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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.

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Healthy nutrition, food solidarity and sustainable seafood

PRU monitors food safety in campus catering services, provides food support to people in need through student clubs and researches the sustainable livelihoods of coastal fishing communities.

The campus dining hall is regularly inspected for hygiene and food safety by the Occupational Health Unit. The Culinary Arts programme of the Maritime Vocational School and PUSEM's Seafood Cuisine training generate professional knowledge on healthy and sustainable culinary practices.

Student clubs supported the Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association in food packaging and distribution, organised meal aid for earthquake survivors and provided regular food support to animal shelters. The BAP project "Seafood and Culinary Heritage in Fishing Villages" identified, through fieldwork, sustainable development opportunities for coastal fishing communities.

8
related activities and practices (all periods)

1
activities in the reporting period (Sep 2024 – Dec 2025)

4
related research projects (BAP, TÜBİTAK, EU)

7
fishing villages surveyed (BAP-2024-07)

Highlights of the period

- Hygiene and food safety inspection of dining services by the Occupational Health Unit
- Food packaging and distribution support for homeless people with the Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association
- Research on sustainable gastronomy tourism in 7 fishing villages on the Aegean, Marmara and Black Sea coasts (BAP-2024-07)
- THE Impact Rankings 2025 SDG 2: 801+ 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 2. Evidence for each indicator is provided with links.

2.3 Student hunger and food on campus

2.3.3 Vegetarian and sustainable food choices on campus

The dining hall offers at least one vegetarian main dish, a salad bar and fruit every day, and the calorie value of every dish is listed (e.g. the July 2025 menu). The monthly menu is published on the university website.

EVIDENCE

- Monthly dining menu – https://pirireis.edu.tr/pruda-yasam/yemek-menusu/
- Internal document: July 2025 Menu (FR.İİM.14) (available on request)

2.3.4 Healthy food choices and food safety on campus

Catering services on the Sea and Preparatory campuses are inspected for hygiene and food safety by the Occupational Health Unit, consisting of the workplace physician and nurses serving under Occupational Health and Safety Law No. 6331. The Unit also carries out analyses of drinking, pool and utility water.

As of September 2025, student lunch in the dining hall costs 75 TL compared with 165 TL for staff (excl. VAT); the university covers part of the cost of student meals.

EVIDENCE

- Occupational Health Unit (infirmary) – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/revir/
- Health Services – https://pirireis.edu.tr/pruda-yasam/saglik-hizmetleri/
- Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (KİDR) 2025 – https://pirireis.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/KIDR-2025.pdf
- Internal document: Catering invoice (September 2025) (available on request)

2.5 National hunger and local producers

2.5.1 Knowledge transfer to local fishers and food producers

Under project BAP-2024-07, led by Asst. Prof. Dr Uğur Kaçan, fieldwork was conducted in seven fishing villages on the Aegean, Marmara and Black Sea coasts, and in-depth interviews were held with 18 participants. The findings were reported, together with local development proposals on the sustainability of traditional fishing, gastronomic heritage and cooperative models based on women's labour, for sharing with producers.

EVIDENCE

• Seafood and culinary heritage in fishing villages: sustainable gastronomic tourism opportunities – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/balikci-koylerinde-deniz-urunleri-ve-lezzet-mirasi-surdurulebilir-gastronomik-turizm-firsatlari/

• Scientific Research Projects (BAP) – https://pirireis.edu.tr/hakkimizda/projeler/bilimsel-arastirma-projeleri/

Food solidarity with the community

Community **Food solidarity activities**

Student clubs provided packaging support for the Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association's distribution of basic food to homeless people, meal and aid parcels were sent to the earthquake region, and a public charity bazaar was organised in Tuzla for the benefit of earthquake survivors. The HAYDOK club provides monthly food support to the Tepeören animal shelter.

EVIDENCE

• Food packing and distribution support with the Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/corbada-tuzu-olsun-dernegi-ile-gida-paketlemesi-ve-dagitimi-destegi/

• Food aid for earthquake victims – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/depremzedelere-yemek-yardimi/

• "Someone Hears You" charity bazaar – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/sesinizi-duyan-var-etkinligi-kermes/

• HAYDOK pet food support – https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/haydok-mama-destegi/

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Our Activities under SDG 2



Pati Reis campus animals

The “Pati Reis Volunteer Animal Lovers Group”, founded as an amateur organisation by a group of academic and administrative staff at Piri Reis University and currently with 22 active members as well as many independent supporters, works with all its strength to ensure and sustain the welfare of stray animals living on and around the campus.

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Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/pati-reis-kampus-hayvanlari/



“Someone Hears You” charity bazaar

A charity bazaar open to the public was organised on Tuzla Beach for earthquake victims by Piri Reis University, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul Okan University and Tuzla Municipality.

SDG 2

Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/sesinizi-duyan-var-etkinligi-kermes/



HAYDOK pet food support

Our PRU-HAYDOK, PRU-Social Entrepreneurship and PRU-TOG clubs visited the Tepeören animal shelter and provided support with pet food and necessary care supplies. Food support for animals in the shelter and on the streets is provided regularly every month.

SDG 2

Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/haydok-mama-destegi/



HAYDOK traditional cinema night

With its planned “Traditional Cinema Night” event, the PRU-HAYDOK club aims to use the proceeds to meet the feeding and care needs of our animal friends.

SDG 2

Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/haydok-geleneksel-sinema-gecesi/



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/



Food packing and distribution support with the Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association

Through basic humanitarian aid distributions, “Çorbada Tuzun Olsun” meets the daily needs of homeless people while raising awareness to support their reintegration into society. The PRU-TOG club joined the Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association to help with packing and distributing food.

SDG 2

Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/corbada-tuzu-olsun-dernegi-ile-gida-paketlemesi-ve-dagitimi-destegi/



Lokma distribution to students

The Piri Reis University UltrAslan club distributed lokma (a traditional sweet) in memory of our heroic soldiers martyred in a treacherous attack by members of the separatist terrorist organisation in the Claw-Lock Operation region.

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Source: https://sustainability.pirireis.edu.tr/etkinlikler/ogrencilere-lokma-dagitimi/

RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

Research Projects Related to SDG 2

Below are research projects related to SDG 2 that were assessed as highly or moderately relevant to sustainability. They were compiled from final reports of Scientific Research Projects (BAP) and from BAP, TÜBİTAK and EU project records.

120493 · TÜBİTAK 1005

Design, Manufacture and Field Testing of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle for Monitoring Irrigation Efficiency

Prof. Dr. Tahir Hikmet KARAKOÇ

SDG 6 SDG 2

BAP-L-2024-04 · Student BAP · 2023-2024

Mechanical Design of an Agricultural Unmanned Ground Vehicle

Student project

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BAP-L-2024-05 · Student BAP · 2023-2024

Electronics of an Agricultural Unmanned Ground Vehicle

Student project

SDG 2 SDG 9

BAP-L-2024-06 · Student BAP · 2023-2024

Software for an Autonomous Agricultural Unmanned Ground Vehicle

Student project

SDG 2 SDG 9

ANNEX

SDG 2 Activity Inventory

The table below lists all activities associated with SDG 2 during and before the reporting period that are publicly available on the university's websites. The links serve as evidence.

Date	Activity	Unit	SDG
2 October 2024	Lokma distribution by our Social Entrepreneurship Club	ÖDEK – Social Entrepreneurship Club	2 1 17
	Pati Reis campus animals		2
	"Someone Hears You" charity bazaar		2
	HAYDOK pet food support		2
	HAYDOK traditional cinema night		2
	Food aid for earthquake victims		1 2
	Food packing and distribution support with the Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association		2
	Lokma distribution to students		2

CONCLUSION

Conclusion and Assessment

A daily vegetarian main dish, published calorie values and university-subsidised student meals support healthy and affordable food on campus. Food distribution with the Çorbada Tuzun Olsun Association, aid for earthquake survivors and a BAP project on sustainable livelihoods in fishing villages contribute to SDG 2 through community action and research.

Development areas include measuring food waste in kilograms and setting reduction targets, setting up a food bank or pantry for students and staff, organising knowledge-sharing events with local farmers and fishers and prioritising local and sustainable products in purchasing.



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