Evidence for Indicator 3.3.3

Shared sports facilities – sharing the University's indoor sports hall with the local community

Institution	Piri Reis University (Pîrî Reis Üniversitesi), Marine Campus (Deniz Kampüsü), Postane Mah. Eflatun Sk. No:8, 34940 Tuzla / Istanbul, Türkiye
SDG / metric	SDG 3 Good Health and Well-being – 3.3 Collaborations and health services – 3.3.3 Shared sports facilities
Question	Does your university as a body share sports facilities with the local community, for instance with local schools or with the general public?
Answer	Yes
Facility shared	Indoor Sports Hall (Kapalı Spor Salonu), Marine Campus
Community partner	Tuzla Municipality (Tuzla Belediyesi), the local district authority
Beneficiaries	Tuzla residents with disabilities and their families
Frequency	Recurring every year: 4 December 2024 (1st Engelsiz Fest) and 4 December 2025 (2nd Engelsiz Fest)
Data year	2025

Summary

Piri Reis University shares its indoor sports hall at the Marine Campus with the local community. Every year, Tuzla Municipality holds its "Engelsiz Fest" (Barrier-Free Festival) for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December) in the University's indoor sports hall. The festival brings local residents with disabilities and their families onto the campus for sports, science and hobby workshops, games, and music and dance performances.

This is a recurring arrangement, not a one-off event:

- **4 December 2024 –** first Engelsiz Fest, held at Piri Reis University Indoor Sports Hall (Evidence 1).
- **4 December 2025 –** second Engelsiz Fest, held again at Piri Reis University Indoor Sports Hall; the stage banner reads "2. Engelsiz Fest" (Evidence 2).

The University's 2024 Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (KİDR) also states that awareness events for 3 December International Day of Persons with Disabilities are organised at the University every year: https://pirireis.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/kidr-1161-2024.pdf

Evidence 1 – Engelsiz Fest 2024 in the University's Indoor Sports Hall (4 December 2024)

Date	4 December 2024 (news item dated 04.12.2024)
Venue	Piri Reis University Indoor Sports Hall (Kapalı Spor Salonu), Marine Campus, Tuzla
Organiser	Tuzla Municipality; venue provided by Piri Reis University
Source	https://web.archive.org/web/20260210145547/https://www.tuzla.bel.tr/icerik/11/8745/3-aralik-dunya-engelliler-gunune-ozel-engelsiz-fest-duzenlendi.aspx

Source note: this is Tuzla Municipality's official news item. The municipality has since moved to a new website and the original address (https://www.tuzla.bel.tr/icerik/11/8745/3-aralik-dunya-engelliler-gunune-ozel-engelsiz-fest-duzenlendi.aspx) no longer resolves, so the Internet Archive copy is used.

Tuzla Municipality official news – English translation

"3 December: 'Engelsiz Fest' organised for International Day of Persons with Disabilities"

"Tuzla Municipality took a meaningful step towards removing barriers with the Engelsiz Fest event, organised especially for 3 December International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The festival, held at Piri Reis University Indoor Sports Hall, offered a wide range of activities, from science workshops to hobby workshops, and from sports areas to play activities."

"At the festival held at Piri Reis University Indoor Sports Hall, participants took part in fun and educational workshops and had an unforgettable experience."

"Within the scope of Engelsiz Fest, various science, hobby and sports workshops as well as fun play activities took place. Participants spent enjoyable time together with people from different age groups."



Figure 1. Tuzla Municipality official news item dated 04.12.2024, naming Piri Reis University Indoor Sports Hall as the venue (top: Internet Archive address bar and municipality header). Screenshot captured on 6 November 2026.

Evidence 2 – Engelsiz Fest 2025 in the University's Indoor Sports Hall (4 December 2025)

Date	December 2025 (news items dated 04.12.2025)
Venue	Piri Reis University Indoor Sports Hall (Kapalı Spor Salonu), Marine Campus, Tuzla
Organiser	Tuzla Municipality; hosted by Piri Reis University
Sources	https://www.tuzlamanset.com/haber/tuzlada-engelsiz-fest-coskusu-yasandi-h4543.html
	https://pirireis.edu.tr/haberler/piri-reis-universitesi-tuzla-belediyesinin-engelsiz-fest-etkinligine-ev-sahipligi-yapti/

Local press report (Tuzla Manşet, 04.12.2025) – English translation

"Tuzla Municipality brought together citizens with disabilities and their families at the Engelsiz Fest it organised at Piri Reis University Indoor Sports Hall within the scope of 3 December International Day of Persons with Disabilities. At the festival, which offered a wide programme from rhythm and choir shows to folk dances, live music performances and play activities, mobility scooters were donated to four citizens with disabilities in need."



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Tuzla'da Engelsiz Fest Coşkusu Yaşandı

04 Aralık 2025, Perşembe - 13:12

Tuzla Belediyesi, 3 Aralık Dünya Engelliler Günü kapsamında Piri Reis Üniversitesi Kapalı Spor Salonu'nda düzenlediği Engelsiz Fest ile engelli vatandaşları ve ailelerini bir araya getirdi. Ritim ve koro gösterilerinden halk oyunlarına, canlı müzik performanslarından oyun aktivitelerine kadar geniş bir içerikle gerçekleştirilen festivalde, ihtiyaç sahibi dört engelli vatandaşa akülü araç hediye edildi.

Etkinlik, saygı duruşu ve İstiklal Marşı'nın okunmasıyla başladı. Açılış konuşmasını yapan Tuzla Belediye Başkan Yardımcısı Harun Oğuzhan, Belediye Başkanı Av. Eren Ali Bingöl'ün selamlarını ileterek Tuzla'da kapsayıcı sosyal belediyecilik anlayışının güçlenerek devam ettiğini ifade etti. Oğuzhan, "Engelli komşularımız bu şehrin kıyısında değil, tam merkezindedir" diyerek engelli bireylerin sosyal hayata tam ve eşit katılımının belediyenin temel önceliklerinden biri olduğunu vurguladı.

Figure 2. Local press report dated 04.12.2025 naming Piri Reis University Indoor Sports Hall as the venue. Screenshot captured on 6 November 2026.

Piri Reis University official news (04.12.2025) – English translation

"Piri Reis University Hosted Tuzla Municipality's 'Engelsiz Fest' Event"

"The 'Engelsiz Fest' organised by Tuzla Municipality was held at Piri Reis University. At the festival held on our University's campus, various workshops, activities and social areas were created for individuals with special needs. Enriched by the participation of our students and academic staff, Engelsiz Fest aimed to raise awareness and strengthen the participation of people with disabilities in social life."



Figure 3. Official Piri Reis University news item dated 04.12.2025. Screenshot captured on 6 November 2026.



Figure 4. Event photograph published by the University: the festival on the court of the indoor sports hall, with the University's name marked on the floor and the "2. Engelsiz Fest" banner on stage.

Relevance to Indicator 3.3.3

- **Sports facility shared:** the University's indoor sports hall, a regulation-size hall for basketball, volleyball and handball, was made available for the event.
- **Local community:** the event is organised by Tuzla Municipality, the local district authority, for Tuzla residents with disabilities and their families.
- **Health and well-being:** the programme included sports workshops, play activities and social participation for people with disabilities, in line with SDG 3.
- **Recurring, not one-off:** the facility was shared for the same community event in two consecutive years (2024 and 2025), and the University reports that 3 December events are held every year.
- **Public evidence:** all sources are publicly accessible web pages.