

YILDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT POLICY

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Statutory Bases

Relying mostly on governmental funds and revolving funds and as a public university operating under the <u>Higher Education Act</u>, Law No. 2547, YTU has a rigorous budget planning and allocation procedures. YTU is obliged to adhere to the principles of sustainable investment as per the laws and regulations listed here:

- Public Procurement Act, Law No. 4734
- Public Procurement Contracts Act, Law No: 4735
- Public Financial Management and Control Act, Law No. 5018
- <u>Construction Works Tender Regulations</u>, Official Gazette Date: 04.03.2009 and No. 27159
- <u>Construction Contracts Inspection and Acceptance Regulations</u>, Official Gazette Date: 04.03.2009 and No. 27159
- <u>Service Procurement Tender Regulations</u>, Official Gazette Date: 04.03.2009 and No. 27159

To achieve maximum efficiency in sustainable investment policies and to ensure governance and application of sustainable investment in all operations, YTU has a variety of accompanying international standards, internal policies and plans obtained and enacted which are as follows:

- > <u>TS EN ISO 9001:2015</u>, Date of Issue:
- > ISO 14001:2015, Date of Issue: 06.04.2021
- > YTU Climate Change Action Plan 2022-2050
- > YTU Sustainable Development Policy
- > YTU Environment Policy, YD-066
- > YTU Societal Impact Policy, YD-071
- > YTU Strategic Plan, 2021-2025
- ➤ Zero Waste Certificate, TS/34/B2/6/119-Date of Issue: 28.10.2020

Thanks to these governance documents aimed at a well-coordinated coordination of interdepartmental nature, several directorates successfully adhere to the principles of sustainable investment.

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Overview

Within the context of the mentioned laws, rules, and regulations, YTU is ultimately accountable to public, society, and environment in deploying its resources in a way

- to follow the principles of sustainable investment.
- to see to it that any procedures involved in investment are transparent.
- to make sure that there is an efficient and effective use of resources.
- to accurately make projections towards needs and requirements investment projects in time and to conveniently tackle them.
- to ensure that environmental impact assessments are carried out in grand construction investments and that there is no potential harm to environment or nature.

Sustainable Investment Policy at Yildiz Technical University

The directorates of strategy development, administrative and financial affairs, construction, and technical works, assume the responsibility of strictly and diligently following and monitoring every detail of investment activities. The relevant bodies carefully watch and assess that YTU's investment activities take environmental, social, and administrative aspect into consideration for the sake of society towards a sustainable future.

Objectives

YTU's fiduciaries are, but not limited to following commitments:

- ❖ YTU prioritizes energy-saving applications in renovation works such as deploying insulants targeted at preventing heat loss in investments involving construction.
- YTU aims to put all facilities, buildings, and such through rigorous energy audit procedures to better plan and project on future investment plans.
- ❖ YTU will implement assessment and evaluations towards obtaining energy identity certificate for buildings on campuses.

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- YTU prioritizes sustainable management of facilities in investment plans through the introduction of solar panel installments, water efficient sanitaryware, water recycling and treatment systems.
- ❖ YTU has taken actions and is planning to take further action regarding the reduction of carbon emissions throughout campuses by introducing means and applications of clean transportations such as installing electric vehicle charge infrastructure and shared mobility applications.
- ❖ YTU is prioritizing inclusive education within the scope of sustainable development goals by directing further investment by making applications such as ramps, Braille's, tactile paving, etc. common in buildings, premises, roads on campuses.

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