## CIFAL ISTANBUL

BAU RECTORATE SDGs EVENTS 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR ACTIVITY REPORT







October 2022



# 6.10.2022 – Roundtable on Climate Policy and Energy Cooperation Germany, and an Opportunity for EU-Turkey Relations



The aim of the meeting is to create a common vision and increase cooperation in the fight against climate change, taking into account mutual interests. It was aimed to assess the common goals and current efforts of Germany, Turkey and the EU in climate policies, to exchange information on joint projects and financing opportunities, and to create joint action plans on issues such as renewable energy and energy efficiency.



Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
Hibrit	21	8	13





### 06.10.2022 - 07.10.2022 - BAU FAO World Food Day "Leave No One Behind" Sustainable Farms Project **Competition Training**























Celebrated in more than 50 languages and in more than 150 countries, World Food Day marks the anniversary of the founding of FAO. It is FAO's most important annual event and one of the most recognized international days in the UN calendar. The campaign calls on everyone from governments to the private sector, from academia to civil society and from all walks of life, including young people, to be food heroes and build a sustainable future.

Within the scope of the BAU FAO World Food Day Leave No One Behind Sustainable Farms Project Competition Training organized in partnership with FAO, CIFAL Istanbul, BAU SUGAM and BAU Dean of Students, students from different educational levels were reached and aimed to take conscious steps in their lives as an active part of society with the philosophy of sustainable agriculture.

Students participating in the program were asked to work on the following topics to develop a sustainable farm project after the trainings:

- Engineering practice Policy making
- Increasing output and productivity New products and innovation
- Women's empowerment Bio-packaging
- IT Technologies

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
Online	31	11	20





#### 08.10.2022 - BAU Alumni Fest



In this event attended by Bahçeşehir University Alumni, CIFAL Istanbul and CIFAL Istanbul Youth Platform aimed to provide information and raise awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda.

In this event, the participants were asked to answer questions about the Sustainable Development Goals and in this way, information was given about each sustainable development goal. Information was also provided about the CIFAL Istanbul Youth Platform.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
In-Person	ТВС	TBC	TBC





#### 14.10.2022 - BAU FAO World Food Day "Leave No One Behind" Sustainable Farms Project Competition



Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
In-Person	58	22	36

BAU FAO World Food Day "Sustainable Farms Project Competition," organized under the theme "Leave No One Behind," is an event that seeks creative solutions for sustainability and accessibility on farms.

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#### 19.10.2022 - Our Journey to Become the Best Employer Seminar BAU COOP & Hilton Hotels



"Our Journey to Become the Best Employer" Seminar, organized in collaboration with BAU COOP and Hilton Hotels, offers a rich event focusing on the importance of employee happiness and job satisfaction in the business world. This special seminar offers participants an inspiring platform for employers to motivate their employees, increase engagement and make positive changes in the work environment.

The event includes informative sessions and interactive workshops led by speakers comprising leading industry experts. Participants will have the opportunity to develop effective leadership skills and strengthen their employer brand while exploring the latest trends and best practices in the world of work.

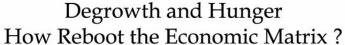
Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
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#### 20.10.2022 - Hunger Undone Downsizing and Hunger





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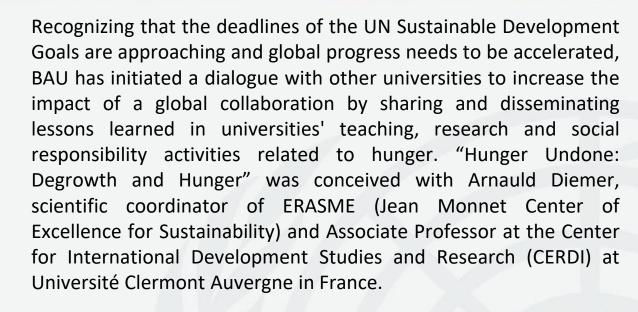


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'Degrowth' is defined as the planned reduction of consumption and production to achieve the goals of social justice and environmental quality. Degrowth is a new paradigm and raises controversial issues about the capitalist system, liberalism, market organization or growth ideology.

Type of event	Total number	Male	Female
Online	39	21	18





November 2022



#### 23.11.2022 - Future Talks: "We Get Consumed as We Consume"

## FUTURETALKS by SEY Vakfi

### "Tüketirken Tükeniyoruz"



Yekta Kopan Seslendirme Sanatcısı Moderatör



Begüm Yücel Baskan Vekili



**Deniz Atac** TEMA Yönetim Kurulu Başkanı



Prof. Dr. Haluk Gürgen BAU İletişim Fakültesi



Gözde Atasov Uno-Moi Kurucusu



**Emin Capa** 



Prof. Dr. **Acar Baltas** Psikolog



Tolga Akıs Hypers Kurucusu Yeni Medya İletişimcisi

Tarih: 23 Kasım 2022

Saat: 12.00-15.30

Yer: Zorlu PSM Sky Lounge

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Launched in 2020, the foundation's activities are focused on education. SEY Foundation's main objective is to provide equal opportunities in education by providing scholarships to children from low-income families. The Foundation also carries out many activities to create a platform for young people to present their initiatives, to increase good examples by rewarding people who benefit society, to provide education and seminars to students and parents in disadvantaged regions in accordance with the socioeconomic conditions of their regions.

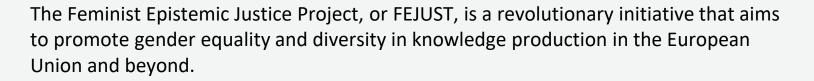
The theme of this year's SEY Foundation's Future Talks was "Women's issue, wife's issue". A conference was organized on this topic.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
In-Person	13	2	11





### 23.11.2022 - FEJUST Project Launch: Feminist Epistemic Justice in the EU and Beyond



The FEJUST Project Launch was an event focused on women's knowledge production. Participants focused on raising awareness in these areas by sharing the experiences of women knowledge producers, understanding the importance of feminist methodologies and highlighting the role of women in knowledge production. They also shared plans for future projects and contributed to setting future goals.



Type of event	Total number	Male	Female
In-Person	32	6	26





#### 28.11.2022 - CineDiscussion on Disarmament with 'Dr. Strangelove' Film Screening



Cine Discussion is an event organized to raise awareness about disarmament; the event included a screening of Dr. Strangelove and ended with a film discussion moderated by Prof. Dr. Esra Albayrakoğlu, Head of Political Science and International Relations Department at Bahçeşehir University.

In addition to raising awareness on what disarmament is, the event aimed to show that the issue is important enough to be the subject of many movies and TV series. At the same time, gender equality roles in the movie were also discussed.

Type of event	Total number	Male	Female
In-Person	41	22	19





#### 29.11.2022 - Hunger Undone: Soil Fertility and Hunger











#### **Soil Fertility & Hunger**

#### Yuen Yoong Leong

Director, Sustainability Studies, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Professor, Sunway University, Malaysia

29 November 2022







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#### Soil Fertility Is a Productive Capital Asset

#### Michael James Platts<sup>1</sup>, Yuen Yoong Leong<sup>2</sup>

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Apart from using microbes to restructure the soil and break the bonds of the salt compounds, silica is also another element needed to increase plants' resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses. The increased availability of silica with a soil ameliorant allows a reduction of pesticide usage and contributes to sustainable agriculture strongly, both financially and environmentally. Plants in good health do not need medicine.

Health, in a plant, is achieved by ensuring that innumerable health-giving and health-protecting details of this kind can be d maintained by the plant throughout its lifetime.



BAU SUGAM (Center for Sustainable Food Systems) at Bahçeşehir University, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and CIFAL Istanbul from UNITAR, invites to share such projects through online meetings.

Nourishing the fertility of poor soil by "seeding" it with the appropriate mix of microorganisms is transformational for plant health and productivity. In the program, hunger is addressed in the context of human and land.

The dissemination of similar cases in universities aims to create a first stepping stone in building cooperation by developing models that can be replicated and improved by many different communities

This course is organized as a web-based program on sustainable food systems with educators from numerous universities from around the world.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
Online	69	25	44

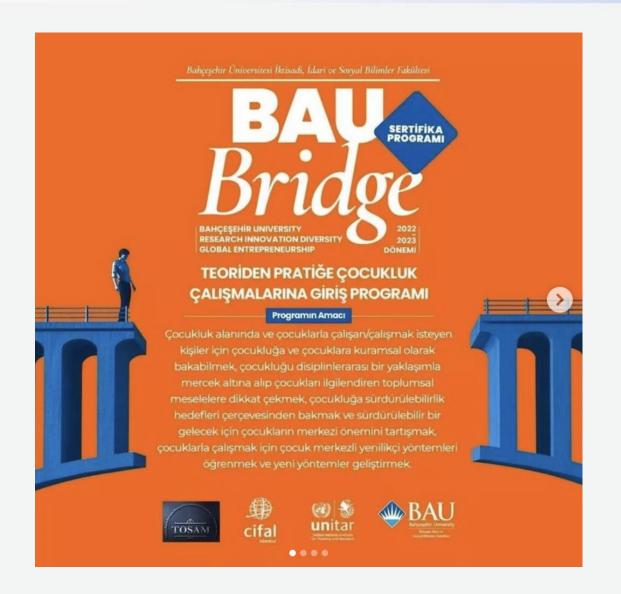




December 2022



### 6.12.2022 -29.12.2022 - BAU Bridge: Introduction to Childhood Studies from Theory to Practice



The aim of the program is to look at childhood and children theoretically for those who work with children and those who want to work with children, to focus on childhood with an interdisciplinary approach and to draw attention to social issues concerning children, to look at childhood within the framework of sustainability goals.

The program consists of courses on Theory of Children and Childhood, Childhood across Disciplines and Approaches, Sustainability and Childhood, Child-Centered Methods for Working with Children.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
Online	34	1	33





#### 07.12.2022 - CIYP First Anniversary Ceremony



It has been one year since CIFAL Istanbul Youth Platform was established under the roof of CIFAL Istanbul, UNITAR and Bahçeşehir University with the participation of Nikhil Seth, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations and Alex Mejia, President of CIFAL Global Network. BAU Global President Enver Yücel, Bahçeşehir University Rector Prof. Şirin Karadeniz and CIFAL Istanbul Director Prof. Ebru Canan-Sokullu attended the event.

CIYP aims to ensure the effective and active participation of young people in the promotion of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to utilize the skills of young people in guiding the Sustainable Development Goals.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
In-Person	33	11	22





#### 13.12.2022 - Women Entrepreneurs in Finance Panel



Gender equality in all areas of society is a fundamental human right and is essential for our societies to be safe, prosperous and thrive. When women entrepreneurs are successful, they are more likely to invest in their families and communities - in education, nutrition, welfare and child health. Moreover, their businesses are more likely to provide necessary services and opportunities to their communities.

Organized by the BAU Department of International Finance, the Women Entrepreneurs in Finance panel was held at BAU Faculty of Law Özer Seliçi Conference Hall to discuss the reality of being an entrepreneur as a woman with real-life experiences.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
In-Person	27	10	17





#### 14.12.2022 - Bahçeşehir College Basketball Match to Reduce Earthquake Risk



The 2030 Agenda makes an important commitment to preventing the negative consequences of disasters at all levels of sustainable development. Reducing disaster risks such as earthquakes is a fundamental element of sustainable development.

This event supports Sustainable Development Goal 11 "Sustainable Cities and Communities" and Sustainable Development Goal 11.5 "Reducing the Adverse Impacts of Natural Disasters" with the theme of sustainability. As stated in SDG 11.5, the 2030 Agenda aims to significantly reduce the number of deaths and people affected by disasters and significantly reduce direct economic losses relative to global gross domestic product, with a focus on protecting the poor and vulnerable.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
In-Person	ТВС	TBC	ТВС





### 14.12.2022 - Bahçeşehir College Basketball Match to Reduce Earthquake Risk









#### 17.12.2022 - BAU Messe Bio packaging Challenge Meeting



A briefing on the basic concepts of bio-packaging and why it is important. Participants observed examples of successful bio-packaging already done.

Having gained knowledge and ideas on bio-materials and advanced packaging technologies, the participants worked on their own bio-packaging designs

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
In-Person	32	13	19





#### 17.12.2022 - BAU Bridge: Sustainable Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Finance



It is an event organized for the exchange of information and ideas in the fields of sustainability-oriented entrepreneurship, innovation and finance. At the end of the event, it is aimed to provide participants with knowledge and ideas on topics such as the concept of sustainability-based entrepreneurship, examples of successful entrepreneurship, appropriate financing models for sustainable initiatives, the importance of environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria for investors.



Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
In-Person	ТВС	TBC	ТВС





## 21.12.2022 - FEJUST Gendering EU Politics Seminar Series: "The Impact of Non-Europeanization on Turkish Women's Organizations"



FEJUST - The Impact of Europeanization on Turkish Women's Organizations Seminar aims to strengthen the civil society structure by addressing the interaction of Turkish women's organizations with Europe. Challenges and opportunities in the Europeanization process, compliance with women's rights standards, preservation of identity and cultural values, the impact of European funding were discussed. At the same time, the strengthening of women's organizations and future goals were also assessed.

Type of event	Total number	Male	Female
In-Person	32	13	19





#### 22.12.2022 - Visit to United Nations Resident Coordinator Office - Ankara (Meeting)



In this meeting, UNHCR Office officials and CIFAL Istanbul team come together to talk about future opportunities for both organizations and to make room for collaboration with the participation of Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez from Canada as the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Turkey.

The meeting continued with a review of current or past collaborations or partnerships for both organizations and discussion of potential areas for future cooperation. The main objective was to brainstorm to identify potential ways in which the organizations can work together towards common goals or address common challenges when it comes to Sustainable Development, with a particular focus on youth participation.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
In-Person	6	3	3





January 2023





The School of Politics is a training program that presents the place of politics and politicians in the developing and changing world, politics and its sub-headings, various fields related to politics and important political developments in the past to the participants who aim to become the new leaders of the future. Three or four sessions are organized in each week of the program, which is planned as 9 weeks for 2023. With the lectures given by academics, politicians, economists, business people and experts in their fields in each session and the question-answer section immediately afterwards, the participants gain critical thinking, problem solving, etc. skills in the field of politics, and their questions are also answered. The School of Politics program, which is normally held face-to-face every year, was organized as a hybrid in 2023.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
Hibrit	107	57	50





#### 27.01.2023 - Sustainable Future Meetings - Adana



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Type of event Total number of People Male Female

In-Person 50 27 23

Bahçeşehir University is organizing meetings to serve a sustainable future through meetings and trainings with stakeholders from the sector, local governments and academia within the scope of the events planned to celebrate its 25th anniversary. This series of events will be held in various cities across Turkey with the aim of "Shaping a Sustainable Future" as a tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the Republic of Turkey.

The trainings provided at this conference were organized for members of the Adana Chamber of Industry, representing the sectoral leaders of one of Turkey's leading cities in agricultural production and tourism. With trainings on current trends in sustainability and the opportunities and risks they create, the brand perception of producers and individuals, and how to measure sustainability, "Transforming Sustainability from Local to Global" aimed to give the target audience a different perspective on the sector and their private lives.



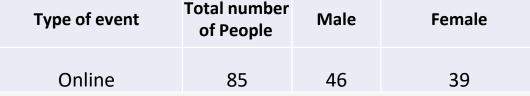


#### 31.01.2023 - Introduction to ESG



ESG is a three pillar system; the Environmental pillar is used to tackle environmental issues such as energy use, waste, pollution, conservation of natural resources, the Social pillar is used to tackle issues of gender inequality, economic constraints, religious and ethnic discrimination, and the Governmental pillar is used to address issues of international conflict, oppression and inequality.

The ESG Lecture is an online event organized by CIFAL Istanbul in collaboration with CIFAL Istanbul Youth Platform, UNITAR, CREDO & Stellenbosch University, Panorama, Global Academy and Bahçeşehir University and aims to provide an overview of the measurement systems of sustainability with a particular focus on the ESG system. In this course, participants will gain an understanding of the importance of the ESG model in operationalizing the Sustainable Development Goals and how they relate to each other to understand the scope and outcomes of the SDGs. Participants will develop a perspective on why the goals are useful for organizations that want to play a role in shaping a sustainable future.







February 2023



#### 03.02.2023 - International Relations Theory Training 2.0 'Game of Thrones' and 'Star Wars' Simulations



Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
Online	39	17	22

Inspired by one of the most popular TV series worldwide, "Game of Thrones", the simulation aims to take university students to the mystical universe of Game of Thrones to familiarize them with International Relations theories. This method of teaching International Relations theories aims to make the theoretical knowledge students learn permanent through gamification.

Seçkin Barış Gülmez presented 'Game of Thrones Simulations' to teach international relations theories and introduced the Star Wars universe as an alternative to Game of Thrones simulations.

In order for the theoretical approaches explained with abstract concepts and propositions to gain a permanent place in the minds of students, it is necessary to go beyond the classical narrative. In this sense, simulations in the course allow us to combine theory and practice and facilitate students to learn abstract concepts more effectively and apply them to various situations.





### 17.02.2023 - Earthquake Talk Series - Psychological Reflections for Staff (Public Lecture)







Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Bahar TANYAŞ

Moderatör: Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Bahar KÖSEOĞLU





16:00









The "Earthquake Talk Series" aimed to promote psychological healing, resilience and support among staff by equipping them with coping mechanisms and tools to manage stress, trauma and grief. Participants also learned about self-care practices to maintain their mental health while carrying out their duties in challenging times.

The event also highlighted the importance of addressing mental health in the aftermath of disasters and the need for ongoing support for those involved in rescue and recovery operations. Discussions and reflections were organized to provide insights for future disaster response strategies and employee assistance programs to better meet the psychological needs of personnel in crisis situations.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	19	2	17





#### 24.02.2023 - Earthquake Talk Series - Psychological Reflections for Students





PSİKOLOJİK YANSIMALAR Tüm Öğrencilerimiz Davetlidir



Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Miray AKYUNUS

Moderatör: Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Bahar KÖSEOĞLU











"Talking Earthquake Series: Psychological Reflections" event was organized as a response to the devastating earthquake that hit Turkey and left a significant impact. This event was organized to address the psychological consequences of the earthquake and provide support to students experiencing trauma and emotional distress as a result of the disaster.

It aimed to create a safe and inclusive platform for students affected by the earthquake to share their experiences and feelings, offer psychological support and counseling to help students cope with trauma and stress, and raise awareness on mental health and resilience in the face of natural disasters.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
Online	13	2	11





### 24.02.2023 - STUDENT COMPETITION FOR BIO-BASED PACKAGING USING FOOD WASTE - SAVE FOOD Initiative Messe Düsseldorf & BAU



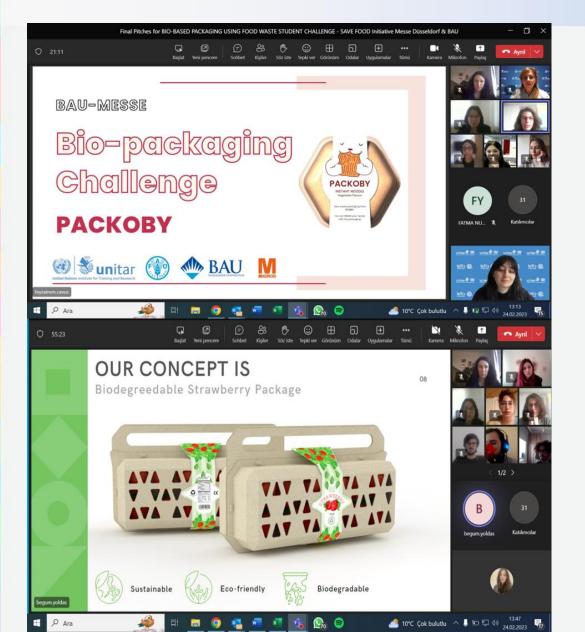
Based on the previous meeting with FAO-Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, Bahçeşehir University (BAU) was invited to partner with Messe Düsseldorf GmbH within the SAVE FOOD - Reducing Food Loss and Waste Initiative. This collaboration is designed as a student challenge on a novel food bio-packaging solution using food waste/food by-products to be called "STUDENT CHALLENGE ON BIO-BASED PACKAGING USING FOOD WASTE - SAVE FOOD Initiative Messe Düsseldorf GmbH & BAU". BAU, Messe Düsseldorf GmbH, CIFAL Istanbul and UNITAR were the project partners. The project is coordinated by Dr. Zeynep Tacer Caba in collaboration with CIFAL Istanbul.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	36	11	25





## 24.02.2023 - STUDENT COMPETITION FOR BIO-BASED PACKAGING USING FOOD WASTE - SAVE FOOD Initiative Messe Düsseldorf & BAU (Workshop)



Through this project, they "learn by doing" and gain a deep understanding of the process of developing new food packaging. Students took courses on Food Packaging, Materials Science, Design Thinking and Nanotechnology Applications.

Each group presented their project in 10 minutes, followed by a Q&A session. After all the groups made their presentations, the jury reviewed each project and it was decided that the two winning groups would go to the Food Packaging Trade Fair (Messe Düsseldorf/Interpack Trade).

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	36	11	25





March 2023



#### 17.03.2023 - Earthquake Talk Series: Ensuring Sustainable Risk Management in the Hospitality Industry

The Turkey Earthquake was a recent natural disaster in Turkey that caused significant damage to the country's infrastructure, including the hospitality sector. The earthquake is a reminder of the importance of sustainable risk management in the hospitality sector, which can help businesses prepare for and mitigate the impact of such disasters.

The aim of the public lecture is to raise awareness about the importance of sustainable risk management in the hospitality sector, with a particular focus on the Turkey Earthquake. The lecture aimed to inform participants about the impact of the earthquake on the hospitality sector and highlight best practices for sustainable risk management.

Type of event	Total number of People	Male	Female
Online	11	8	2

BAHÇEŞEHİR ÜNİVERSİTESİ İKTİSADİ, İDARİ VE SOSYAL BİLİMLER FAKÜLTESİ



DRIVING A SUSTAINABLE RISK MANAGEMENT IN HOSPITALITY SECTOR

(Etkinliğimiz İngilizce Gerçekleşecektir)



Prof. Dr. Farzaneh Soleimani Zoghi

SRH Berlin University of Applied Sciences

Moderatör: Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Bahar KÖSEOĞLU















## 20.03.2023 – FEJUST: "Gendering European Integration - Theoretical Perspectives and Implications"



Type of event Total number of People Male Female
Online 23 6 17

Gender is a fundamental factor in European integration. Despite this, gender is often overlooked in discussions on European integration, focusing instead on economics and politics. This public conference aims to raise awareness of the importance of gender in European integration by exploring theoretical perspectives and their implications for policy and practice.

The objectives of the Gender Identification European Integration - Theoretical Perspectives and Implications lecture are:

- To introduce participants to the concept of gender and its importance in European integration.
- To provide an overview of theoretical perspectives on gender and European integration.
- To examine the implications of gender for policy and practice in the context of European integration.
- To stimulate critical thinking and debate on the role of gender in European integration.





#### 23.03.2023 - Sustainability and Risk Management: Resilience



Sustainability and risk management are two critical areas of concern in today's world. This public lecture on sustainability and risk management is organized to explore the concept of resilience - the ability of systems to withstand and recover from shocks and stresses - as a key component of sustainable risk management.

It aims to provide an overview of the key sustainability and risk management challenges facing organizations and individuals today, explore the concept of resilience and its importance in sustainable risk management, and provide practical guidance on how individuals and organizations can develop and implement resilience strategies to effectively manage sustainability risks.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	12	4	8





#### 06.03.2023 - 05.06.2023 - BAU Diplomat School



The Diplomat School course is designed for students who want to learn about diplomacy, international relations and the workings of foreign policy. The course provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of the history and principles of diplomacy, as well as the skills and techniques necessary to engage in diplomatic negotiations, build relationships and resolve conflicts. It aims to provide students with an understanding of the history and principles of diplomacy, equip students with the skills and techniques necessary to engage in diplomatic negotiations, build relationships and resolve conflicts, and enable students to analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of diplomatic strategies.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	56	20	36

















## 31.03.2023 - Seminars on Politics and Society Research: Non-State Actors in Climate Management in the Mediterranean

### **BAHÇEŞEHİR ÜNİVERSİTESİ** İKTİSADİ İDARİ VE SOSYAL BİLİMLER FAKÜLTESİ SİYASET BİLİMİ VE ULUSLARARASI İLİŞKİLER BÖLÜMÜ VE HÜKÜMET VE LİDERLİK OKULU İŞDİrliĞİYle SİYASET VE TOPLUM ARAŞTIRMALARI SEMİNERLERİ AKDENIZ'DE İKLİM YÖNETİŞİMİNDE DEVLET DIŞI AKTÖRLER Prof. Dr. Emre İşeri Yaşar Üniversitesi Akdeniz Uygulama ve Araştırma Merkezi Müdürü Uluslararası İlişkiler Bölümü Öğretim Üyesi Moderatör: Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Zekeriya Tüzen

The seminar is relevant to the growing awareness of the importance of climate change issues in the Mediterranean region and the need for effective climate governance. Participants are encouraged to engage in critical discussions on the various perspectives and practices of non-state actors in climate governance, and their potential impact on policy-making processes in the Mediterranean region.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	20	7	13





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April 2023



## 06.04.2023 - "STUDENT COMPETITION FOR BIO-BASED PACKAGING USING FOOD WASTE" Project Sites



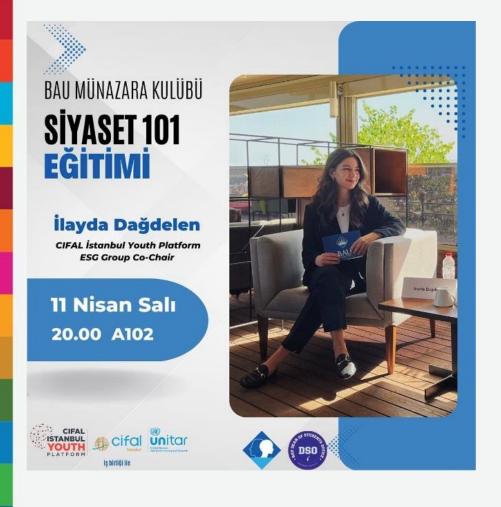
Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	17	11	6

In relation to a previous meeting with the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, Bahçeşehir University (BAU), in partnership with Messe Düsseldorf GmbH within the scope of the FOOD Saving Initiative on Reducing Food Loss and Waste, the project consists of six different student groups (28 students in total). The programmes work in interdisciplinary alongside BAU Industrial Design, Industrial groups Engineering, Computer Engineering, Molecular Biology and Genetics, Electrical/Electronics Engineering, Energy Systems Engineering Programmes. The project was launched on 17 December 2022. The teams worked on their projects for almost three months. At the final field meeting with the groups, they presented the results of their work to the esteemed jury members who decided on two groups to represent BAU and CIFAL Istanbul at the Interpack 2023 Fair in Düsseldorf in May. The winning groups presented their projects, followed by a Q&A session with partners from Messe Düsseldorf to finalise the presentations for the 'Spotlight Talks & Trends' session at Interpack 2023.





#### 11.04.2023 - CIFAL Istanbul Youth Platform & BAU Debate Club: Politics 101



The course aims to introduce students to the basic concepts, theories and methods of political science and the study of politics.

The course is about enabling students to understand and analyse the key actors, institutions and processes that shape political behaviour and decision-making in different contexts such as domestic, international and comparative politics.

The aim of the Politics 101 course is to equip students with a basic understanding of politics and political science that can help them navigate the complexities of the world of politics and become informed and engaged citizens.



Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	24	18	6





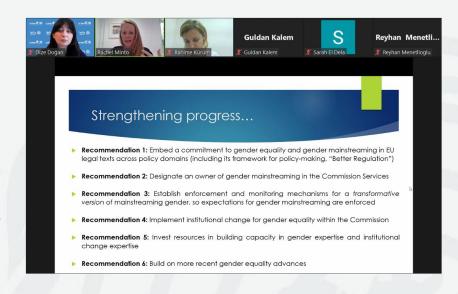
## 24.04.2023 - FEJUST: 'Mainstreaming Gender Equality in EU Institutions (European Commission and European Parliament)



This event aims to raise awareness on the importance of gender mainstreaming in European Union (EU) institutions and its role in advancing gender equality and women's rights.

The aim of this event is to open a debate on the role of different actors, including civil society organisations, policy makers and gender experts, in promoting gender mainstreaming and advancing gender equality in EU institutions.

The event also analyses the impact of gender equality on policy-making processes and outcomes in various areas such as employment, social protection, health and education.



Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	26	6	20





## 17.04.2023 - 13.05.2023 - BAU Bridge Sustainability and Social Responsibility Project Development and Implementation Certificate Programme



This programme consists of five main parts and related objectives.

- 1) Sustainability, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), learning the basic concepts and basic theoretical discussions on their subjects
- 2) To learn the debates and new conceptual perspectives on changing social conditions during and after the Covid-19 process.
- 3) To learn the basic concepts and basic theoretical debates on agriculture and sustainability, sustainable urban life, migration and social cohesion in the context of the 'New Normal'.
- 4) Learn the debates and new conceptual perspectives on sustainability and crime
- 5) Gains knowledge and analytical skills related to project development and writing stages, project implementation and report preparation processes in the field of sustainability. Also to learn about Fund Utilisation and stakeholder management.

Type of participat	ion Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	42	ТВС	ТВС



Within the scope of the course, social problems in the COVID-19 process, 'violence against women', 'migrants and refugees', 'migration and social cohesion', 'crime and social sustainability'; Project development and implementation examples focused on solution proposals in areas such as 'Rehabilitation', 'public health', 'management in crisis and disasters' will be made.





May 2023



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Within the scope of the project, six different student groups (28 students in total) from BAU's Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering Master's Programmes and Industrial Design, Industrial Engineering, Computer Engineering, Molecular Biology and Genetics, Electrical/Electronics Engineering, Energy Systems Engineering Programmes are working interdisciplinary.

The project was launched on 17 December 2022. The teams worked on their project for almost three months. In the final presentation meeting with the groups, they presented the results of their work to the esteemed jury members who decided on the two groups that were eligible to represent BAU and CIFAL Istanbul at the Interpack 2023 Trade Fair in Düsseldorf.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
In-Person	11	3	8





## 05.05.2023 - Policy and Society Research Seminars - America: Global Ambitions, Limited Means

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organised to introduce participants to new aspects of politics and its relationship with other social issues in America. The aim of the seminar is to explain and understand the political atmosphere in America and to analyse the past and current roles of political figures.

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Society Seminars

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Hibrit	28	14	14

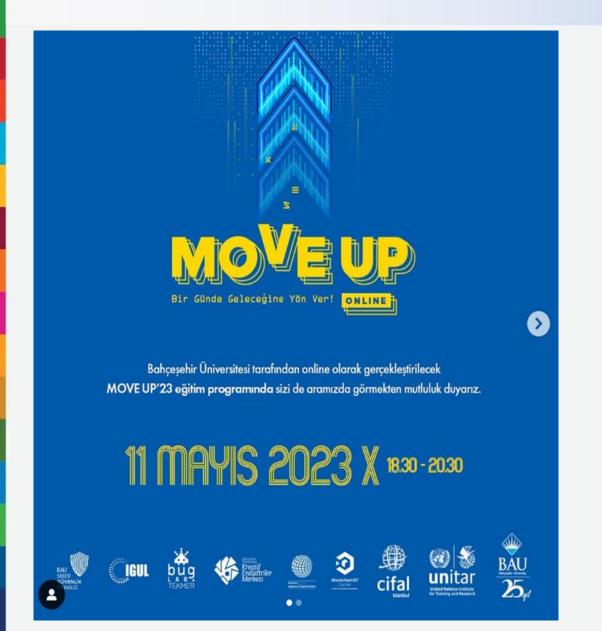
# Let's Summarize... • There will be wars • Money is essential to finance the nation security apparatus of a Global Power • Today the US National Debt is \$ 31 Trillion...yes Trillion • The US no longer has the discretionary money it used to have







#### 11.05.2023 - 'MOVE UP' Shape Your Future in One Day



The 'MOVE UP' event is an annual programme attended by thousands of students from many major cities, with the aim of guiding their careers and helping students meet new professions and opportunities. Artificial Intelligence and IT Law, FinTech and Crypto Economy, Power of Knowledge: Big Data, the seminar was held online for the first time in 2023.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	ТВС	ТВС	ТВС





## 12.05.2023 - Policy and Society Research Seminars - Brexit: European Perception and Politics



12.05.2023 - Policy and Society Research Seminar - Brexit: Perception and Politics of Europe The seminar is organised to provide participants with new insights into politics in Europe and its relationship with other social issues. The aim of the seminar is to analyse the relationship between politics and society in the context of Europe and Brexit. The aim is to enable participants to understand the historical context of Brexit, to learn about the political and economic consequences of Brexit for the United Kingdom, to reflect on the European Union's perspective on Brexit and its impact on EU member states, and to understand and compare the impact of Brexit on other political movements in Europe.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	23	10	13





#### 12.05.2023 - Energy Security, Transition and Sustainability



The event aims to explore pathways towards a more resilient and sustainable energy future. Energy Security, Transition and Sustainability is an event organised in response to growing concerns about the sustainability and security of existing energy systems. At the end of the event, participants are expected to learn about the importance of renewable energy and sustainability, gain the knowledge to understand the impact of geopolitical factors on energy security, and learn about the financial aspects of energy security, transition and capacity building.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Hibrit	29	14	15



















#### 22.05.2023 - September 2023 - Women's Energy on Campus with Akenerji and Akkök Group



Women's Energy on Campus is an event organised to increase the employment rate and effectiveness of women in the energy sector. It is aimed to make the energy sector more attractive for young women who are new to business life. One of the main objectives of the event is to inspire women.

Participants in the training programme, which should last approximately two months, will work in groups of 8-10 students to develop projects related to the energy sector. Within the scope of the event, seminars and trainings were given on career planning and human resources management in sectors such as energy, economy, finance, etc. in Turkey. Participants of the training programme will work in groups to develop and present their projects. Finally, a certificate ceremony is planned to be held after the project presentations.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Hibrit	84	4	80





June 2023



#### 01.06.2023 - Değişim Zamanlarında Liderlik



Organised as a public lecture, this event aims to explore the critical role of leadership in addressing global challenges. Drawing on his extensive expertise, keynote speaker Mr Alex Meija explored the key characteristics and strategies necessary for leaders to manage complex social, economic and environmental issues while promoting inclusion and sustainability. Through in-depth analyses and practical examples, the course aims to inspire individuals from various sectors to become effective leaders who can drive positive change in a rapidly changing world.

The aim of the event is to recognise the vital role of youth in shaping the future and to place a significant emphasis on youth participation. It emphasises that engaging and empowering youth is crucial to effectively address global challenges and ensure sustainable development, as the inclusion of the youth perspective brings new ideas, innovative solutions and a deep understanding of emerging trends.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Hibrit	54	25	29





## 02.06.2023 - Policy and Society Research Seminars: Crisis-Induced Change: Acceleration of Privatisation in Times of Economic Crisis



Through an interdisciplinary lens, this session explores the underlying factors, consequences and impacts of this trend, shedding light on how economic crises can act as a catalyst for transformative changes in governance and the allocation of public resources.

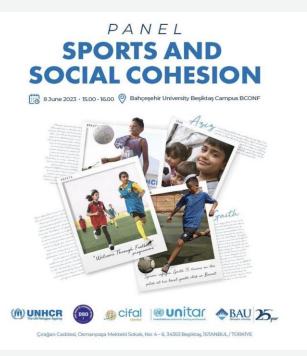
The aim of the event is to examine the relationship between economic crises and the acceleration of privatisation and to understand how political dynamics and social changes intersect in this context. Analysing case studies and theoretical frameworks, the seminar aims to shed light on how economic crises can act as a catalyst for the privatisation of public services and assets.

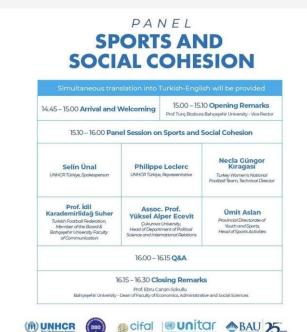
Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	11	5	6





#### 08.06.2023 - Panel: Sport and Social Cohesion





The 'Sport and Social Cohesion' panel was organised in line with the cooperation protocol signed between UEFA and UNHCR to harness the transformative power of football to support refugees' access to sport and strengthen their integration with host communities. The event aimed to explore how sport, especially football, can unite people, using sport as a tool for social cohesion, while exploring the important role of sport in promoting social cohesion in the case of having to live elsewhere.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
In-Person	87	42	45





#### 12.06.2023-31.07.2023 - STEP Ambassadors to Development Journey Programme



The aim of the event, organised in cooperation with Yapı Kredi and Bahçeşehir University, was to draw attention to sustainability goals and to take steps in this direction. In the course organised to explore sustainability in all its aspects, 16 topics were discussed in 16 sessions.

At the end of the event; it was aimed to understand sustainable development goals, raise awareness about the climate crisis, learn about the measures that can be taken to reduce carbon footprint, encourage participants to take action, and gain critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	200	ТВС	ТВС





## 14.06.2023 - Field Trip to Akenerji Uluabat Hydroelectric Power Plant within the scope of Women's Energy on Campus Programme



As part of the Women's Energy on Campus Programme, a field trip was organised in cooperation with Akenerji. The aim of this field trip was to show students the stages and process of electricity generation.

At the end of the event, it is aimed to understand the electricity generation process, to have an idea about job opportunities in the sector, to gain new perspectives on how technology works in the field, to learn about working conditions, to understand the social and environmental consequences of energy production.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female	
In-Person	14	ТВС	ТВС	





October 2023





#### 03.10.2023 Final Evaluations for Women's Energy on Campus 2 with Akenerji and Akkök Holding



At the 'Women's Energy on Campus 2' event, organised jointly by Akenerji and Akkök Holding, the latest assessments were made on the roles and leadership of women in the energy sector. Participants developed strategies to increase the potential of women in the sector and discussed the steps to be taken in the future.



#### 10.10.2023 FAO BAU World Food Day Workshop



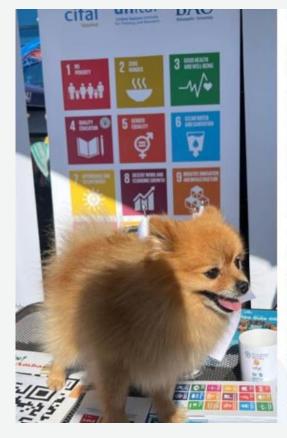
The World Food Day workshop featured discussions on food security and sustainable food production. Participants worked on strategies to combat global hunger and emphasized the importance of international cooperation and coordination to improve food security.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
In-person	25	16	9





#### 16.10.2023 Meeting With Students in Clubs Week













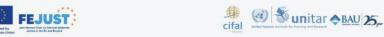
#### 20.10.2023 FEJUST Gendering EU Politics Seminar Series: Gender, Crisis and EU Integration



On 20.10.2023, as part of the FEJUST Gendering EU Politics Seminar Series, "Gender, Crisis and EU Integration", discussions were held on the role of gender in the policy processes of the European Union and the importance of a gender perspective in times of crisis.

Participants emphasized the need to strengthen gender equality policies in the EU integration process and discussed relevant strategies.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online			







#### 26.10.2023 SDGs and Beyond: SDG 4 Reflections and Experiences on Quality Education



On 23.10.2023, at the event "SDGs and Beyond: Reflections and Experiences on SDG 4 Quality Education" on 23.10.2023, participants shared their thoughts and experiences on quality education in the context of sustainable development goals. Suggestions for improving quality in education were presented and future steps were discussed.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Hibrit	15	8	7













## 25.10.2023-26.10.2023 Radboud Earth System Governance Conference 2023 Innovative Session & Semi-Plenary



The Radboud Earth System Governance Conference 2023, held on October 25-26, 2023, featured innovative sessions and semi-plenary plenary sessions. In this event, the latest developments on global environmental governance issues were discussed and various experts worked on strategies for environmental sustainability.





## November 2023





#### 02.11.2023 - Feminist Art in Resistance: Aesthetics, Methods and Politics of Art in Turkey



The event will include discussions on the role of feminist art in resistance, the aesthetics, methods and politics of art in Turkey. In this context, the contribution of art to gender equality will be analyzed through the experiences and works of feminist artists.

Participants will explore how feminist art shapes forms of resistance and how it has become a tool for social change. The aesthetic and political dimensions of feminist art were addressed and the place and importance of art in the struggle for gender equality was emphasized.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
In-person	18	4	14





#### 16.11.2023 - FEJUST Gender Politics in EU Politics: Gender, Crises and EU Integration



The focus was on how gender policies were shaped during the EU integration process and how these policies evolved in the face of crises. The event aimed to discuss the adequacy of the EU's current policies to ensure gender equality and how they can be strengthened in times of crisis.

Participants reflected on the challenges and opportunities for women in the post-pandemic era and developed strategic recommendations for the future of the EU's gender policies.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	23	2	21











#### 09.11.2023 - SDGs and Beyond: Challenges and Opportunities for the SDGs on the Road to 2030



The event addressed the challenges and opportunities for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNTAR Director Alex Meija discussed the current barriers to SDG implementation and the strategies needed to achieve them.

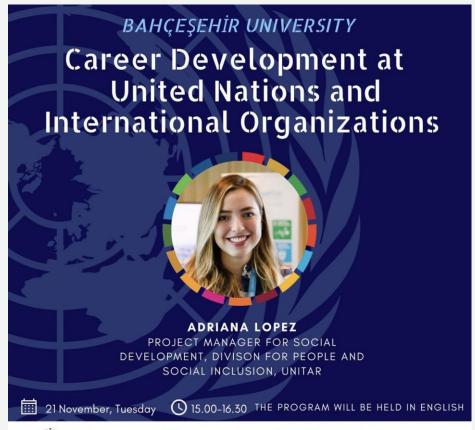
Participants exchanged ideas on how to realize the SDGs more effectively by 2030, emphasizing the need to develop innovative solutions and collaborations to overcome barriers to sustainable development. The event provided an important platform to identify the next steps for the SDGs.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
In-person	33	11	22





## 21.11.2023 - Career Development in United Nations and International Organizations, CIFAL Istanbul Youth Platform



The event provided important information and guidance for young people interested in pursuing a career in the international arena. Ms. Adriana Lopez, UNITAR Social Development Project Manager, informed the participants about career paths, application processes and necessary skills.

The event also focused on strategies for young people to take an active role in global affairs and how they can develop themselves. The event aimed to help young professionals evaluate career opportunities in the international arena and plan the steps they will take on this path.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
In-person	22	12	10





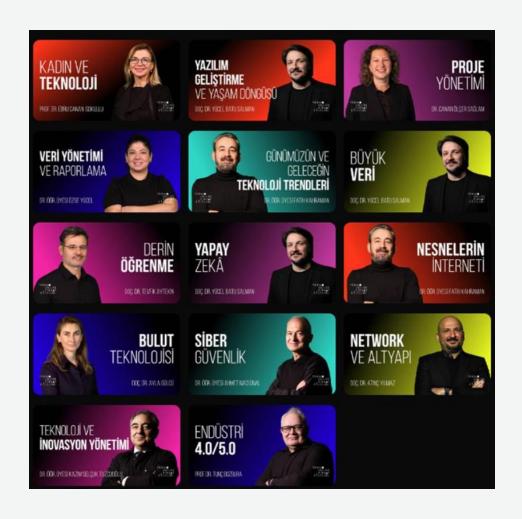








#### 21.11.2023 - Equal Opportunity in Technology Program with Yapı Kredi Bank



The Equal Opportunity in Technology Program was organized to ensure gender equality in technology and to contribute to women assuming more active and powerful roles in technology. Within the scope of the program, experts in the field have created a 14-course program as an introduction to women's technology education.

In addition, guidance and mentoring for women who want to pursue a career in technology will be offered within the program. Participants had the opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills thanks to the intensive program on different topics. The program was evaluated as an important step to create equal opportunities in the technology sector and strengthen the presence of women in this field.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	1761	109	1610





#### 24.11.2023 - Politics and Society Research Seminars: The Future of the European Union and Turkey



The event was organized to discuss in depth the future directions of the European Union and its relations with Turkey. The seminar series was organized with the participation of academics, experts and students and focused on current challenges facing the EU, enlargement policies and Turkey's EU accession process. It also focused on the future shape of EU-Turkey relations and the potential opportunities and threats for both sides.

Throughout the seminars, participants analyzed the political and economic dynamics of the EU and Turkey's role within this framework and developed strategic recommendations for the future. The event was considered as an important platform shedding light on the future of relations between the EU and Turkey.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
Online	26	12	14





## December 2023





#### 06.12.2023 - Turkish Diplomacy in the 100th Year of the Republic



Turkish Diplomacy in the 100th Anniversary of the Republic" event was organized to celebrate Turkey's diplomatic achievements and strategies for the future. During the event, important milestones in Turkey's 100-year diplomatic history and its role in international relations were discussed. Academics and diplomats,

They discussed Turkey's foreign policy achievements and future goals and emphasized the place of Turkish diplomacy on the world stage. They also touched upon the important roles of women in Turkish diplomacy from past to present.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
In-person	74	30	44





## 26.12.2023 - The SDGs and Beyond: Is it Possible to Phase Out Fossil Resources? COP 28 and Climate Negotiations



The event was organized to discuss fossil fuel phase-out strategies and the future of climate negotiations. In the aftermath of COP 28, experts and academics discussed ways to reduce the use of fossil fuels and transition to renewable energy to achieve sustainable development goals.

Participants exchanged views on the measures to be taken to combat climate change, international cooperation and the outcomes of COP 28. The event provided an important platform to assess whether a transition away from fossil resources is possible and how this process can be managed.

Type of participation	Total # participants	Male	Female
In-person	12	9	3







## Thank you!



