PRU
PÎRÎ REİS UNIVERSITY

2025

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS REPORT

1 NO POVERTY

SDG 1

# No Poverty

2024–2025 Academic Year and 2025 Financial Year




**Piri Reis University**
sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr

PRU
PÎRÎ REİS UNIVERSITY

**PUBLICATION**
Piri Reis University
SDG 1: No Poverty Report
Published: December 2025

**SCOPE**
2024-2025 academic year and 2025 financial year (1 September 2024 – 31 December 2025); ongoing practices are also covered.

**COMPANION PUBLICATIONS**
Piri Reis University Sustainability Report 2025 and the other 16 SDG reports prepared according to the THE Impact Rankings indicators.

**PREPARED BY**
Sustainability Research and Application Center
Directorate of Quality and Strategy Development

**LAYOUT AND VISUAL DESIGN**
Directorate of Information Technologies

**CONTACT**
Postane Mah. Eflatun Sk. No:8, 34940 Tuzla / Istanbul, Türkiye
bilgi@pirireis.edu.tr · +90 216 581 0050

# Contents

01 Piri Reis University at a Glance 3

02 Our Sustainability Approach and Reporting 4

03 SDG 1: No Poverty 5

04 Indicators, Explanations and Evidence 6

05 Our Activities under SDG 1 8

06 SDG 1 Activity Inventory 10

07 Conclusion and Assessment 11

This report presents Piri Reis University's policies, practices, research and activities under SDG 1, structured according to the THE Impact Rankings indicators and supported by evidence. Links in the indicator section lead to publicly available evidence; internal documents are available on request.





INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

# Piri Reis University at a Glance

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

Guided by its vision “to be a specialised university that is a pioneer in Türkiye and respected worldwide, adding value to the sector by striving for excellence in education and research in every maritime-related field”, PRU explicitly commits in its mission to educating individuals who have embraced the Sustainable Development Goals; “Social Responsibility, Sustainability and Environmental Awareness” and “Respect for Diversity and Human Rights” are among the institution’s core values.

The University provides education through its Faculties of Maritime Studies, Engineering, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Law, and Arts and Sciences, its Maritime Vocational School and its Graduate Institute, on the Sea Campus and the Preparatory Campus on the Marmara Sea coast in Tuzla. The Sea Campus was designed as a BREEAM-certified “Green Campus” and features a trigeneration plant, greywater and rainwater recovery systems and seawater-based cooling infrastructure.

PRU is the only Turkish foundation university that is a member of the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU). It was granted institutional accreditation under the YÖKAK Institutional Accreditation Programme on 21 March 2025, and its Maritime Simulators Centre was accredited by The Nautical Institute as an approved Dynamic Positioning (DP) Training Centre on 22 October 2024.

## Piri Reis University in Numbers

**6,330**
total students (2025): 2,171 associate degree, 4,004 undergraduate, 155 postgraduate

**210**
full-time academic staff (+109 hourly-paid lecturers)

**168**
full-time administrative staff

**5 + 1 + 1**
faculties, vocational school and graduate institute

**15**
maritime simulators (including 3 full-mission bridges)

**6**
research and application centres (PRUSAM, DENEKAM, PUSEM, etc.)

**42**
student clubs, 1,996 club members

**5 + 4**
national and international patent applications in 2025

**29%**
share of women among students placed in 2025-26 (2014-15: 14%)

Source: Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (KİDR) 2025 (as of 31 December 2025) and sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr. The share of women is based on the table of placed students published on the sustainability website.

SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE

# Our Sustainability Approach and Reporting

Piri Reis University's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan is structured in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For each SDG, the sustainability website publicly sets out the links with the Strategic Plan objectives (excellence of the learning environment, research quality, industry–university cooperation, institutional culture and becoming the best university in maritime) together with additional actions.

The Sustainability Research and Application Center (PRUSAM), established in 2024, works on energy management, decarbonisation, sustainable port operations and digitalisation in line with Net Zero targets; the Center's regulation lists the preparation of the sustainability report and similar outputs among its duties. The Social Contribution Commission, chaired by the Rector, and the Quality Coordination Office contribute to monitoring sustainability activities and disseminating them across the institution.

The University's Climate Change Mitigation and Action Policy Document (2023-2027) sets out the goal of becoming a carbon-neutral university by 2050. Campus operations are assured through the ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System (2024-2027), the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System and the Zero Waste Certificate (February 2025).

PRU took part in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2025 with all 17 SDGs 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 601–800 in SDGs 6, 8, 12 and 16, 801–1000 in SDGs 5, 9, 11 and 13, 801+ in SDG 2, 1001+ in SDGs 1, 7 and 10 and 1501+ in SDGs 3, 4 and 17. This report series has been prepared separately for all 17 SDGs based on the THE Impact Rankings indicators and is published together with the general Sustainability Report.

## Scope of this report

- Reporting period: 2024-2025 academic year and 2025 financial year (1 September 2024 – 31 December 2025). Ongoing practices are also covered.
- Scope: Sea Campus and Preparatory Campus; all academic and administrative units, research centres and student clubs.
- Data sources: activities published on sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr, pirireis.edu.tr and unit subdomains, KİDR 2025, the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, institutional directives and policies, and final reports of Scientific Research Projects (BAP).
- Structure: Indicators are organised according to the THE Impact Rankings methodology; publicly accessible evidence links are provided under each indicator.

SDG 1 · NO POVERTY

# Equal opportunity in access to education and social solidarity

Piri Reis University operates a comprehensive scholarship and tuition discount system so that financial means do not become a barrier to students' access to and success in higher education; through student clubs and volunteers, it carries out solidarity activities for disadvantaged groups in Tuzla and in disaster-affected regions.

The Tuition Discount and Scholarship Directive brings together ÖSYM scholarship quotas (25%, 50%, 75% and 100%), monthly cash scholarships based on the national university entrance examination (YKS) ranking, the academic achievement scholarship, discounts for students with disabilities and for veterans and relatives of martyrs, and the sibling discount. Students and staff benefit free of charge from psychological counselling, the health unit, the sports hall and the training pool.

The SDG 1 target page on the sustainability website lists, among the University's additional actions, increasing student housing opportunities in the Tuzla area through peer mentoring and developing funds in cooperation with alumni. Student clubs organise solidarity activities such as charity bazaars, aid parcel and knitting campaigns for earthquake survivors, the "Wish Tree" project and support for foundations.

| 8 | 3 | 0 | 25–100% |
|---|---|---|---|
| related activities and practices (all periods) | activities in the reporting period (Sep 2024 – Dec 2025) | related research projects (BAP, TÜBİTAK, EU) | ÖSYM scholarship quotas |

## Highlights of the period

- ÖSYM scholarship quotas of 25%-100%; 9-month cash scholarships, under the achievement-ranking scheme, for students enrolling in Maritime Transportation and Management Engineering, Marine Engineering Operations, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, or Maritime Business Administration
- 20% tuition discount for students with disabilities and 50% for veterans and relatives of martyrs
- Inter-university public charity bazaar on the Tuzla coast and aid campaigns for earthquake survivors
- Entrepreneurship training and BİGG information days
- THE Impact Rankings 2025 SDG 1: 1001+ band

THE IMPACT RANKINGS INDICATORS

# Indicators, Explanations and Evidence

This section summarises Piri Reis University's policies, practices and activities against the indicators of the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings methodology for SDG 1. Evidence for each indicator is provided with links.

## 1.3 University anti-poverty programmes

### 1.3.3 Support for students' basic needs

Under the Tuition Discount and Scholarship Directive, in addition to the 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% scholarship quotas determined by ÖSYM, students who choose the University under the YKS achievement-ranking scholarship and enrol in Maritime Transportation and Management Engineering, Marine Engineering Operations, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, or Maritime Business Administration receive a monthly cash scholarship for nine months a year. The academic achievement scholarship (75%, 40% and 10% according to GPA), the Barrier-Free Education Discount (20%), the Veterans and Martyrs' Relatives Discount (50%), the sibling discount (5%) and discounts for Darüşşafaka graduates are also part of the system.

Health, psychological counselling, sports hall and training pool services are free of charge for students. Students are provided with a free shuttle service.

EVIDENCE

- Tuition Discount and Scholarship Directive – https://pirireis.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Indirim-Burs-Yonergesi-14.09.2026.pdf
- Free use of the gym and training pool for students and staff – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/ogrencilere-ve-personele-ucretsiz-spor-salonu-ve-egitim-havuzu-kullanimi/
- Psychological Counselling and Guidance Service – https://pirireis.edu.tr/pruda-yasam/psikolojik-danisma-ve-rehberlik/
- Health Services – https://pirireis.edu.tr/pruda-yasam/saglik-hizmetleri/
- Contact and transport (free shuttle service) – https://pirireis.edu.tr/iletisim/

### 1.3.4 Programmes supporting the success of students with limited financial means

The academic achievement scholarship provides a tiered tuition discount based on students' grade point averages. The Part-Time Student Employment Directive enables students to undertake paid work in university units. The free "Speaking & Writing Hubs" support centres and the library's 24/7 study hall are further resources supporting academic success.

EVIDENCE

- Tuition Discount and Scholarship Directive – https://pirireis.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Indirim-Burs-Yonergesi-14.09.2026.pdf
- Legislation (directives on the Student Council, Career Centre, Social Contribution, etc.) – https://pirireis.edu.tr/hakkimizda/mevzuat/
- Speaking & Writing Club announcement (Speaking & Writing Hubs) (16 October 2025) – https://prep.pirireis.edu.tr/duyurular/konusma-yazma-kulubu-duyurusu-speaking-writing-hubs/
- Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (KİDR) 2025 – https://pirireis.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/KIDR-2025.pdf

## 1.4 Community anti-poverty programmes

### 1.4.1 Training and mentoring support for local entrepreneurs

ARİSTTO, operating within the Office of the Dean of Research and the Technopark Economic Enterprise, organises BİGG (Individual Young Entrepreneurship) information days and briefings on patent processes.

EVIDENCE

- BİGG Project and patent processes information day (28 January 2025) – https://arge.pirireis.edu.tr/duyurular/%f0%9f%93%a2-bigg-projesi-ve-patent-surecleri-bilgilendirme-gunu/
- Office of the Dean of Research / ARİSTTO – https://arge.pirireis.edu.tr/

### 1.4.3 Social solidarity and access to basic needs

Together with Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul Okan University and Tuzla Municipality, PRU organised a public charity bazaar on the Tuzla coast for the benefit of earthquake survivors; aid parcels were sent to the earthquake region, and the Community Volunteers Club knitted scarves and beanies for children affected by the earthquake through the “Hope for Children through Stitches” project. Through the joint “Wish Tree Project” of the HAYDOK, Social Entrepreneurship, Sailing and TOG clubs, the wishes of children in need were fulfilled, and support was provided to the Coeliac Foundation.

EVIDENCE

- “Someone Hears You” charity bazaar – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/sesinizi-duyan-var-etkinligi-kermes/
- Food aid for earthquake victims – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/depremzedelere-yemek-yardimi/
- Community Volunteers Club knitting event – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/toplum-gonulluleri-kulubu-orgu-etkinligi/
- Wish Tree Project by our HAYDOK, SGK, YELKEN and İGK clubs (17 December 2024) – https://odek.pirireis.edu.tr/duyurular/haydok-sgk-yelken-ve-igk-kuluplerimizin-dilek-agaci-projesi/
- Support for the Celiac Foundation – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/colyak-vakfi-destek-yardimi/
- İmece (Collective Solidarity) Diary – https://pirireis.edu.tr/hakkimizda/toplumsal-katki/imece-gunlugu/

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

# Our Activities under SDG 1



## Book donations to the library

Books are donated to our Library to increase the number of printed books. These donations are made by individuals or institutions.

SDG 1

Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/kutuphaneye-yapilan-kitap-bagislari/



## Food aid for earthquake victims

Piri Reis University provided support by preparing and sending aid parcels to the earthquake region.

SDG 1 SDG 2

Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/depremzedelere-yemek-yardimi/



## Support for the Celiac Foundation

Record of support provided to the Celiac Foundation. The page text introduces coeliac disease and the foundation's work; the content (amount/quantity) of PRU's support is not specified.

SDG 1

Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/colyak-vakfi-destek-yardimi/

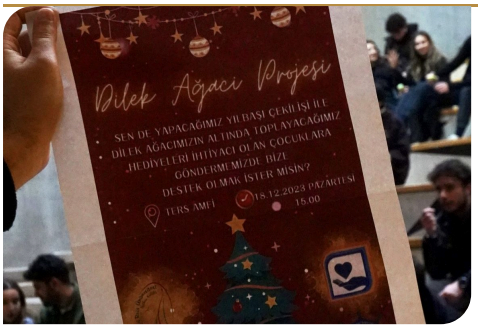



## Community Volunteers Club knitting event

Within the "Hope for Children with Every Stitch Project", the PRU-TOG club supported child earthquake victims by knitting scarves and hats.

SDG 1

Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/toplum-gonulluleri-kulubu-orgu-etkinligi/




## Wish tree project

Our PRU-HAYDOK, PRU-SGK, PRU-YELKEN and PRU-TOG clubs carried out the “Wish Tree Project” together.

**SDG 1**

Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/dilek-agaci-projesi/

ANNEX

# SDG 1 Activity Inventory

The table below lists all activities associated with SDG 1 during and before the reporting period that are publicly available on the university's websites. The links serve as evidence.

| Date | Activity | Unit | SDG |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17 December 2024 | Wish Tree Project by our HAYDOK, SGK, YELKEN and İGK clubs | ÖDEK – HAYDOK, Social Entrepreneurship (SGK), Sailing and Business and Entrepreneurship (İGK) Clubs | 10 1 17 |
| 21 October 2024 | Charity bazaar by the ultrAslan UNI Piri Reis group | ÖDEK – ultrAslan UNI Piri Reis Group | 1 17 |
| 2 October 2024 | Lokma distribution by our Social Entrepreneurship Club | ÖDEK – Social Entrepreneurship Club | 2 1 17 |
| | Book donations to the library | | 1 |
| | Food aid for earthquake victims | | 1 2 |
| | Support for the Celiac Foundation | | 1 |
| | Community Volunteers Club knitting event | | 1 |
| | Wish tree project | | 1 |

CONCLUSION

# Conclusion and Assessment

Piri Reis University helps students complete their studies without financial barriers through ÖSYM scholarship quotas, merit- and need-based discounts, a free student shuttle, free health and counselling services and subsidised student meals. Solidarity campaigns run by student clubs for earthquake survivors and children in need, together with ARİSTTO's entrepreneurship training, extend the fight against poverty beyond the campus.

Priorities for the coming period are to set measurable admission and graduation targets for students from low-income families by a decision of the Board of Trustees, to report the number of students receiving need-based aid regularly and to develop direct financial support mechanisms for local start-ups.




PRU
PÎRÎ REİS UNIVERSITY

# SDG 1: No Poverty

Piri Reis University · Sustainable Development Goals Report · 2024–2025 Academic Year and 2025 Financial Year

Piri Reis University, Postane Mah. Eflatun Sk. No:8, 34940 Tuzla / Istanbul, Türkiye
sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr · www.pirireis.edu.tr