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In addition to this general report, a separate SDG report structured according to the THE Impact Rankings indicators has been published for each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

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01

Introduction

- Highlights of the Year
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Highlights of the Year

2025



Zero Waste Certificate

Having established a Zero Waste Management System, the university was awarded the Zero Waste Certificate in February 2025. The certificate confirms that the system covering separate collection at source, temporary storage and delivery of waste to licensed firms has been approved by the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change. The Waste Directive and the Waste Management Policy published in September 2025 have turned this system into an institutional commitment.



THE Impact Rankings 2025

Piri Reis University took part in the THE Impact Rankings 2025 with all 17 Sustainable Development Goals and was placed in the 1501+ band overall. Its strongest results were in SDG 14 Life Below Water and SDG 15 Life on Land (401–600), followed by the 601–800 band in SDGs 6, 8, 12 and 16 and the 801–1000 band in SDGs 5, 9, 11 and 13. These results in marine and land ecosystems reflect the university's maritime specialisation.



2nd Green Transformation in Maritime Summit

The summit organised by the İMEAK Chamber of Shipping was held on our campus on 24 December 2025, bringing together sector stakeholders to discuss green fuels, net-zero emissions, green ports and sustainable shipyards. As part of the Green Transformation Platform established with the İMEAK Chamber of Shipping, the summit brought together the public sector, industry and academia; the Green Fuels and Technologies Session held on 30 January of the same year reached about 150 participants.

Highlights of the Year

2024 – 2025



GREENPORT Alliances in Brussels

The Erasmus+ GREENPORT Alliances project (€1.39 million), coordinated by our university, was presented to the European maritime sector at the European Shipping Summit in Brussels in March 2025. Carried out with partners from Romania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia and Malta, the project develops training content and good practices for green skills in port services.



DP Training Centre Accreditation

On 22 October 2024 the Maritime Simulators Centre, with 15 simulators, was accredited by The Nautical Institute as an approved Dynamic Positioning (DP) Training Centre; on 21 March 2025 the university received institutional accreditation from YÖKAK. The centre also trains sector employees through DP Induction, DP Simulator and DP Maintenance courses.



Underwater Clean-up on Marmara Sea Day

On 1 June 2025, as part of Tuzla Municipality's Marmara Sea Day, students of the Maritime Vocational School's Underwater Technology programme and 20 volunteer divers collected underwater litter along the Tuzla coast. The event drew attention to marine pollution while allowing students to use their professional diving skills for the benefit of the community. During the reporting period, the school's underwater technology experts provided diving training to 15 staff members and 63 students.

University Profile

History

Piri Reis University was founded by the Turkish Maritime Education Foundation (TÜDEV), established in 1993 by leading representatives of the maritime sector with the support of the İMEAK Chamber of Shipping, and acquired legal personality with the publication of Law No. 5733 in the Official Gazette on 8 February 2008. Its roots lie in the TÜDEV Maritime Education Centre, which trained 2,034 deck and engine officers between 1995 and 2012.

Its vision is “to be a specialised university that is a pioneer in Türkiye and respected worldwide, adding value to the sector by aiming for excellence in education and research in every maritime-related field”. Its mission explicitly includes educating individuals who embrace the Sustainable Development Goals.

Academic structure

Faculties of Maritime Studies, Engineering, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Law, and Arts and Sciences; the Maritime Vocational School with 12 programmes; and the Graduate Institute. Except for the Faculty of Law, the language of instruction is English; maritime education complies with IMO STCW standards. PRU is the only Turkish foundation university that is a member of IAMU.

Campuses

The Sea Campus on the Marmara Sea coast in Tuzla (48,717 m² indoor area) opened in November 2013 as Türkiye’s first BREEAM-certified green campus. The Block A teaching building became the 366th building in the world to achieve BREEAM Excellent, and Blocks B, C and D hold BREEAM Very Good. The assessment covered energy and water efficiency, indoor comfort, materials and waste management, and the campus was designed with a trigeneration plant, seawater condenser cooling, greywater and rainwater recovery and automated landscape irrigation. The Preparatory Campus is located in İstasyon district. The campus hosts 15 simulators, an STCW training pool, a 298-seat sports hall, a 708-seat conference hall and a library with 40,817 printed and 356,279 electronic books.

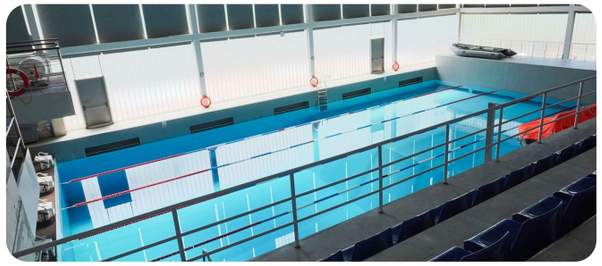
6,330 students (2025)	**210** full-time academic staff	**168** administrative staff
13 / 12 bachelor’s / associate programmes	**14 / 5** master’s / doctoral programmes	**42** student clubs
56,925 m² Sea Campus total area	**15** maritime simulators	**6** research and application centres

Source: KİDR 2025 (31.12.2025), international.pirireis.edu.tr









About This Report

This report is organised according to the categories of AASHE STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System), widely used in sustainability reporting: **Academics**, **Engagement**, **Operations**, **Planning & Administration** and **Innovation & Leadership**. Each section shows the related Sustainable Development Goals, and the report closes with an SDG map summarising all 17 SDGs. Detailed indicator responses and evidence are presented in 17 separate SDG reports prepared according to the THE Impact Rankings methodology.

1

Scope and period

2024-2025 academic year and 2025 financial year; Sea and Preparatory campuses, all academic and administrative units, centres and student clubs.

2

Data collection

Content published on sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr and more than 20 unit sub-domains was reviewed; 308 activities and practices, BAP final reports and project records were compiled.

3

SDG mapping

Each activity and project was associated with one or more SDGs; the mappings resulting from the web review were checked and approved one by one.

4

THE indicators

The SDG reports are structured according to the THE Impact Rankings indicators, with publicly available evidence links added to each indicator.

5

Publication

This general report, organised by STARS categories, is published together with a separate report for each SDG (SDG 17.3).



02

Academics

- Sustainability-Focused Education
- Applied Learning
- Research and Application Centres
- Scientific Research Projects (BAP)
- EU and TÜBİTAK Projects



Academics

Sustainability-focused education

Education at the Faculty of Maritime Studies follows IMO STCW standards and covers marine environmental protection and safety culture. The electives NM416 Sustainable Ship Production, UTİ409 Social Responsibility and Sustainability and MEEN445 Renewable Energy Systems address sustainability directly. The Hybrid and Electric Vehicles Technology and Underwater Technology programmes of the Maritime Vocational School build professional skills in clean mobility and marine ecosystems. The Faculty of Law's master's and doctoral programmes in Maritime Law cover the law of the marine environment; within the LAW615 course, a Sustainable Fashion seminar was held with a visiting academic from the University of Insubria.

The English Preparatory Department holds EAQUALS accreditation, and the university received institutional accreditation from YÖKAK on 21 March 2025. Under the Open Access Directive, academic outputs are freely available in the Institutional Academic Archive.

Applied learning

Underwater Technology instructors of the Maritime Vocational School provided diving training to 15 staff and 63 students. A technical visit to the EV Charge Show was organised with Hybrid and Electric Vehicles students. The 15-simulator centre offers Turkish Straits and narrow-channel navigation practice and DP courses.

Research and application centres

PRUSAM (2024) works on energy management, decarbonisation and sustainable port operations; **DENEKAM** on Blue Growth and GREENPORT Alliances; the **Unmanned Marine Vehicles Centre** on autonomous surface and underwater systems; **DHUAM** on maritime law; **DETAM** on maritime history and heritage; and **PUSEM** on lifelong learning.







15
maritime simulators

78
staff and students given diving training

6
research and application centres

EAQUALS
English Preparatory accreditation

Academics – Research

Scientific Research Projects (BAP)

A review of the university's BAP portfolio identified 38 BAP projects that are highly or moderately related to sustainability. Highlights include an Organic Rankine Cycle generating electricity from ship exhaust waste heat (Applied Sciences, Q1), reducing ship resistance by up to 37-40% through hull channels, detection and removal of heavy metals in seawater, sustainable gastronomy tourism in fishing villages, calculation of the institutional carbon footprint, and electrification of small boats in the Marmara Sea (MAR-DEC).

Code	Featured projects with final reports	SDG
BAP-2020-02	Reducing Ship Resistance by Means of Channels Opened in the Ship Hull	14, 13, 7, 9
BAP-2020-07	Development of a Polymeric Fluorescent Sensor for the Removal of Heavy Metals from Seawater	14, 6, 3
BAP-2020-09	Investigation of the Removal of Dyes and Heavy Metals from Seawater in the Tuzla Shipyards Region Using Rice Husk Ash	14, 6, 12
BAP-2020-11	Development of Antibacterial Polymer Nanocomposite Filter Materials for Bioaerosol Removal	3, 11
BAP-2021-02	Preparation of Polycaprolactone Composite Biofilms for Dye Adsorption	6, 14, 12
BAP-2023-03	Design of a Waste Heat-Driven Organic Rankine Cycle System for Ships	7, 13, 14
BAP-2024-07	Seafood and Culinary Heritage in Fishing Villages: Sustainable Gastronomic Tourism Opportunities	14, 8, 5, 11
BAP-2024-02-01	Strategic Use of ESG Factors in the Maritime Sector: A 10-Year Study	12, 13, 8
BAP-2024-02-03	Optimal Site Selection for Post-Earthquake Emergency Response [illegible] EDAS Analysis Approach	11, 13, 3

EU projects

GREENPORT Alliances (Erasmus+ Alliances for Innovation, €1,385,887, coordinated by PRU) focuses on green skills in ports; **LEARN4SEA** (Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin, 2024-2026) on environmentally friendly behaviour in coastal communities; **SUDEMAR** on the sustainable development of the European maritime sector; and **CUL-MAR-Skills** on maritime skills. The completed MENTORESS project supported women's employment in the maritime sector.

TÜBİTAK and industry projects

Research has addressed the interaction of maritime transport and fishing in the formation of mucilage in the Sea of Marmara (TÜBİTAK 1001), the effects of international maritime law decisions on Turkish law (TÜBİTAK 3005), and the removal of sea-surface waste by autonomous marine and aerial vehicles (TÜBİTAK 1501, IWROBOTX). In 2025, 5 national and 4 international patent applications were filed.





03

Engagement

- Public Events
- Dialogue with Industry
- Student Clubs and Volunteering
- Community Solidarity
- International Partnerships
- Continuing Education



Engagement

Public events

During the reporting period the campus hosted the Climate Change and Environment Symposium (19 November 2025), the Green Fuels for Green Shipping workshop (with the University of Copenhagen SHOC group, 20-21 March 2025), the “Turkish Seas and Blue Heritage” event, and scientific meetings on the publication of Pîrî Reis’s Kitâb-ı Bahriye.

Dialogue with industry

Under the sustainability protocol signed with the İMEAK Chamber of Shipping, the Green Fuels and Technologies Session (30 January 2025, ~150 participants) and the 2nd Green Transformation in Maritime Summit (24 December 2025) were held and the Green Transformation Platform was established. 28 sector organisations took part in the Maritime Career Days, and the Maritime Vocational School’s weekly Can SALI Meetings brought industry professionals together with students.

Continuing education

PUSEM offers lifelong learning opportunities to sector employees and the community through programmes such as Emergency Response and Accident Management in Ports, Marine Technical Management, Seafood Cuisine, Yacht Captaincy and STCW training. The Quality Coordination Office provided Zero Waste Management training to all staff.







~150
participants, Green Fuels Session

28
companies at Maritime Career Days

3 sessions
Climate Change and Environment Symposium

27
external social contribution stakeholders

Engagement – Community

Student clubs and volunteering

42 student clubs with 1,996 members are key drivers of sustainability activities. The Disaster Search and Rescue Club completed AFAD Support Volunteer and General Directorate of Forestry Forest Fire Volunteer training; HAYDOK provided monthly food support to the Tuzla Tepeören Animal Shelter and organised charity bazaars. The Blue Butterflies Children's Rights Club raised awareness of access to justice through court-hearing observations and law seminars.

On Marmara Sea Day (1 June 2025), Underwater Technology students and 20 volunteer divers collected underwater litter along the Tuzla coast. Student clubs donated a "Şirin Çocuklar Library" to a primary school and supported girls with stationery on 8 March.

Community solidarity

Together with İTÜ, Istanbul Okan University and Tuzla Municipality, our university organised a public charity bazaar for earthquake survivors on the Tuzla coast and sent aid parcels to the earthquake region. Clubs carried out food packaging with the Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association, blood donation campaigns with the Turkish Red Crescent (November 2024 and November 2025) and the "Wish Tree" project. In December 2025 the campus hosted Tuzla Municipality's Engelsiz Fest (Barrier-Free Festival).







42
student clubs

1,996
club members

20
volunteer divers in underwater clean-up

Monthly
food support to the animal shelter

Engagement – Partnerships

International partnerships

Within LEARN4SEA, PRU worked with CERONAV (Romania), BDCA (Bulgaria), LEPL NEA (Georgia) and Shabla Municipality (Bulgaria) to promote environmentally friendly behaviour in Black Sea coastal communities. The second transnational meeting of the SUDEMAR project was held at the Sea Campus, and GREENPORT Alliances was presented at the European Shipping Summit in Brussels.

51 international and 16 national delegates from 15 countries attended the international ship stability workshop. The university is a member of IAMU, IAESTE and Erasmus+ networks; mutual visits took place with the Latvian Maritime Academy.

Cooperation with public bodies and local government

Cooperation includes Marmara Sea Day and Engelsiz Fest with Tuzla Municipality; and cooperation protocols with TÜBİTAK Marmara Technocity and LojiDer. The Social Contribution Commission works with 27 external stakeholders, including Tuzla Municipality and the District Governorship.

Community partnerships under SDG 17

Under SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals, our university works with public bodies, universities and civil society organisations. In this context, a charity bazaar for earthquake survivors was organised with İTÜ, Istanbul Okan University and Tuzla Municipality, and food aid and blood donation activities were carried out with the Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association and the Turkish Red Crescent. The “Wish Tree” project was also run, and the campus hosted Tuzla Municipality’s Engelsiz Fest (Barrier-Free Festival), supporting social solidarity.







51
international delegates, 15 countries (stability workshop)

5
LEARN4SEA partners, 4 countries

7
SUDEMAR partner countries

€1.39 M
GREENPORT Alliances budget

04

Operations

- Building Design and Construction
- Energy Use
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Water Use
- Waste Management
- Transportation
- Ecological Grounds
- Purchasing



Operations

Building design and construction

The Sea Campus opened in 2013 as Türkiye's first BREEAM-certified green campus: the Block A teaching building holds BREEAM Excellent, and Blocks B, C and D hold BREEAM Very Good certification. The design applied water-efficient landscaping, recyclable building materials and a seawater-source heat pump.

Energy use

The university holds TS EN ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System certification, announced on 25 September 2024 (12 June 2024 – 11 June 2027); it covers education and research, events and administrative services and aims at a systematic reduction of energy consumption and costs. The Energy Management System Policy (POL.KLT.10, 2 January 2024) sets this commitment in writing. The trigeneration plant with 2 × 800 kVA natural-gas engines was designed to co-produce electricity, heating and hot water. Drawing condenser water directly from the sea saves about 40% of electricity compared with a cooling tower. A solar hot-water system with 120 collectors is installed on the roof of Block D3. The 2024 energy audit documented a decline in campus consumption from 926 TOE (2021) to 812 TOE (2023) and proposed an 856 kWp rooftop solar power plant. KNX lighting automation operates with daylight and motion sensors.

Greenhouse gas emissions

The Climate Change Mitigation and Action Policy Document sets the target of becoming a carbon-neutral university by 2050. The BAP Infrastructure project "Calculation of the Institutional Carbon Footprint of Piri Reis University" aims to establish the institutional emissions inventory.







ISO 50001
Energy Management System, 2024–2027

~40%
electricity saved by seawater cooling

812 TOE
energy consumption in 2023 (2021: 926 TOE)

2050
carbon-neutral university target

Operations

Water use

The Sea Campus uses 35,943 m^3 of water a year, with mains water, rainwater and greywater metered separately. In the greywater recovery system, washbasin water is treated by filtration, biological treatment, membrane filtration and chlorination and reused in urinals; rainwater collected from roofs is treated and used for landscape irrigation. Landscape irrigation is automated, fats in kitchen wastewater are captured by a grease separator, and free drinking-water dispensers are available across campus. The Water Efficiency and Management Policy (POL.KLT.07, 13 September 2025) commits to monitoring consumption, reducing losses and prioritising recovered water.

Waste management

A Zero Waste Management System has been established; the Zero Waste Certificate was obtained in February 2025. The Waste Directive regulates the separate collection of hazardous waste at source and the waste mass balance, and the Waste Management Policy (POL.KLT.08, 15 September 2025) commits to reducing waste at source, recycling and protecting the seas. Waste is sorted by type by the cleaning service provider and delivered to the municipality; shared printers and a quota system reduce paper consumption.

Transportation and ecological grounds

There are 2 electric-vehicle charging stations in the indoor car park; students are offered a free shuttle service. About 30 stray cats are cared for in shelters in the campus garden, with the 22-member Pati Reis volunteer group looking after their care and treatment.

Purchasing

Purchases are carried out in accordance with the Tender Regulation; tenders ensure equal opportunity in supplier selection, and since 2024 the Pratis e-quotation module has allowed more suppliers to be reached. The Energy Policy commits to procuring energy-efficient products and services.







Feb 2025
Zero Waste Certificate

2
EV charging stations

~30
stray cats sheltered on campus

Free
water dispensers and shuttle service

05

Planning & Administration



- Sustainability Coordination
- Commitments and Planning
- Institutional Governance
- Equality and Inclusion
- Accessibility and Scholarships
- Health, Safety and Wellbeing
- Employee Rights

Planning & Administration

Sustainability coordination

The Sustainability Research and Application Center (PRUSAM), founded in 2024, strengthens institutional capacity in energy management, decarbonisation and sustainable port operations in line with Net Zero targets; its regulation lists the preparation of sustainability reports among its duties. The Social Contribution Commission, chaired by the Rector, meets every four months; the Social Contribution Policy and Needs Analysis have been published. PRUSAM co-organised the Green Fuels and Technologies Session with the İMEAK Chamber of Shipping, and the Quality Coordination Office coordinated the Zero Waste Management System and zero-waste training for all staff. This report series was prepared by the Sustainability Research and Application Center and the Directorate of Quality and Strategy Development.

Commitments and planning

The 2023-2027 Strategic Plan is structured in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals; the sustainability website publishes the links between each SDG and the strategic objectives, together with additional actions. The Climate Change Mitigation and Action Policy Document (2023-2027) defines the 2050 carbon-neutrality target and objectives on education, research, sustainable campus, adaptation and transparent reporting. This framework is complemented by the Energy Management System Policy (POL.KLT.10, 2 January 2024), the Water Efficiency and Management Policy (POL.KLT.07, 13 September 2025), the Waste Management Policy (POL.KLT.08, 15 September 2025), the Environmental Policy (POL.KLT.09, 22 September 2025) and the Smoke-Free Campus Policy (POL.KLT.11, 1 October 2025), all published on the relevant SDG pages of the sustainability website.

Institutional governance

Governance rests on the Academic Freedom and Rights Policy, the Anti-Discrimination Principle, the Ethics Committees and Legislation Unit, personal data protection (KVKK) policies and the Tender Regulation. The Institutional Self-Evaluation Report and the Strategic Plan are published; the university holds ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System





2023–27
SDG-aligned Strategic Plan

17
SDGs, all ranked in THE Impact Rankings 2025

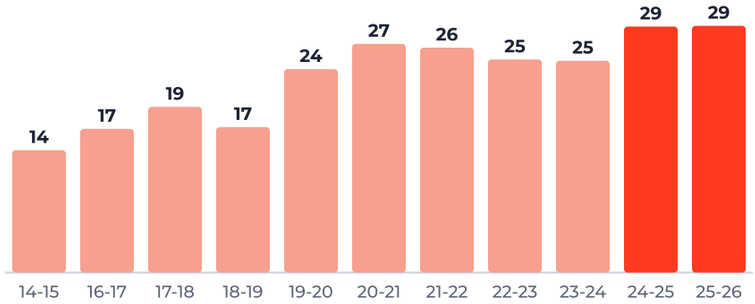
Every 4 months
Social Contribution Commission meetings

ISO 9001
Quality Management System

Planning & Administration

Equality and inclusion

The Anti-Discrimination Principle prohibits all forms of discrimination in education, admissions, employment and scholarships. The Anti-Harassment and Violence Support Unit Directive was first adopted on 8 March 2023 and updated on 30 October 2024. Women students in maritime and engineering technology programmes receive a 10% tuition discount; the share of women among newly enrolled students has risen from 14.4% to 29.0%.



Share of women among newly enrolled students (%), 2014-15 → 2025-26. Source: sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr

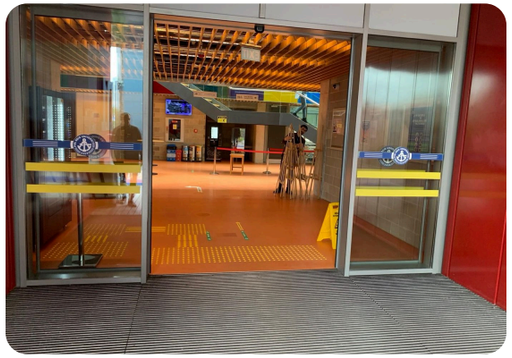
Accessibility and scholarships

The Barrier-Free University Unit Directive (30 October 2024) and the Commission for Students with Special Needs support students with disabilities; the campus has tactile paving, and the library offers an accessible workstation and Braille books for visually impaired users. In addition to ÖSYM scholarships, the Tuition Discount and Scholarship Directive provides academic merit, disability (20%) and veterans/martyrs' relatives (50%) discounts.

Health, safety and wellbeing

Two clinical psychologists provide free and confidential counselling to students and staff. The Health Unit serves with one physician and three nurses; the sports hall and training pool are free to use. The Smoke-Free Campus Procedures and Principles entered into force on 30 October 2024 and the Smoke-Free Campus Policy on 1 October 2025. Under the OHS Directive, training and emergency drills are held for staff.







29%
women among newly enrolled students (2025-26)

2
clinical psychologists, free counselling

20% / 50%
disability / veterans' relatives discount

2023
Anti-Harassment and Violence Support Unit Directive

06

Innovation & Leadership

- Leadership in Maritime Green Transformation
- Patents and Technology Transfer
- Student Teams and Awards
- Recognition and Memberships



Innovation & Leadership

Leadership in maritime green transformation

Through the Green Transformation Platform established with the İMEAK Chamber of Shipping and by hosting the Green Transformation in Maritime Summit, PRU is a meeting point shaping the sector's decarbonisation agenda.

Patents and technology transfer

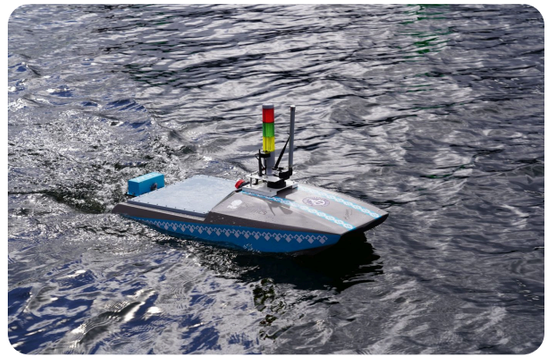
In 2025, 5 national and 4 international patent applications were filed. ARİSTTO, within the Technopark business unit, supports entrepreneurship through patent, commercialisation and project support training and BİGG information sessions.

Student teams and awards

The Robotics Club ranked with its unmanned surface vehicle at NJORD Challenge 2025 in Norway; students won first place in the TEKNOFEST 2025 Financial Technologies Competition and received an award at the 13th National Ship and Yacht Design Competition for a fishing vessel design.

Recognition and memberships

The European Law Institute (ELI) Türkiye Hub received the 2024 "Hub of the Year" award. PRU is the only Turkish foundation university that is a member of IAMU, and the Rector serves on the IAMU International Executive Board.







5 + 4
national + international patent applications (2025)

1st
TEKNOFEST 2025 Financial Technologies

24.12.2025
2nd Green Transformation in Maritime Summit

2024
ELI Türkiye "Hub of the Year"

SDG Map



8
ACTIVITIES · 0 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 1001+

ÖSYM scholarship quotas of 25–100%; 9-month cash scholarships for students enrolling in four maritime departments



8
ACTIVITIES · 4 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 801+

Hygiene and food safety inspection of dining services by the Occupational Health Unit



29
ACTIVITIES · 10 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 1501+

Free, confidential psychological counselling with 2 expert clinical psychologists (students and staff)



100
ACTIVITIES · 4 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 1501+

The Nautical Institute-approved DP Training Centre accreditation (22 October 2024) and YÖKAK institutional accreditation (21 March 2025)



17
ACTIVITIES · 2 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 801–1000

Share of female students: 14.4% (2014-15) → 29.0% (2025-26)



6
ACTIVITIES · 8 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 601–800

Annual water use of 35,943 m^3 metered by source; 4.42% from rainwater and recovered greywater



22
ACTIVITIES · 8 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 1001+

ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System certificate (12 June 2024 – 11 June 2027) and Energy Policy



40
ACTIVITIES · 8 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 601–800

Maritime Career Days: 28 sector organisations



33
ACTIVITIES · 10 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 801–1000

5 national and 4 international patent applications in 2025



14
ACTIVITIES · 1 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 1001+

Directive on the Barrier-Free University Unit and the Commission for Students with Special Needs



32
ACTIVITIES · 3 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 801–1000

Scientific meetings on the publication of the Kitâb-ı Bahriye (January-March 2025)



17
ACTIVITIES · 11 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 601–800

Zero Waste Certificate (February 2025)



28
ACTIVITIES · 14 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 801–1000

2050 carbon-neutral university target (Climate Policy Document, 2023-2027)



35
ACTIVITIES · 25 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 401–600

LEARN4SEA (Interreg NEXT Black Sea) and GREENPORT Alliances (Erasmus+, coordinated by PRU)



14
ACTIVITIES · 0 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 401–600

Shelter for ~30 stray cats on campus; Pati Reis volunteer group with 22 active members



45
ACTIVITIES · 6 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 601–800

TÜBİTAK 3005 maritime law project: national symposium (December 2024)



52
ACTIVITIES · 1 PROJECTS
THE 2025: 1501+

A separate report for each of the 17 SDGs and the general Sustainability Report 2025

17 separate SDG reports

A separate report for each SDG, structured according to the THE Impact Rankings indicators, is published with evidence links and an activity inventory (SDG 17.3.1–17.3.17).

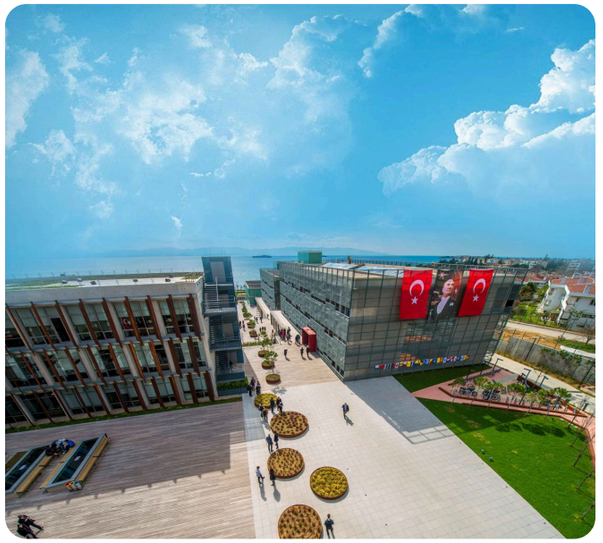
Conclusion and Assessment

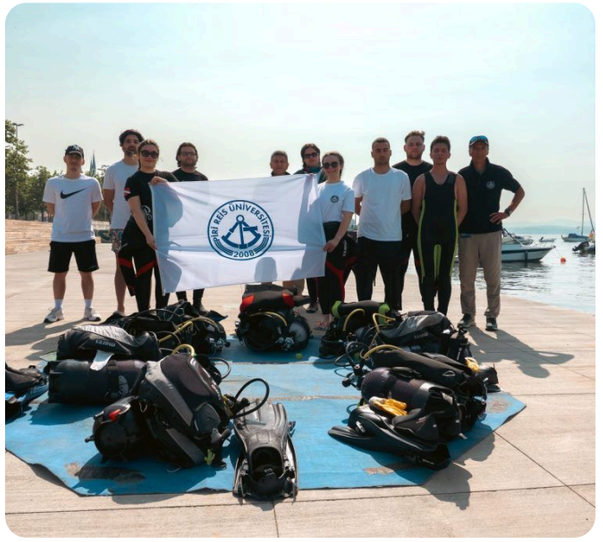
Overall assessment

Piri Reis University's sustainability performance in 2024-2025 is closely aligned with its maritime specialisation. The BREEAM-certified green campus, the ISO 50001 Energy Management System, the Zero Waste Certificate and the written energy, water, waste, environmental and smoke-free campus policies provide an operational foundation. International projects such as GREENPORT Alliances and LEARN4SEA, the Green Transformation Platform established with the İMEAK Chamber of Shipping and research on marine ecosystems show that the university is a leading stakeholder in the green transformation of the maritime sector. Taking part in all 17 SDGs of the THE Impact Rankings 2025, with the 401–600 band in SDG 14 and SDG 15, confirms this direction.

Areas for development and next steps

Priorities for the coming period are to measure and publish energy, water and waste data regularly for each campus, to complete the institutional carbon footprint and set interim targets towards carbon neutrality by 2050, and to implement renewable energy investments such as the rooftop solar power plant proposed in the 2024 energy audit. Further development areas include formalising maternity and paternity leave, pay equity and women's mentoring in written policies, measuring students' sustainability literacy and expanding courses that address the SDGs. The university commits to updating this report series every year to monitor its progress transparently.





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