

YILDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

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Statutory Bases

As a public university operating under the Higher Education Act, Law No. 2547, Yildiz Technical University (YTU) has strict internal mechanisms guaranteeing that sustainable procurement is always a priority and ensured in purchasing of equipment, consumables, movable property, and construction.

The internal mechanisms referred to here are derived from national laws, as well as national and organizational rules and regulations. The relevant laws and regulations are listed below:

- Public Procurement Act, Law No. 4734
- Public Procurement Contracts Act, Law No: 4735
- Public Financial Management and Control Act, Law No. 5018
- <u>Allowances Act</u>, Law No. 6245
- Movable Property Regulations, Official Gazette Date: 18.01.2017 and No. 26407

Aside from the above national laws and regulations, YTU makes sure that its internal mechanisms guaranteeing sustainable procurement are simultaneously accompanied by globally standardized quality management systems along with internally developed policies derived from those management systems and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which are as follows:

- > <u>TS EN ISO 9001:2015</u>, Date of Issue: 17.06.2021
- ▶ <u>ISO 14001:2015</u>, Date of Issue: 06.04.2021
- > <u>YTU Climate Change Action Plan</u> 2022-2050
- YTU Sustainable Development Policy
- > <u>YTU Environment Policy</u>, YD-066
- > <u>YTU Societal Impact Policy</u>, YD-071
- > <u>YTU Strategic Plan</u>, 2021-2025
- Zero Waste Certificate, TS/34/B2/6/119-Date of Issue: 28.10.2020

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Overview

Thanks to the above-mentioned national legalities, international quality management certification, organizational action plans and policies aimed at achieving efficient use of resources and sustainable procurement at YTU, all staff – administrative and academic, students, along with external suppliers, contractors understand that all procedures involved in procurement are subject to the principle of sustainability and that sustainable purchasing of goods and services have profound influences on economy, society and environment.

This policy is YTU's manifestation of adopting sustainable procurement so as to reduce any social, economic, or global effects in its operations wherever applicable by following rigorous and thorough internal policies and purchasing mechanisms in practice throughout its relevant bodies including academic and administrative units of its organizational structure.

Sustainable Procurement Policy at Yildiz Technical University

Administrative and financial affairs directorate assumes the responsibility of sustainable procurement through each of the steps in purchasing goods and services. The head of the directorate makes sure that each procurement activity is carried out as per the statutory bases of this policy document.

YTU commits itself to making sustainable procurement procedures work in alignment with its sustainable campus initiative.

Objectives

YTU is committed to

- making sure that each purchasing case abide by the objectives and policies stated in the sustainable campus initiative, where the nature of purchase is evaluated thoroughly and diligently within economic, social, and environmental contexts.
- going out of its way to make efficient and effective use of its human, material, and financial resources for sustainable budget proposals, plans and programs.

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- ensuring that documentary, and statistical information on purchasing trends and needs is carefully and accurately collected over certain periods such as every three months, six months or a period corresponding to a fiscal year so that more educated projections could be made for future purchasing of goods, services, or consumables, and such.
- developing and implementing mechanisms for professional and comprehensive needs analysis for purchasing activities targeted at reallocation of materials, money, consumables, or movable property can be made for ensuring sustainable procurement activities and preventing improvidence.
- organizing in-service training for the staff involved in procurement in order for them to grow into provident purchasing professional with skills in tackling multidimensional nature of sustainable procurement.
- purchasing energy efficient goods, services, or equipment, etc., adopting water efficient landscape maintenance, promoting the use of biodegradable materials in services and facilities throughout campuses in achieving the idea of a sustainable campus.
- communicating this Policy document to all its shareholders and community surrounding its premises for raising awareness, creating societal impact, and attracting social support in its cause.

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