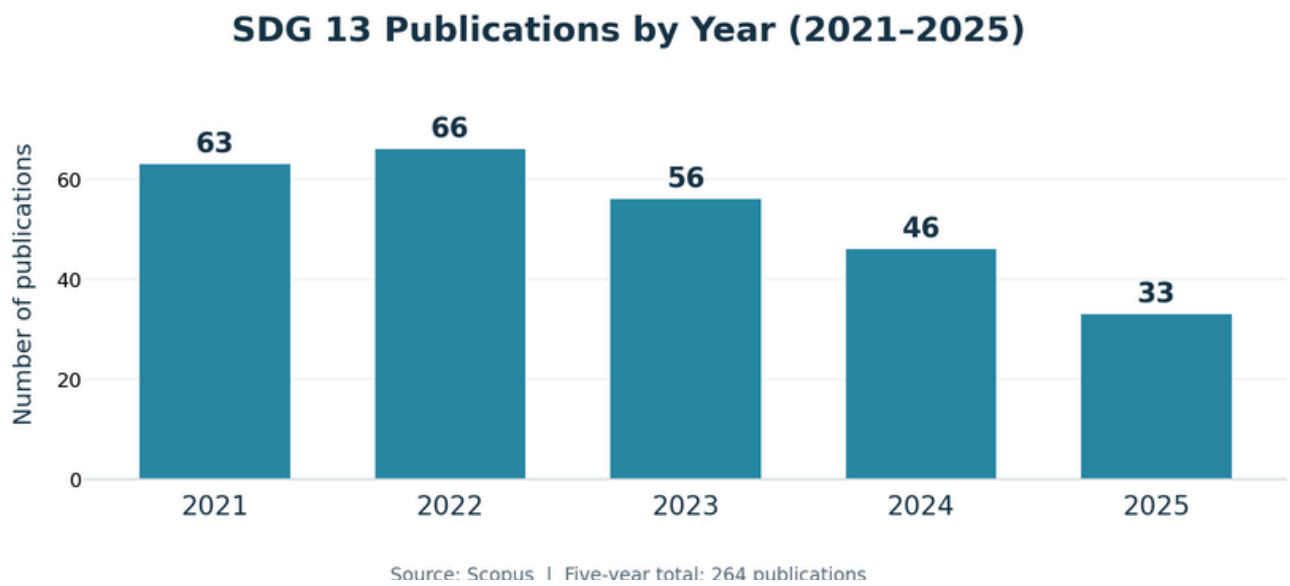
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13.1.3 Climate Action: Number of Publications

Graph 1 presents the annual distribution of IGU's Scopus-indexed SDG 13 publications for the five-year period 2021–2025. Each publication is counted once and assigned to its publication year.



Graph 1. SDG 13 Publications by Year (2021–2025)

Source: Scopus – IGU SDG 13 publication records (2021–2025)

13.2 LOW-CARBON ENERGY USE (2025)

IGU has strengthened its sustainable energy management practices to increase the use of low-carbon resources in energy consumption and reduce carbon emissions. Energy consumption across the campus was regularly monitored in 2025, and efficiency-enhancing measures were implemented.



13.2.1 Low-Carbon Energy Tracking

IGU regularly monitors and reports all energy sources used on its campuses. Electricity, natural gas, and diesel consumption data are monitored monthly, and measurements are taken to calculate carbon emissions. This monitoring has become a key tool in implementing sustainability strategies and increasing low-carbon energy use.

Thanks to the energy management system, energy consumption across the campus is regularly monitored, and efficiency-enhancing practices (automatic lighting, energy-saving appliances, insulation reinforcement, etc.) are implemented.

IGU presents these monitoring results to the public through its annual SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy reports. Previous SDG 7 reports can be accessed via the link below:

- [SDG 7 Report](#)

13.2.2 Low-Carbon Energy Use

In 2025, IGU recorded the following energy consumption figures:

Total energy consumption: 25,706.18 GJ

Electricity consumption: 17,386.26 GJ (4,829,516.19 kWh)

Low-carbon energy used: 17,386.26 GJ (67.63% of 25,706.18 GJ)

All electricity consumed is covered by YEK-G and I-REC renewable-energy certificates.

2025 Energy Consumption by Source Category



IGU continues to advance energy efficiency and renewable-energy use. Table 1 presents the 2025 energy-source breakdown, including electricity, natural gas and transport fuels.



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Table 1 – Energy Usage Data

Energy Source	Consumption Amount	Consumption Amount (Gj)	Unit	Percentage (%)	Carbon Emission (t CO ₂ -e)
Electricity	4,829,516.19	17,386.26	kWh	67,63%	2,265.04
Natural Gas	203,671.00	7,291.42	m ³	28,36%	411,21
Diesel Fuel	9,631.00	345	litre	1,35%	25,53
Gasoline	20,639.00	682	litre	2,66%	47,18
Total	–		–	100%	2,748.97

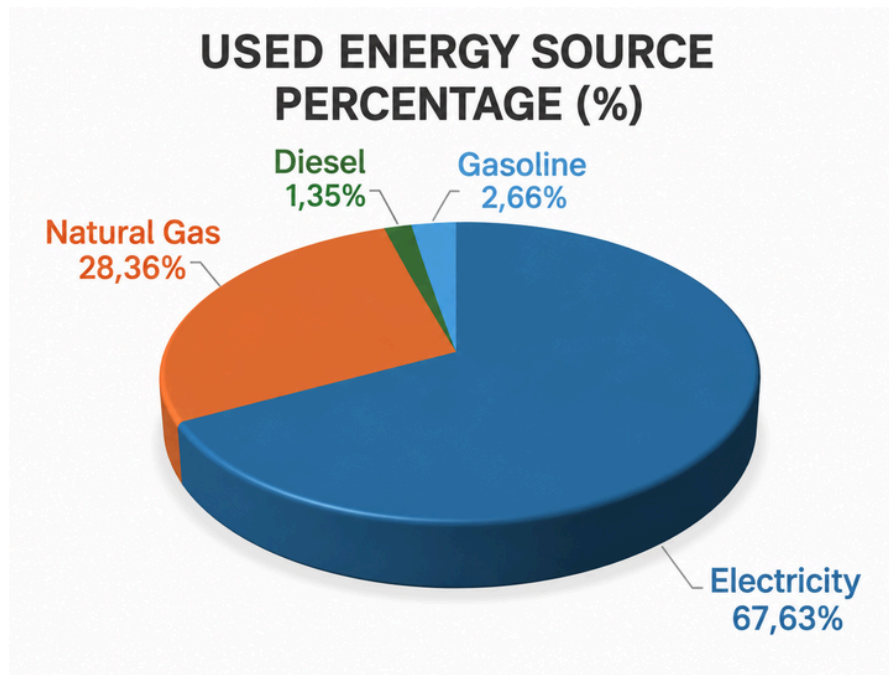


Figure 1 – Share of Total Energy Consumption by Source

13.3 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MEASURES (2025)

In 2025, IGU organised educational, professional and public engagement activities that strengthened awareness of sustainability, environmental responsibility, climate resilience and resource efficiency. Through interdisciplinary learning, practical training and collaboration with academic and community stakeholders, these activities promoted informed participation and the exchange of knowledge relevant to sustainable development. Table 2 presents the activities, dates, venues, stakeholders and supporting evidence.

Table 2 – Environmental Education and Awareness Activities

Event Name	Date	Location	Stakeholder	Evidence Link
Human Rights Exhibition Event	02.01.2025	Bulgur Palas	-	[Link]
Let's Green the Future: The Hope of Tomorrow Lies in Seed Balls	17.02.2025 - 22.02.2025	J Block Entrance and 4th Floor Food Court	Faculty of Fine Arts	-
Fire Extinguisher Refilling and Safe Use Activity	25.03.2025	Vip Fire Safety Systems – Kaleiçi, Atatürk Industrial Estate No. 8, 34540 Çatalca, İstanbul	Occupational Health and Safety Club	[Link]
Is Green Growth Possible?	25.03.2025	Google Meet	-	[Link]
21st Century Logistics	02.04.2025	IGU	Dean of Students Office	-
New Approaches To Climate Change in an Era Of Multiple Crises	11.04.2025	Google Meet	-	[Link]
Solutions to the Climate Crisis: Recycling	13.05.2025	K Block, Classroom 603	-	-
Interdisciplinary Symposium on Independent Living, Urban Life and Health II	15.05.2025	J Block, Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall	Department of Social Work	[Link]
Sustainability and Climate Action: Speaking Up for the Planet	16.05.2025	IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center	Dean of Students Office	[Link]
Library Conferences 18: Key Concepts and Approaches for Safety, Reliability and Airworthiness in Aviation	26.06.2025	Google Meet	-	[Link]



Curriculum Training Meeting	29.07.2025	A Block, Floor -2, Classroom E208	-	[Link]
The World We Share: What is Sustainability?	09.10.2025	IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center	Dean of Students Office	[Link]
Green Habits for a Greener Planet	16.10.2025	IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center	Dean of Students Office	[Link]
World Food Day	16.10.2025	K Block, Firms Auditorium	Gastronomy Departments and Culinary Arts Programs	[Link]
Disaster Awareness Training for Employees and Students	21.10.2025	J Block, Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall	Istanbul Governor's Office, Provincial Directorate of Disaster and Emergency Management	[Link]
From University to Industry: The Maker Spirit in R&D Seminar	22.10.2025	G Block, Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall	Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution Program	[Link]
Fast Fashion, Slow Future	23.10.2025	IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center	Dean of Students Office	[Link]
HVAC & Energy Technologies Summit – ISK-SODEX 2025	24.10.2025	Istanbul Expo Center	-	[Link]
Bosphorus Boat Show	31.10.2025	Ataköy Marina, Bakırköy	-	-
Gastromasa	06.11.2025	Haliç Congress Center	-	[Link]
Waste Not, Want Not	13.11.2025	IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center	Dean of Students Office	[Link]
Sharp Ideas — Global Impact, Local Application	14.11.2025	K Block, Firms Auditorium	Pirge Academy, Mutfak.93, ICUAM, GastroZone	[Link]
Are Our Green Choices Really Green? Perceptual Misconceptions in Nutrition	19.11.2025	IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center	Dean of Students Office	[Link]
TEDx Istanbul Gelisim University	22.11.2025	Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall	TEDx Istanbul Gelisim University	[Link]
Climate Change: Local Voices, Global Impact	04.12.2025	IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center	Dean of Students Office	[Link]
In Çolak's Footsteps: Economics and Society Readings with Students	04.12.2025	Tower, 23rd Floor Meeting Room	IPUAM	[Link]
Stars of Food	12.12.2025	Yildiz Technical University	-	[Link]
Marine Vessels, Equipment and Accessories	19.12.2025	Yenikapı, Istanbul	Maritime and Port Management Program	[Link]
My Green Vision: Reflect and Inspire	25.12.2025	IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center	Dean of Students Office	[Link]
Disaster Risk Analysis fo Cultural Heritage Protection: Çatalca Ferhat Pasha Mosque	26.12.2025	K Block, Firms Auditorium	Istanbul Studies Research and Application Center and Environment, Urban Planning and Earth Sciences Research and Application Center	[Link]





13.3.1 Local Climate-Related Education Programs

In 2025, numerous training programs, seminars, and field events were held on climate change, sustainable energy, environmental awareness, and sustainable agriculture. Highlights include:

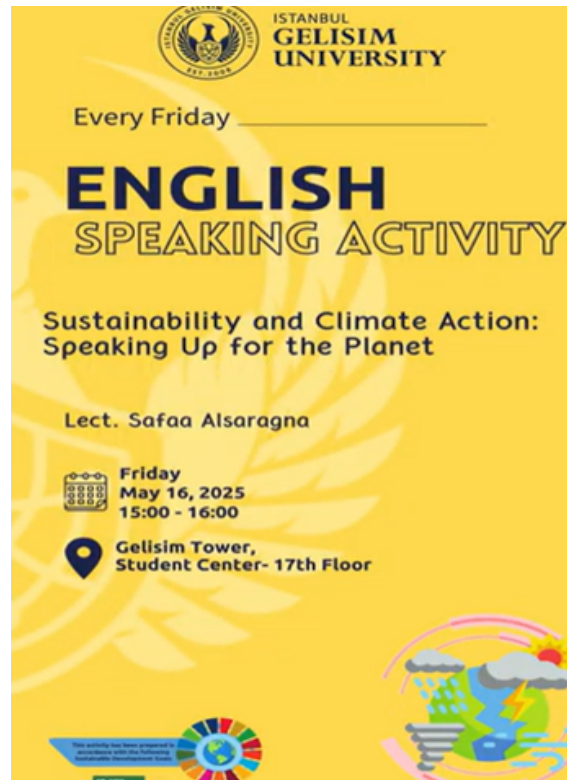
- **21st Century Logistics – (02.04.2025, IGU)** – The event explored how the logistics sector is transforming in response to climate change and the growing demand for sustainable supply chains. Participants were introduced to the environmental footprint of transportation, warehousing, and packaging, with a particular focus on carbon emissions generated by freight and last-mile delivery. Topics such as green logistics, route optimization, alternative fuels, electric and low-emission vehicles, and the role of digitalization in reducing waste and energy consumption were discussed in interactive sessions. Students, accompanied by industry experts and academics, examined real-world examples of companies integrating circular economy principles into their operations and learned how sustainable logistics practices contribute directly to climate action goals. At the end of the program, students were asked to develop a short proposal for reducing the carbon footprint of a selected logistics process.



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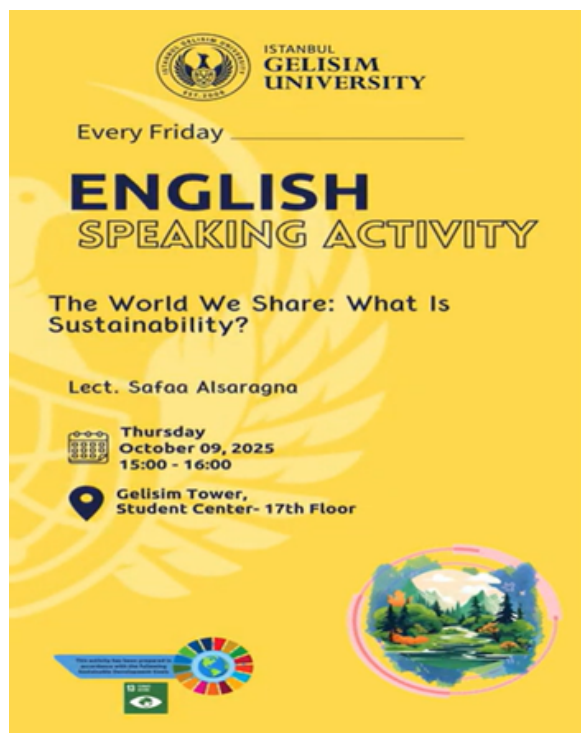




Sustainability and Climate Action: Speaking Up for the Planet – (16.05.2025, IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center) – The event focused on the urgent need for collective action against climate change and highlighted the role of young people as active voices in environmental advocacy. Participants were presented with scientific information on global warming, rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and biodiversity loss, as well as their social and economic consequences for communities around the world. Topics such as climate communication, individual and institutional responsibility, sustainable consumption, and the importance of public participation in shaping environmental policies were discussed in interactive sessions. Students, accompanied by experts, explored effective ways to raise awareness, express their views on climate issues, and inspire change within their own communities. At the end of the program, students were asked to prepare a short message or speech advocating for a specific climate action they believe is essential for the planet's future.



Green Habits for a Greener Planet – (16.10.2025, IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center) – The event emphasized how small, everyday choices can collectively make a significant difference in the fight against climate change. Participants were presented with information on the environmental impact of daily routines, including energy and water use, transportation preferences, food consumption, and plastic waste. Topics such as reducing single-use products, saving energy at home and on campus, choosing sustainable mobility options, and adopting mindful consumption habits were discussed in interactive sessions. Students, accompanied by experts, reflected on their own lifestyles and identified practical steps they could take to lower their personal carbon footprint. At the end of the program, students were asked to create a personal "green habits" plan and commit to at least one sustainable change in their daily lives.



[The World We Share: What is Sustainability?](#) – (09.10.2025, IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center) – The event introduced participants to the core concept of sustainability and its environmental, social, and economic dimensions. Participants were presented with an overview of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, with particular attention to climate action and the interconnected nature of global challenges such as resource depletion, inequality, and environmental degradation. Topics such as intergenerational responsibility, the limits of natural resources, and the shared responsibility of individuals, institutions, and governments were discussed in interactive sessions. Students, accompanied by experts, explored how sustainability applies to their academic fields and daily lives, gaining a broader understanding of what it means to live on a shared planet. At the end of the program, students were asked to define sustainability in their own words and present an example of a sustainable practice from their surroundings.



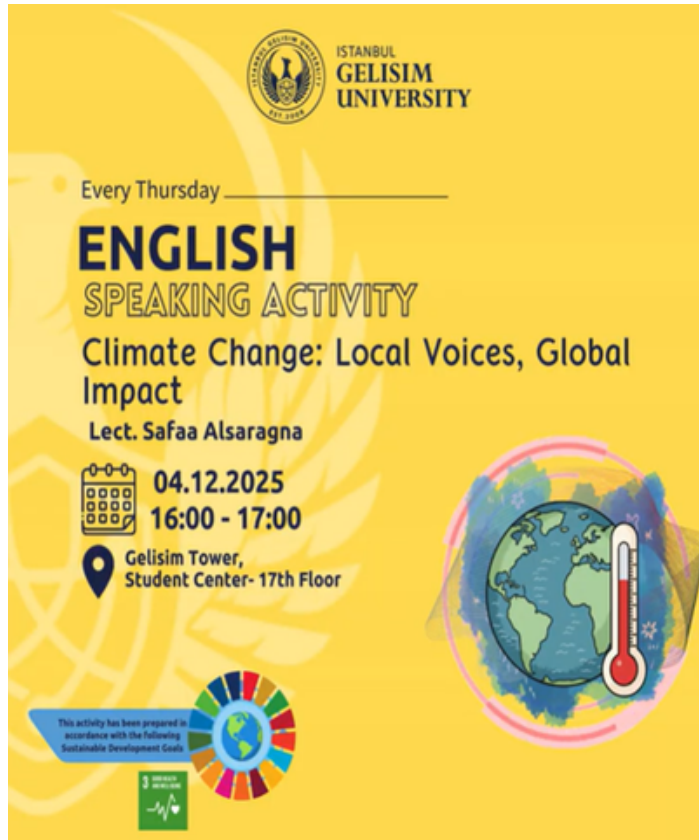
Fast Fashion, Slow Future – (23.10.2025, IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center) – The event addressed the environmental and social consequences of the fast fashion industry and its contribution to climate change. Participants were presented with information on the high water consumption, chemical pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and textile waste associated with the rapid production and disposal of clothing. Topics such as sustainable fashion, second-hand and vintage shopping, clothing swaps, repair and upcycling, and fair working conditions in the textile supply chain were discussed in interactive sessions. Students, accompanied by experts, critically examined their own shopping habits and learned how conscious consumer choices can reduce the environmental burden of the fashion sector. At the end of the program, students were asked to design a short campaign encouraging their peers to adopt more sustainable clothing habits.



Waste Not, Want Not – (13.11.2025, IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center) – The event focused on the link between waste generation and climate change, highlighting the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling resources. Participants were presented with information on how landfills produce methane emissions, the global scale of food waste, and the environmental cost of plastic and electronic waste. Topics such as zero-waste living, composting, proper waste separation, circular economy principles, and strategies for reducing food waste at home and on campus were discussed in interactive sessions. Students, accompanied by experts, learned how responsible waste management contributes to lowering greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources. At the end of the program, students were asked to propose a practical waste-reduction idea that could be implemented within the university.



Are Our Green Choices Really Green? Perceptual Illusions in Nutrition – (19.11.2025, IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center) – The event examined whether food choices perceived as environmentally friendly are truly sustainable, drawing attention to common misconceptions in nutrition and consumer behavior. Participants were presented with scientific information on the carbon and water footprints of different food products, the impact of packaging and transportation, and the influence of marketing strategies such as greenwashing on consumer perceptions. Topics such as reading food labels critically, the difference between "organic," "natural," and genuinely low-impact products, seasonal and local eating, and plant-based diets were discussed in interactive sessions. Students, accompanied by experts, learned to evaluate food choices based on evidence rather than perception and understood the role of diet in climate action. At the end of the program, students were asked to analyze a commonly marketed "green" food product and assess its actual environmental impact.



Climate Change: Local Voices, Global Impact – (04.12.2025, IGU J Block 17th Floor – Student Center) – The event explored how climate change affects local communities and how local actions can contribute to global solutions. Participants were presented with information on the regional effects of climate change, including heatwaves, droughts, floods, and pressures on urban infrastructure, with examples from Türkiye and Istanbul. Topics such as community-based climate initiatives, local governance, climate adaptation and resilience, and the role of civil society and youth movements were discussed in interactive sessions. Students, accompanied by experts, learned how individual and local efforts are connected to international climate agreements and global emission reduction targets. At the end of the program, students were asked to identify a climate-related issue in their own city or neighborhood and suggest a local solution.



[Human Rights Exhibition Event](#) – (02.01.2025, Bulgur Palas) – The event was organized as an off-campus academic visit for students enrolled in the “Law and Human Rights” (SOS443) course. On January 2, 2025, students visited the exhibition “Magnum in Istanbul: Human Rights – What Exists and What Does Not” at Bulgur Palas. The exhibition opened on December 10, 2024, Human Rights Day. It focuses on the nearly 80 years since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations on December 10, 1948, and presents the works of 45 photographers documenting discriminatory attitudes, interventions, and human rights violations related to race, religion, language, ethnicity, and other issues across different parts of the world. Consisting of more than one hundred photographs, the exhibition addresses each article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights individually and opens up a broader discussion on “Human Rights in the 21st Century.” During the exhibition visit, students were guided through the photographs in connection with the course content, with particular emphasis on examples of hate speech, discriminatory attitudes, and human rights violations. The visit aimed to strengthen students’ understanding of the universality, protection, and violation of human rights through visual materials and real-world cases.



Let's Green the Future: The Hope of Tomorrow Lies in Seed Balls – (17.02.2025–22.02.2025, IGU J Block Entrance and 4th Floor Food Court) – The project was planned and implemented by faculty members of Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Fine Arts with the support and participation of faculty members and students. The event focused on “seed balls,” an environmentally friendly approach that has gained increasing attention in recent years as a supportive method for helping nature regenerate itself and mitigating the effects of environmental challenges such as climate change and drought. Within this framework, the “Let's Green the Future” initiative consisted of a series of activities carried out with the contributions of students and volunteer faculty members. Participants took part in preparing seed balls and subsequently releasing them into suitable natural areas. Through these activities, the project aimed to raise environmental awareness, encourage active participation in ecological sustainability, and highlight the importance of individual and collective responsibility in protecting and restoring nature.



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Fire Extinguisher Refilling and Safe Use Activity – (25.03.2025, Vip Fire Fire Safety Systems – Kaleiçi, Atatürk Industrial Site No: 8, Çatalca/Istanbul) – The event was organized to raise participants' awareness of fire safety and to provide practical knowledge about the maintenance and proper use of fire extinguishers. During the activity, participants were shown how fire extinguishers are refilled, how maintenance procedures are carried out, and how the equipment should be used correctly in emergency situations. Practical demonstrations and technical explanations enabled participants to observe the operating principles of fire extinguishers closely and gain professional insight into fire safety practices. The event also focused on appropriate response techniques in the event of a fire and aimed to improve participants' preparedness for possible emergencies. By increasing awareness and practical knowledge, the activity sought to help participants respond more effectively to fire-related risks both in their living spaces and workplaces.

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Salı, 25 Mart 2025

13:30 – 15:30

Google Meet meet.google.com/wnr-ceza-zde

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Is Green Growth Possible? – (Google Meet) – The seminar titled “Is Green Growth Possible?” was organized to explore whether continuous economic growth can be compatible with the ecological limits of the planet. Within this framework, the seminar addressed the concepts of economic growth and development from an ecological perspective, encouraging participants to critically consider the relationship between economic activity and environmental sustainability. Conducted online via Google Meet, the seminar introduced participants to the concept of green growth and discussed how innovation and taxation policies can encourage companies to invest in more efficient and environmentally sustainable technologies. Through these discussions, the event aimed to enhance participants’ understanding of the economic and policy mechanisms that can contribute to sustainable development while reducing environmental pressures.

NEW APPROACHES TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN A PERIOD OF MULTIPLE CRISES



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Friday, 11 April 2025
14:00 – 16:00
Google Meet <http://meet.google.com/ubf-wuko-lao>
MEHMET SAYA

New Approaches to Climate Change in an Era of Multiple Crises – (11.04.2025, Google Meet) – The seminar titled “New Approaches to Climate Change in an Era of Multiple Crises” was organized to examine the challenges faced by the global economy as a result of the climate crisis. Within this framework, the seminar focused on economic vulnerabilities, increasing inequalities, and the risks associated with climate change. Conducted online via Google Meet, the seminar introduced participants to emerging policy approaches to climate change, new industrial policy strategies in the United States and European Union countries, and special programs designed to support structural transformation. Through these discussions, the event aimed to broaden participants’ understanding of how economic and industrial policies can respond to interconnected global crises while supporting a more sustainable and resilient future.



Solutions to the Climate Crisis: Recycling – (13.05.2025, Istanbul Gelisim University) – The event titled “Solutions to the Climate Crisis: Recycling” was organized by the Department of Interior Architecture at Istanbul Gelisim University Faculty of Fine Arts under the coordination of Assist. Prof. Dr. Gökhan Balcıoğlu. The event focused on the role of recycling and sustainable design practices in addressing the environmental challenges associated with the climate crisis. Participants were introduced to approaches that encourage the use of environmentally responsible and low-waste materials in interior architecture, as well as the reuse and recovery of materials in order to improve resource efficiency. The event also emphasized the importance of changing consumption habits and promoting more conscious design decisions. Through these discussions, the activity aimed to strengthen students’ and participants’ environmental awareness and to highlight how design disciplines can contribute to more sustainable and climate-sensitive practices.



Interdisciplinary Symposium on Independent Living, Urban Life and Health II – (15.05.2025, IGÜ J Block Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall) – The symposium was organized to examine the effects of urbanization on independent living, access to healthcare, social justice, and sustainable development from an interdisciplinary perspective. Bringing together different academic approaches, the event focused on the social, economic, and environmental challenges created by urbanization and explored possible solution strategies through the contributions of various disciplines. The symposium also addressed the future of cities through the concept of utopia, encouraging participants to consider alternative and visionary models of urban development. Discussions covered urban policies that support independent living, accessibility, social service models, and health-related approaches, while also emphasizing the need for more sustainable, inclusive, and equitable cities. By combining academic knowledge with practical perspectives, the event aimed to inspire participants to rethink urban transformation and to develop creative approaches to the cities of the future.

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Library Conferences 18: Key Concepts and Approaches for Safety, Reliability and Airworthiness in Aviation

– (26.06.2025, Google Meet) – The conference was organized by Istanbul Gelisim University Library and Documentation Department to enhance participants' understanding of aviation safety, reliability, and airworthiness. Delivered by Assist. Prof. Dr. R. Haluk Kul from the Department of Aircraft Maintenance and Repair, the event focused on fundamental concepts and approaches that contribute to the safe and reliable operation of aircraft. The conference addressed the importance of safety principles, reliability considerations, and airworthiness requirements in aviation, highlighting their role in minimizing risks and maintaining appropriate technical and operational standards. The discussion of these interconnected concepts provided a framework for examining the procedures and principles that support safe aircraft operation, maintenance, and continued airworthiness. The event ultimately aimed to strengthen awareness of aviation safety and the professional practices required to ensure reliable and sustainable air transport.

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Eğitim



Salı, 29 Temmuz 2025

15:00 – 17:00

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GÜLŞEN ÇAKMAK

Curriculum Training Meeting – (29.07.2025, IGU A Block, Floor -2, Classroom E208) – The meeting was organized to inform faculty members about the updated curriculum and to provide guidance on its implementation during the upcoming academic period. The session focused on explaining the main changes introduced in the curriculum, clarifying the responsibilities of academic staff, and discussing how the revised structure would be reflected in the teaching and learning process. Participants also had the opportunity to address potential challenges that might arise during implementation and to exchange views on possible solutions. Through this meeting, the institution aimed to support a consistent and effective transition to the updated curriculum while strengthening coordination among faculty members and ensuring the continuity and quality of the educational process.

20 Ekim 2025

İGÜ' de Çalışanlar ve Öğrenciler için Afet Farkındalık Eğitimi Başlıyor!

İGÜ'de Çalışanlar ve Öğrenciler için Afet Farkındalık Eğitimi Başlıyor!

Tarih: 21 Ekim 2025 ⌚ **Saat: 10.00 – 12.00** 📍 **Yer: Mehmet Akif Konferans Salonu**

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İstanbul Gelişim Üniversitesi Afet ve Acil Durum Koordinatörlüğü tarafından, Avcılar Belediyesi'nin katkılarıyla üniversitemiz çalışanlarının ve öğrencilerimizin afet farkındalık bilincini artırmak amacıyla "Çalışanlar ve Öğrenciler için Afet Farkındalık Eğitimi" düzenlenecektir.

Eğitim kapsamında, "Çök – Kapan – Tutun" uygulaması başta olmak üzere, afet öncesinde, sırasında ve sonrasında alınması gereken önlemler ile doğru davranış biçimleri ele alınacaktır.

Tarih: 21 Ekim 2025

Saat: 10.00 – 12.00

Yer: Mehmet Akif Konferans Salonu

[Disaster Preparedness and Awareness Training for Employees and Students](#) – (21.10.2025, IGU J Block Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall) – The training was planned for university employees, students, and other relevant participants within the framework of workplace emergency preparedness and disaster awareness. The session focused on providing information prior to the emergency drill and increasing awareness of appropriate actions to take during a disaster. Particular emphasis was placed on the "Drop-Cover-Hold On" procedure and safe building evacuation practices. Through practical guidance and awareness-based instruction, participants were introduced to basic emergency response principles and the importance of acting calmly, quickly, and in accordance with established safety procedures. The training aimed to strengthen institutional preparedness, improve participants' understanding of emergency protocols, and support a safer and more coordinated response in the event of a disaster.

Üniversiteden Endüstriye AR-GE de Maker Ruhu Semineri



Çarşamba, 22 Ekim 2025
14:00 - 16:00
G BLOK-MYO MİMAR SİNAN
İZZET YAVUZ

Kariyer Gelişimi



[From University to Industry: The Maker Spirit in R&D Seminar](#) – (22.10.2025, IGU G Block Prof. Dr. Aziz Sancar Conference Hall) – The seminar focused on how the “maker” mindset can contribute to research and development, innovation, and university-industry collaboration. Emphasizing learning by doing, rapid prototyping, creativity, and multidisciplinary thinking, the event explored how theoretical knowledge gained at universities can be transformed into practical and innovative solutions in R&D processes. Participants were introduced to examples demonstrating the impact of the maker spirit on research projects, product development, and industrial partnerships. The seminar also highlighted the importance of strengthening university-industry cooperation, expanding a culture of technology development, and encouraging an entrepreneurial engineering approach. Through these discussions, the event aimed to inspire young researchers and engineering students to adopt a hands-on, experimental, and production-oriented perspective that can contribute to technological innovation and industrial development.

HVAC Enerji Teknolojileri Zirvesi ISK SODEX 2025



Gezi Etkinlikleri



Cuma, 24 Ekim 2025

09:30 – 13:30

İstanbul Fuar Merkezi Yeşilköy Mah.
Atatürk Cad. Hol 1 Blok No:5/2, İç Kapı
No:1, Bakırköy, 34149 İstanbul, TÜRKİYE

ALİ GÜRCAN

HVAC & Energy Technologies Summit – ISK-SODEX 2025 – (24.10.2025, Istanbul Expo Center) – Participation in ISK-SODEX 2025 was organized to provide students and academic staff with the opportunity to observe recent developments in heating, cooling, ventilation, air conditioning, installation systems, and energy efficiency technologies. During the event, participants visited the stands of national and international companies, attended technical demonstrations and product presentations, and engaged directly with industry representatives. The visit also created opportunities to explore potential university-industry collaborations and to gain insight into current professional practices and emerging technologies in the sector. By connecting theoretical knowledge with real-world applications, the event aimed to broaden students' professional perspectives, support career planning, and strengthen their professional networks. It also contributed to raising awareness of sustainable energy solutions, innovative technologies, and the importance of closer cooperation between academia and industry.



Bosphorus Boat Show 2025 Maritime Exhibition – (31.10.2025, Ataköy Marina, Istanbul) – The visit to the Bosphorus Boat Show 2025 was organized to provide participants with the opportunity to explore current developments, technologies, and products in the maritime and yachting industries. Held at Ataköy Marina, the exhibition brought together a wide range of local and international companies and brands showcasing boats, yachts, catamarans, marine equipment, accessories, and related technologies. During the event, participants had the opportunity to examine different vessel designs and technical solutions, observe new products and industry trends, and engage with representatives from the maritime sector. The visit aimed to strengthen participants’ practical understanding of the industry, broaden their professional perspectives, and create opportunities for networking and potential university-industry collaboration. The exhibition also highlighted technological innovation, design and emerging practices within the maritime sector.



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Gastromasa



Eğitim



Perşembe, 06 Kasım 2025

14:00 – 18:00

Haliç Kongre Merkezi Söğütözü, Karaağaç
Cd Haliç Kongre Merkezi No:19 İdari Bina,
34445 Beyoğlu/İstanbul

ELİF CEMRE ÖZAYDIN

Gastromasa 2025 – (06.11.2025, Haliç Congress Center, Istanbul) – Participation in the 10th International Gastromasa Gastronomy Conference was organized to provide students with the opportunity to engage directly with current developments, innovative approaches, and professional practices in the gastronomy sector. Bringing together internationally recognized chefs and leading industry professionals, the event offered students the chance to observe culinary techniques, live workshops, and tasting sessions closely. The programme connected academic topics with practical examples of culinary approaches and contemporary trends in the gastronomy sector. The event also addressed global gastronomy, the relationship between international culinary trends and Turkish food culture, and professional practices within the sector.



[Sharp Ideas — Global Impact, Local Practice](#) – (14.11.2025, IGU K Block Firnas Auditorium) – The event focused on integrating professional culinary skills with sustainable practices by highlighting the environmental impact of everyday decisions in food preparation. Participants explored how proper knife techniques, equipment maintenance, and efficient preparation methods can improve product yield, reduce food waste, extend equipment lifespan, and contribute to more responsible resource use. The seminar also addressed practical sustainability strategies including local and seasonal sourcing, process optimization, waste separation, energy efficiency, and the selection of durable kitchen equipment. Through applied training and real-world examples, participants were encouraged to recognize that technical choices in the kitchen can have broader environmental and economic consequences. Organized in collaboration with Pirge Academy, Mutfak.93, ICUAM, and GastroZone, the event aimed to strengthen the connection between academic knowledge and professional practice while promoting a culinary culture that combines technical excellence, environmental responsibility, and long-term sustainability.



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Coffee Talks



Çarşamba, 19 Kasım 2025

13:00 – 14:00

K BLOK-KULE 1602- ÖĞRENCİ DEKANI

GÖZDE YILDIZ

Are Our Green Choices Really Green? Perceptual Misconceptions in Nutrition – (19.11.2025, Gelisim Tower 17th Floor) – The event focused on the concept of greenwashing and the ways in which misleading environmental claims can influence consumers' food choices. Students examined how sustainability-related messages are presented on food labels and discussed how such claims may create false perceptions about the environmental impact of products. Through examples and guided analysis, participants were encouraged to evaluate labels more critically and to identify the difference between genuine sustainability practices and marketing-based environmental claims. The event aimed to strengthen consumer awareness, support more informed and sustainable food choices, and promote greater transparency within the food system.



TEDx
Istanbul Gelisim University

PROGRAM AKIŞI

1. OTURUM | 13.00-13.30

ASIYE BAHAR TABANLI:
İLHAMDAN ETKİYE

DR. ÖĞR. ÜYESİ AHMET AYDEMİR:
SÜRDÜREBİLİRDİK

MOLA | 13.30-14.00

2. OTURUM | 14.00-15.00

PROF. DR. LEVENT KURNAZ:
ENDİŞELENMELİ MİYİZ?

İZZEDDİN ÇALIŞLAR:
SÜRDÜRÜLEBİLİR ANLATI YERLEMELERİ

UFUK EMİN AKENGİN:
ONAR, ÜRET, PAYLAŞ

15.00-16.00 | **NETWORKING**

22 KASIM 2025
CUMARTESİ

SAAT
13.00-17.00

KONUM
**MEHMET AKİF ERSOY
KONFERANS SALONU**

[TEDx Istanbul Gelisim University](#) – (22.11.2025, Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall) – The event was organized around the theme of sustainability with the subtheme “Think, Sustain and Inspire,” aiming to encourage individuals and communities to think more consciously, adopt sustainable lifestyles, and act with greater environmental responsibility. Bringing together expert speakers from different disciplines, the event provided a platform for sharing experiences, ideas, and perspectives related to sustainability and long-term social and environmental change. Through inspiring talks and interdisciplinary discussions, participants were encouraged to reflect on their individual responsibilities and the collective actions needed to build a more sustainable future. The event ultimately aimed to strengthen awareness, promote positive change, and foster a shared sense of responsibility for sustainability across different segments of society.



[Following Çolak's Path: Economics and Society Readings with Students](#) – (04.12.2025, Gelisim Tower 23rd Floor Meeting Room) – The event was organized to improve students' ability to read, interpret, and critically evaluate academic articles while encouraging them to follow current economic developments. Together with an İPUAM researcher, students discussed a previously assigned article selected from İktisat ve Toplum journal. After the moderator introduced the article and provided its bibliographic information, students shared their evaluations, interpretations, and perspectives on the issues addressed in the text. The session concluded with the moderator summarizing the main points raised during the discussion and synthesizing the students' contributions. Through this discussion-based approach, the event aimed to strengthen academic reading and article analysis skills, encourage multidimensional thinking, and help students connect theoretical economic knowledge with contemporary economic issues.



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Gıdanın Yıldızları



Kariyer Gelişimi



Cuma, 12 Aralık 2025

10:00 – 17:30

Yıldız Teknik Üniversitesi Yıldız Teknik Üniversitesi

ESRA NUR YAŞA

Stars of Food – (12.12.2025, Yıldız Technical University) – The event was organized to increase students' awareness of current academic and sectoral developments in food science and technology while providing opportunities to observe innovative practices in the field. The programme brought students together with experts from different universities and industry representatives to explore interdisciplinary approaches and professional practices. The program also aimed to strengthen students' understanding of university-industry collaboration and to support their professional development through direct interaction with specialists in the field. Designed to complement academic education, the event presented career pathways, sectoral developments and emerging opportunities in food science and technology.



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3 DENİZ ARAÇLARI EKİPMANLARI VE AKSESUARLARI FUARI



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Pazar, 14 Aralık 2025

11:00 – 20:00

DENİZ ARAÇLARI, EKİPMANLARI VE
AKSESUARLARI FUARI Yenikapı-İstanbul

RAMAZAN AÇIKGÖZ

Marine Vehicles, Equipment and Accessories – (19.12.2025, Yenikapı, İstanbul) – The event was organized by the Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School Directorate and the Maritime and Port Management Program to provide students with an opportunity to explore current products, technologies, and professional practices in the maritime sector. Participants were introduced to a range of marine vehicles, equipment, and accessories, enabling them to observe sector-specific solutions and developments more closely. The visit aimed to support students in connecting their theoretical knowledge with practical applications, gaining greater familiarity with maritime technologies, and developing a broader understanding of the operational and technical aspects of the industry. It also contributed to strengthening students' professional awareness, sectoral knowledge, and career perspectives in the fields of maritime transportation and port management.

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KÜLTÜREL MİRASIN KORUNMASINA YÖNELİK AFET RİSK ANALİZİ ÇATALCA FERHAT PAŞA CAMİİ



Eğitim



Cuma, 26 Aralık 2025
13:30 – 14:30
J BLOK 347-ODİTORYUM
İLKE CİRİTÇİ

Disaster Risk Analysis for the Protection of Cultural Heritage: The Case of Çatalca Ferhat Paşa Mosque –

(26.12.2025, IGU K Block Firnas Auditorium) – Organized within the scope of “Urban and Architecture Seminars 2,” the event focused on the relationship between cultural heritage conservation, disaster risk, and urban resilience through the case of Çatalca Ferhat Paşa Mosque. The seminar addressed the mosque’s architectural characteristics, historical development, conservation process, and significance within the cultural heritage context, while also presenting the findings of a disaster risk analysis conducted in the surrounding neighborhood. These findings were discussed in relation to broader debates on resilient cities and disaster-oriented conservation strategies. Participants were introduced to methods and tools used in neighborhood-scale disaster risk analysis and explored how such assessments can inform conservation decisions for historic structures. Jointly organized by the Istanbul Studies Application and Research Center and the Environment, Urbanism and Earth Sciences Application and Research Center, the event aimed to strengthen awareness of the vulnerability of cultural heritage to disasters and to promote an integrated approach to heritage protection and urban resilience.



13.3.2 Climate Action Plan, Shared

IGU's 2024–2028 Strategic Plan provides an institutional framework for sustainable environmental management, including carbon-footprint monitoring, energy management, resource efficiency and cooperation with external stakeholders. IGU connects these institutional priorities with engagement in local environmental planning.

Avclar Municipality's Green City Action Plan identifies IGU among its external stakeholders and documents stakeholder consultation on short-, medium- and long-term environmental actions. The municipal plan addresses green infrastructure, climate adaptation and local resilience, providing a documented link between IGU and local-government sustainability planning.

Evidence: [Avclar Municipality Green City Action Plan](#)



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13.3.3 Co-operative Planning for Climate Change Disasters

IGU strengthened its institutional disaster coordination framework through its Disaster and Emergency Coordination Directive, dated 19 February 2025. This university directive is a formal institutional reference for disaster and emergency coordination.

IGU also delivered disaster-preparedness and awareness training for employees and students with the contribution of an Avclar Municipality disaster education officer. The training addressed emergency response and safe evacuation procedures. In addition, IGU research centres presented disaster risk analysis concerning the Çatalca Ferhat Paşa Mosque, contributing academic expertise to local risk-awareness and resilience discussions.

These institutional measures, municipal engagement and research activities support IGU's ongoing disaster-preparedness and resilience work.

Official directive (PDF): [Directive Link](#)

Evidence: [IGU disaster-awareness training news](#)



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13.3.4 Inform and Support Government

In March 2025, Istanbul Gelisim University's Department of Architecture developed a joint climate adaptation project proposal with Büyükçekmece Municipality under the EU–Türkiye Climate Change Grant Programme. Coordinated by Dr. Naci Adalılar, with contributions from Dr. Ömer Saatçioğlu, the initiative brought together academic expertise and municipal priorities to address urban flood risks through nature-based water management solutions. The proposal included flood-risk assessment and mapping, rain gardens, permeable surfaces, and participatory approaches to strengthening urban climate resilience.

Source: [IGU Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, March 2025 Newsletter, p. 6](#)



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13.3.5 Collaboration with NGOs on Climate Adaptation

In 2025, IGU worked with civil society organisations on biodiversity, environmental stewardship and disaster awareness. On 19 December 2025, the Faculty of Applied Sciences Environmental Commission organised a Biodiversity Seminar in collaboration with TEMA Foundation. TEMA's Avcılar district representative, Songül Çağışlar, discussed biodiversity, ecosystems and the importance of protecting natural resources.

IGU students also participated in a shoreline clean-up initiative on Heybeliada carried out with TEMA Foundation, TÜÇEM and Adalar Municipality. The activity promoted environmental responsibility and the reduction of waste in coastal areas. In addition, the university held a disaster-awareness session with a representative of the Deniz Feneri Association, supporting individual and family preparedness. Together, these collaborations provide a foundation for community engagement and future work on climate resilience and adaptation.



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13.4 CARBON NEUTRALITY AND EMISSIONS MANAGEMENT (2025)

IGU integrates greenhouse gas management into its sustainability priorities through campus energy monitoring, emissions reporting and the identification of reduction opportunities. The institutional approach links operational data with priorities in energy efficiency, cleaner energy supply and transport. The following subsections present the carbon-neutrality commitment, the 2025 emissions inventory and implementation measures.

13.4.1 Commitment to Carbon Neutrality

IGU maintains its commitment to achieving a carbon-neutral campus by 2040. In 2025, the university reported total greenhouse gas emissions of 2,748.97 tCO₂e, comprising 483.93 tCO₂e from Scope 1 (direct emissions) and 2,265.04 tCO₂e from Scope 2 (purchased electricity), representing approximately 82.4% of the total.

Scope 2 emissions were calculated using the location-based method, applying an electricity emission factor of 0.469 tCO₂e/MWh. This method reflects the emission intensity of the electricity grid independently of the university's renewable electricity procurement.

IGU's entire electricity consumption is covered by YEK-G and I-REC renewable energy certificates, demonstrating its commitment to renewable electricity sourcing. Under the market-based accounting approach, these certificates support the recognition of renewable electricity procurement and the corresponding reduction in reported Scope 2 emissions, in accordance with applicable greenhouse gas accounting standards.

Together, these approaches provide a comprehensive and transparent representation of IGU's electricity-related emissions and its progress toward institutional sustainability and carbon-neutrality objectives.



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13.4.2 Carbon Neutrality Target and Roadmap

IGU's 2040 carbon-neutral campus objective guides its climate action roadmap. The university's 2024–2028 Strategic Plan includes a measurable electricity consumption target of 3,500,000 kWh by 2028. The roadmap integrates energy efficiency, renewable energy, transport, emissions monitoring and stakeholder engagement.

1. Energy Efficiency and Saving Measures

- In 2025, IGU converted 18,309 lighting units to LED technology, increasing the LED lighting share from 78.49% to 92.35%. Chiller system renewal also supported improved campus cooling efficiency. These measurable improvements advance energy efficiency and IGU's long-term carbon-neutrality objective.

2. Renewable Energy Investments

- Technical and financial feasibility reports have been prepared for the installation of solar panels in 2024.
- Project development has begun for rooftop solar energy systems and small-scale wind energy solutions.
- In the long term, the goal is to provide a significant portion of the campus's electricity needs from renewable sources.

3. Carbon Reduction in Transportation

- IGU operates a fleet of 29 vehicles, including one electric vehicle, marking the beginning of its institutional transition to electric mobility. The university aims to progressively increase the number of electric vehicles while promoting sustainable transportation and lower-emission mobility solutions.



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4. Carbon Footprint Monitoring and Reporting

- IGU's energy monitoring and annual sustainability reporting provide a basis for reviewing campus consumption trends and greenhouse gas performance. Electricity and fuel records are considered alongside relevant transport and waste-management information to identify reduction priorities and inform subsequent reporting periods.

5. Compensation and Carbon Offset Programs

- IGU engages with local municipalities and civil society organisations on afforestation and environmental initiatives. Carbon offset certificates and voluntary carbon-market mechanisms are considered separately from measures that directly reduce emissions from campus operations, with priority placed on energy efficiency, cleaner energy supply and lower-emission transport.
- Progress toward IGU's 2040 carbon-neutrality objective is monitored through annual energy and emissions reporting, including 2025 efficiency measures and institutional mobility improvements. The 2024–2028 Strategic Plan establishes a measurable 2028 electricity consumption target of 3,500,000 kWh.

In addition, IGU presents the data and developments obtained within the scope of these studies to the public through the [SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy](#) reports it publishes every year.



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LOOKING AHEAD

Building on its 2025 achievements, Istanbul Gelisim University continues to advance its climate action priorities through energy efficiency, renewable electricity procurement, sustainable transportation, environmental education and stakeholder collaboration. These initiatives support the university's 2040 carbon-neutrality objective and its commitment to continuous improvement in environmental sustainability.

The university's performance in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2025 provides an additional international reference for evaluating progress across campus sustainability and climate-related practices.

In the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2025, IGU ranked 669th worldwide, 71st among universities in Türkiye and 14th among foundation universities in Türkiye. IGU achieved a total score of 6,330 points, compared with 6,070 points in 2024, an increase of 260 points. Having participated in the rankings since 2022, the university continues to assess its sustainability performance across campus infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste management, water management, transportation, and education and research. These results offer a measurable reference for IGU's ongoing environmental management and climate action efforts.

Source: [UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2025; IGU News \(10 December 2025\)](#)



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