



## **SDG16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

Within the scope of SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, the United Nations aims to reduce all forms of violence and related deaths, and to eliminate serious crimes such as child abuse, exploitation, human trafficking, and torture. In line with this objective, strengthening the rule of law at both national and international levels and ensuring equal access to justice for all are among the key priorities. The United Nations also seeks, by 2030, to significantly reduce illicit financial flows and arms trafficking, recover stolen assets, and strengthen the fight against organized crime. Preventing corruption and bribery, establishing effective, transparent, and accountable institutions at all levels, and reinforcing inclusive and participatory decision-making processes are among the core goals within this framework. In addition, greater participation of developing countries in global governance mechanisms is encouraged.

Within the framework of SDG 16, the provision of legal identity for all—including birth registration—by 2030 is targeted, alongside ensuring public access to information and protecting fundamental rights and freedoms in accordance with national legislation and international agreements. While enhancing institutional capacity to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime, particularly in developing countries, strengthening relevant national institutions through international cooperation is also envisaged. Furthermore, the implementation of non-discriminatory, fair, and inclusive laws and policies is promoted to support sustainable development.

### **16.2.1- Does your university as a body have elected representation on the university's highest governing body from:**

In the Republic of Türkiye, Article 4 of the Regulation on Academic Organisation in Universities, published in the Official Gazette dated 18 February 1982 and numbered 17609, stipulates that six rector candidates shall be elected by the academic staff, and three of these candidates shall be proposed by the Council of Higher Education for appointment as Rector. The same procedure is applied at our institution (Link-1).

Members of the faculty council, faculty executive board members, the Student Council President, representatives from each class, and faculty student representatives are determined through elections, and there are legal regulations governing this process (Link-2). The Rector, faculty representatives, the Student Council President, and the student representative participate in the meetings of the Senate, which is the highest decision-making body of the university. The Senate exercises oversight over academic programs and regulations and determines policies related to education, research, and publication activities (Link-3–4).

**Link 1:** <https://www.mevzuat.gov.tr/mevzuat?MevzuatNo=10127&MevzuatTur=7&MevzuatTertip=5>

**Link 2:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/assets/uploads/sayfa/17/file/uskudar-universitesi-ana-yonetmeligi6.pdf>**Link 5:**

**Link 3:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/executive-board>

**Link 4:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/senate>



### 16.2.2- Does your university as a body recognise an independent students' union?

Our university recognizes an independent student union as an institutional body. In addition to existing clubs, various student clubs were established within Üsküdar University in 2024 to strengthen students' participation in academic and social life (Table I). The university supports the Student Council in protecting students' rights and enhancing communication between students and academic and administrative units (Link-1).

Elected class and department representatives actively participate in the meetings of the Extended Senate and Faculty Councils, thereby ensuring independent student representation (Link-2). Student participation has also been extended to international platforms; in 2024, a student representative attended the International Quality Assurance and Accreditation Conference of the Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK) together with the Rector, representing the university (Link-3).

In addition, student clubs operating under the Health, Culture and Sports Department increase student representation across the university (Link-4), while clubs such as the Forensic Sciences and Criminal Justice Club and the Sustainable Development Club enrich campus life through the academic and social events they organize (Link-5).

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**Link 2:** <https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/student-council>

**Link 3:** <https://kalite.uskudar.edu.tr/yokak-uluslararasi-kalite-guvencesi-ve-akreditasyon-konferansina-uskudar-universitesi-olarak-katilim-sagladik>

**Link 4:** [https://uskudar.edu.tr/assets/uploads/sayfa/18/file/uu-ogrenci-kulupleri\\_yonergesi.pdf?1](https://uskudar.edu.tr/assets/uploads/sayfa/18/file/uu-ogrenci-kulupleri_yonergesi.pdf?1)

**Link 5:** <https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en>

No	Club Name
1	PARLIAMENT PULPIT CLUB
2	OMBUDSMAN CLUB
3	BREAK THE SILENCE CLUB
4	SOCIAL AWARENESS CLUB
5	INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY CLUB

Student Club Activities:

<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/time-management-exam-stress>

<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/post-traumatic-growth>

<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/montesorri-education>

<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/addiction-seminars-3-we-can-succeed-together-the-role-of-families-in-the-fight-against-addiction>

<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/orthopedic-approaches-and-physiotherapy-in-cerebral-palsy>



<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/midwifery-strategies-in-breastfeeding-physiology-and-factors-disrupting-breast-milk-production>

<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/anesthesia-technicians-day>

<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/combating-terrorism-within-the-framework-of-law>

<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/december-3rd-disability-week>

<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/water-birth>

<https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/social-media-addiction-gambling-addiction>

### **16.2.3- Does your university as a body have written policies and procedures to identify local stakeholders external to the university and engage with them?**

Üsküdar University has an official guideline governing the preparation and management of protocols and cooperation processes with external stakeholders (Link-1) and adopts a participatory, innovative, entrepreneurial, and people-centered approach based on universal academic and ethical values. Within this framework, the university aims to contribute to global development and works collaboratively with its stakeholders to achieve its institutional objectives.

According to the internal evaluation report, stakeholders are actively involved in educational planning, graduate employment, consultancy, and monitoring processes. To assess these collaborations, the Quality and Accreditation Unit annually distributes a cover letter (Appendix-1) and a questionnaire to stakeholders (Link-2). In addition, annual activity reports are prepared at the faculty level, and collaborations with stakeholders are documented in these official reports (Link-3, Appendix-2).

**Link 1:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/assets/uploads/sayfa/18/file/protokol-ve-sozlesmelerin-hazirlanis-surecleri-yonergesi.pdf>

**Link 2:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/dis-paydas-anketi>

**Link 3:** <https://cdn.kalite.uskudar.edu.tr/content/files/kurum-ic-degerlendirme-raporu-2024-250506014738.pdf>

### **16.2.4- Does your university as a body ensure that local stakeholders in the university, including local residents, local government, and civil society representatives (which may include groups such as refugee resettlement agencies), have a meaningful mechanism or for participating in university decision making?**

Within the scope of its 2024–2028 Strategic Plan, Üsküdar University aims to ensure the more effective involvement of public institutions, local authorities, and civil society organizations in decision-making processes (Link-1). External stakeholder surveys are structured to contribute to administrative, academic, and strategic processes (Link-2). In this context, local residents, local authorities, and representatives of civil society organizations are among the university’s stakeholders.

This process is implemented systematically through the university’s “External Stakeholder Satisfaction Measurement Process” flowchart, which summarizes all stages—from survey preparation and approval to distribution, analysis, and reporting—thereby ensuring transparency and accountability in stakeholder participation (see attached visual). In addition, each department, deanship, and administrative unit regularly holds meetings with stakeholders.

Stakeholder participation is further strengthened through cooperation protocols signed with state and public institutions, with the university’s application and research centers playing an active role in these



collaborations. In this framework, USATAM provides legal consultancy and expert witness services to judicial authorities (Link-3, Link-4), while VERİMER supports ethical and scientific data processes (Link-5). Centers such as ÜSÇÖZÜM, SATÜMER, and İHAMER contribute to social policy, public health, and human rights through their activities (Link-6, Link-7, Link-8).

The university also maintains a comprehensive and sustainable relationship with society through projects and collaborations carried out with non-governmental organizations and public stakeholders in areas such as family education, social responsibility, policy development, and humanitarian aid (Link-9–Link-13). These mechanisms support participatory governance and ensure that institutional decisions are shaped in line with societal needs and the public interest.

**Link 1:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/strategic-plan-2024-2028.pdf>

**Link 2:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/strategic-plan-2024-2028>

**Link 3:** <https://usatam.uskudar.edu.tr/>

**Link 4:** <https://usatam.uskudar.edu.tr/haberler>

**Link 5:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/verimer>

**Link 6:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/uscozum>

**Link 7:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/satumer>

**Link 8:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/ihamer>

**Link 9:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/saglikli-iliskiler-ve-kalici-evlilikler-icin-egitim-projesi-hayata-geciriliyor/57309>

**Link 10:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/uskudar-universitesinden-tbmm-ye-sokak-kopeklerine-dair-yasal-degisiklikler-icin-oneriler/48455>

**Link 11:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/27-subat-dunya-stklar-gunu-ve-sivil-kuruluslari-bulusmasi/44382>

**Link 12:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/prof-dr-nevzat-tarhan-kadinlar-takim-calismasina-daha-uygun/43820>

**Link 13:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/haydi-tut-elim-dernegi-2024-yilinda-da-binlerce-ihiyac-sahibine-dokundu/57597>

#### **16.2.5- Does your university as a body have a publication of the university's principles and commitments on organized crime, corruption & bribery?**

The Institutional Self-Evaluation Reports submitted to the Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK) (Link-1) emphasize that Üsküdar University integrates the principles of ethics, transparency, and accountability into all areas of governance in line with national and international quality assurance standards. The university is committed to combating organized crime, corruption, and bribery by upholding institutional integrity and ethical conduct (Link-2).

Equality and transparency in financial transactions are ensured through a detailed procurement regulation (Link-3), while the Directive on the Prevention of Harassment and Similar Misconduct aims to provide an ethical, fair, and safe working and learning environment (Link-4). Academic appointments and promotions are carried out in accordance with transparent and merit-based criteria (Link-5), and the student disciplinary regulation governs unethical behavior (Link-6).

The 2024–2028 Strategic Plan further strengthens the university's commitment to ethics, institutional integrity, and good governance (Link-7). In addition, work is currently underway on a comprehensive



institutional policy and regulation covering anti-bribery, anti-corruption, and compliance mechanisms, which is planned to be enacted in 2025. This step aims to further reinforce the university's ethical governance framework.

**Link 1:** <https://mis.yokak.gov.tr/images/report/kidr-1180-2024.pdf>

**Link 2:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/core-values>

**Link 3:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/assets/uploads/sayfa/17/file/6-nisan-2020-uu-ihale-yonetmeligi.pdf>

**Link 4:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/assets/uploads/sayfa/18/file/taciz-yonerge-revize-son-senato-23-01-2020-003.pdf>

**Link 5:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/assets/uploads/sayfa/17/file/ogretim-uyeligine-yukseltirme-ve-atanma-usul-ve-esaslari.pdf>

**Link 6:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/assets/uploads/sayfa/654/file/ogrenci-disiplin-sorusturmasinda-uyulacak-usul-ve-esaslar-2023.pdf>

**Link 7:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/stratejik-plan-2024-2028>

#### **16.2.6- Does your university as a body have a policy on supporting academic freedom (freedom to choose areas of research and to speak and teach publicly about the area of their research)?**

Üsküdar University adopts academic freedom as a fundamental institutional principle and guarantees the right of academic staff to conduct research, teach, and freely communicate their scientific findings without any external pressure. This commitment is formally documented in the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report submitted to the Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK), which places particular emphasis on the principles of transparency, independence, and scientific ethics (Link-1).

Academic autonomy is structurally safeguarded through governance regulations such as the Quality Assurance Directive, Academic Promotion and Appointment Criteria, and the Scientific Research Projects Directive, which protect merit-based academic progress and independent scientific inquiry (Link-2–Link-4). The large number of graduate theses produced across diverse disciplines provides concrete evidence of the university's support for independent topic selection and interdisciplinary research freedom.

Scientific freedom is further strengthened through support and incentive mechanisms that encourage publication and research productivity (Link-5). In practice, academic freedom is reflected in public engagement, as university academics openly share scientific opinions across media platforms with diverse editorial perspectives; this demonstrates the university's commitment to pluralism and freedom of thought in academic expression (Link-6–Link-11).

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**Link 2:** <https://cdn.uskudar.dev/site/1/content/files/kalite-guvencesi-yonergesi-rev02-251006034740.pdf>

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**Link 6:** <https://psikoyorum.tv/bm-nin-uyusturucu-raporu-ve-turkiye-de-madde-kullanimi-tvnet-prof-dr-sevil-atasoy-155130.html>

**Link 7:** <https://www.rudaw.net/turkish/interview/03112024?>

**Link 8:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/erkeklerin-dunyasi-2024-arastirmasi-sonuclari-aciklandi/57857>

**Link 9:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/prof-dr-nevzat-tarhan-narsizm-sogan-sarimsak-gibidir/56953>

**Link 10:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/prof-dr-tayfun-uzbay-bagimlilik-bir-beyin-hastaligidir/57896>

**Link 11:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/tasavvuf-sanat-kultur-ve-sinema-acisindan-ele-alindi/44420>

Üsküdar University clearly demonstrates its strong commitment to academic freedom and independent research through the wide thematic diversity of graduate theses conducted within its institutes. Researchers are encouraged to address original and socially relevant topics across a broad range of disciplines, including forensic sciences, psychology, neuroscience, and molecular biology, as well as communication, philosophy, health management, and engineering. This diversity indicates the existence of an open and pluralistic academic environment in which academics and researchers are able to determine their research topics without restriction or ideological limitation.

Graduate theses encompass areas such as forensic chemistry and toxicology, behavioral and cognitive neuroscience, ethics in biomedical research, gender studies, criminology, public health policy, artificial intelligence applications, and social responsibility. This breadth demonstrates the university's support for interdisciplinary research and the integration of scientific innovation with societal needs. The scope and depth of these theses illustrate that Üsküdar University's policies on academic autonomy and scientific ethics are actively implemented in practice, thereby strengthening a culture of intellectual independence and evidence-based scholarship.

<https://tez.yok.gov.tr/UlusalTezMerkezi/>

#### **16.2.7 – Does your university as a body have a publication of university financial data?**

Üsküdar University publishes annual institutional reports that openly present its financial data in line with the principle of full transparency (Link-1–Link-3). These reports, which include detailed information on income, expenditures, and resource allocation, are made publicly accessible through the official website of the Council of Higher Education of the Republic of Türkiye (Link-4). Through this practice, the university reinforces its institutional commitment to accountability, good governance, and the responsible use of resources.

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**Link 4:** <https://mis.yokak.gov.tr/Report/KidrRapor>

#### **16.3.1- Does your university as a body provide specific expert advice to local, regional or national government (e.g. through policy guidance, participation in committees, provision of evidence)?**



Üsküdar University supports the practical application of academic expertise to contribute to public policy development and social advancement. Faculty members contribute to legislative processes, including draft laws and opinion reports submitted to the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (Link-1), and collaborate with municipalities through initiatives such as the “Resilient City Beylikdüzü” project (Link-2). Academics also actively participate in city councils (Link-3), cultural programs (Link-4), and meetings of non-governmental organizations (Link-5), demonstrating strong engagement at both local and national levels.

The university further organizes training and capacity-building activities in cooperation with these institutions to strengthen governance and community resilience. In the judicial field, experts affiliated with the Forensic Medicine and Forensic Sciences Center serve as official expert witnesses and consultants, providing specialized knowledge to courts (Link-6, Link-7). At the international level, the service of a faculty member on the United Nations International Narcotics Control Board since 2005 highlights the university’s contribution to global drug policy (Link-8).

**Link 1:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/uskudar-universitesinden-tbmmye-sokak-kopeklerine-dair-yasal-degisiklikler-icin-oneriler/48455>

**Link 2:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/uskudar-direncli-kent-beylikduzu-proje-lansmaninda/43691>

**Link 3:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/doc-dr-cem-tutar-kent-konseyi-yurutme-kurul-uyeligine-secildi/48509>

**Link 4:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/tarhana-gaziantep-te-yogun-ilgi/57704>

**Link 5:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/27-subat-dunya-stklar-gunu-ve-sivil-kuruluslari-bulusmasi/44382>

**Link 6:** <https://usatam.uskudar.edu.tr/ekibimiz/ihtisas-daireleri>

**Link 7:** <https://istanbulbbk.adalet.gov.tr/bolge-bilirkisi-listesi>

**Link 8:** [https://www.incb.org/incb/en/about/members/sevil\\_atasoy.html](https://www.incb.org/incb/en/about/members/sevil_atasoy.html)

### **16.3.2- Does your university as a body provide outreach, general education, upskilling and capacity-building to policy- and law-makers on relevant topics e.g. economics, law, technology, migration and displacement, and climate change?**

Üsküdar University supports policy development and capacity-building efforts in areas such as migration, law, justice, and social cohesion through education, analysis, and expert contribution. Hosting 3,124 international students, the university promotes dialogue on migration, cultural adaptation, and peaceful coexistence through integration programs and intercultural activities (Link-1, Link-2, Link-3). Through academic publications and expert commentary, it contributes to public awareness and policy discussions on xenophobia, refugee rights, and forced displacement (Link-4, Link-5).

Faculty members regularly provide geopolitical and legal analyses on Middle East policies, international law, and human rights, thereby informing decision-makers and the wider public (Link-6, Link-7, Link-8, Link-9). In the field of justice, Türkiye’s first Forensic Sciences Department and Criminal Justice programs contribute to the development of legal capacity through specialized, expertise-based training (Link-10, Link-11, Link-12).

Through international collaborations on drug policy and crime prevention, the university also contributes to global security strategies (Link-13, Link-14, Link-15, Link-16). In addition, it supports institutional capacity building at the national level by providing training programs for personnel of the Provincial Health Directorate and the Probation Directorate.



- Link 1:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/uluslararası-ogrenciler-uni101-egitiminde-bulustu/57231>
- Link 2:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/uskudarda-yelda-gecesi/57925>
- Link 3:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/uluslararası-ogrencilerin-renkli-bulusmasi/45153>
- Link 4:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/tr/icerik/8840/yabanci-dusmanligi-nasil-onlenir>
- Link 5:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/donmek-istemeyen-suriyelilere-baski-artar-mi/57764>
- Link 6:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/doc-dr-ibrahim-arslan-uluslararası-sessizlik-filistin-in-yok-olusunu-normallestiriyor/57057>
- Link 7:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/esadin-af-karari-suriyeli-siginmacilarin-geri-donusune-etki-edebilir-mi/56941>
- Link 8:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/filistin-in-bm-uyeligi-uluslararası-hukukta-yeni-bir-donem-baslatabilir/56354>
- Link 9:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/abd-nin-ortadogu-politikalari-israil-in-guvenligi-icin-mi/44147>
- Link 10:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/mdbf/en/forensic-science>
- Link 11:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/babe/en/criminal-justice-thesis-non-thesis-masters-degree>
- Link 12:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/babe/en/forensic-chemistry-and-forensic-toxicology-masters-degree>
- Link 13:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/prof-dr-sevil-atasoy-bm-uluslararası-narkotik-kontrol-kuruluna-katildi/57496>
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- Link 16 :** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/birlesmis-milletler-dunya-2023-uyusturucu-raporu-aciklandi/44493>

### **16.3.3- Does your university as a body undertake policy-focused research in collaboration with government departments?**

Üsküdar University contributes to national and global development by educating generations aware of global challenges and strategically directing its research activities. The Research and Development Directorate and the Technology Transfer Office coordinate collaborations with external stakeholders to enhance research capacity (Link-1, Link-2). Public institutions, particularly TÜBİTAK, support projects carried out by both academics and students, thereby fostering innovation and social impact (Link-3–Link-7).

The university also conducts research focusing on social issues and urban resilience (Link-8–Link-10). The Department of Forensic Sciences provides Evidence Collection in Sexual Assault training programs for physicians of the Ministry of Health (Link-11), while collaboration protocols with public health laboratories support the analysis of new psychoactive substances. As an indicator of institutional leadership, a faculty member serves on the TÜBİTAK UME Advisory Board (Link-12). As of 2024, the university maintains active cooperation protocols with numerous institutions and organizations at the national and regional levels, including public institutions.

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**Link 3:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/tubitak-uskudarli-7-ogrencinin-daha-projesini-destekleyecek/44826>

**Link 4:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/tip-fakultesi-ogrencisinden-tubitak-basarisi/48485>

**Link 5:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/trgenmerin-5-yeni-projesi-daha-tubitak-arafindan-destekleniyor/44942>

**Link 6:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/uskudarli-kardesler-gelistirdikleri-proje-ile-ogrencilere-cerrahide-pratik-firsati-sunuyor/57307>

**Link 7:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/brain-parktan-proje-basarisi/48209>

**Link 8:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/yuksek-lisans-ogrencilerinin-desteklenmeye-deger-basari/57000>

**Link 9:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/160-proje-arasinda-finans-z-genc-mentor-ismli-projesiyle-birinci-oldu/43539>

**Link 10:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/uskudar-direncli-kent-beylikduzu-proje-lansmaninda/43691>

**Link 11:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/cinsel-saldirida-delil-toplama-ve-delil-guvenligi-egitici-egitimi-duzenlendi/48184>

**Link 12:** <https://www.ume.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/haber/tubitak-ulusal-metroloji-enstitusu-2024-danisma-kurulu-toplantisi>

Üsküdar University has long carried out policy-oriented research and collaborative projects with public institutions and government bodies through its social responsibility and innovation-focused initiatives. Within the framework of the Social Innovation Projects platform, the university develops continuous partnerships with ministries, municipalities, and public organizations, contributing to the development and implementation of community-based models that address societal needs and provide input for policy-making processes.

These efforts are supported through Social Responsibility Projects and Youth-Oriented Social Responsibility Projects, which actively involve students, faculty members, and public stakeholders in the design and implementation of programs serving the public good. In January 2024, the university further strengthened its collaboration with organized civil society and public actors by signing a cooperation protocol with KASTOB – the Black Sea Civil Society Organizations Confederation, which comprises 24 federations and more than 3,000 associations.

In line with this mission, 2024 marked a period of notable growth in both the number and diversity of projects, once again demonstrating the university's role as a bridge between academia and public policy, as well as its sustained contribution to evidence-based decision-making and social development. In addition, efforts have been initiated to establish a Social Contribution Directorate (Link-1–Link-3).

**Link 1:** <https://toplumsalkatki.uskudaruniversitesi.edu.tr/>

**Link 2 :** <https://toplumsalkatki.uskudaruniversitesi.edu.tr/sosyal-inavasyon-projeleri>

**Link 3:** <https://toplumsalkatki.uskudaruniversitesi.edu.tr/2024-yili-etkinlikleri>



#### **16.3.4- Does your university as a body provide a neutral platform and "safe" space for different political stakeholders to come together to frankly discuss challenges?**

The university provides a neutral and secure platform where individuals with diverse political and intellectual perspectives can engage in open dialogue based on academic evidence and mutual respect. Through international conferences and civil dialogue workshops, pluralism, democratic interaction, and freedom of expression are actively promoted.

In 2024, events representing diverse political perspectives—such as the 11th International Communication Days (Link-1) and the Cyber Resilience Summit (Link-2)—provided opportunities for multi-perspective discussions on topics including media ethics, cyber security, and the relationship between science and philosophy. The university also supports civil dialogue and peaceful forms of expression on issues such as Gaza and gender-based violence through more than 100 student clubs.

Through bilateral agreements signed with national and international stakeholders, the university further strengthens its neutral and inclusive platform that promotes interdisciplinary cooperation (Link-3–Link-12).

**Link 1:** <https://ifig.uskudar.edu.tr/en/2024?>

**Link 2:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/haber/uskudar-siber-dayaniklilik-zirvesine-ev-sahipligi-yapti/56930?4>

**Link 3:** <https://arsiv.uskudaruniversitesi.edu.tr/announcement/5850/kuresel-esitsizlikler-ve-cozum-onerileri-sempozyumu/tr>

**Link 4:** <https://arsiv.uskudaruniversitesi.edu.tr/announcement/5129/turkish-foreign-policy-and-diplomacy-in-the-100th-year-of-the-republic/en>

**Link 5:** <https://arsiv.uskudaruniversitesi.edu.tr/announcement/5324/seminar-on-addiction-and-combating-addiction/en>

**Link 6:** <https://arsiv.uskudaruniversitesi.edu.tr/announcement/5307/recent-debates-in-philosophy-of-science/en>

**Link 7:** <https://arsiv.uskudaruniversitesi.edu.tr/announcement/5858/seminer-ordinary-dangerous-criminals/tr>

**Link 8:** <https://uskudar.edu.tr/en/announcement/you-are-invited-to-the-voices-of-children-life-after-the-earthquake-international-symposium-and-photography-exhibition/6698>

**Link 9:** <https://sks.uskudar.edu.tr/en/student-clubs>

**Link 10:** <https://2mart.com.tr/turkiye/uskudar-universitesi-ogrencilerinden-gazze-destek-yuruyusu-66381.html>

**Link 11:** <https://haberuskudar.com/index.php/uskudarli-ogrenciler-kadina-siddeti-protesto-etti>

**Link 12:** [https://cdn.uskudar.edu.tr/uploads/files/2024/03/22/islak-imzali-bilateral-project-proposal-agreement\\_1.pdf?](https://cdn.uskudar.edu.tr/uploads/files/2024/03/22/islak-imzali-bilateral-project-proposal-agreement_1.pdf?)

#### **16.4.1 – Total number of graduates of the university**

3900

#### **16.4.2- Number of graduates taking courses in Law, Forensic Sciences, Criminology, Criminal Psychology, Law Enforcement Legislation and similar courses**

2619