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ABOUT US

Our Mission

Istinye University's mission is to provide innovative and sustainable education in a student centred institution working closely with industry; to conduct research based on advanced technology; to produce new knowledge and technologies; and to contribute to society by developing solutions to local and global problems.

Our Vision

Istinye University's vision is to become one of the world's leading universities pursuing excellence in education, research, innovation and technology development, with artificial intelligence at its centre.

Our Values

- Respect for people and differences
- Commitment to professional ethics and human values
- Social and community responsibility
- Justice and merit
- Environmental awareness and sustainability
- Lifelong learning
- Collective wisdom
- Participation
- Innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership

Source: [1] Mission and Vision

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

International Sustainability Application and Research Centre

Istinye University International Sustainability Application and Research Centre (ISU-IRCOS) supports interdisciplinary education, research and applied work on sustainability. Environmental responsibility, natural capital and the circular economy are among its focus areas.

National and international partnerships, dialogue with stakeholders and recommendations for sustainability policies are central to the centre's work.

Source: [2] International Sustainability Application and Research Centre

Environmental Policy

Istinye University aims to reduce its environmental impact from water, wastewater, natural resource use and waste, and to contribute to environmental protection through conservation and efficiency. This approach brings together education, research, operations, infrastructure and social responsibility.

Source: [3] Environmental Policy

Natural Resource Use and Zero Waste Policy

Protecting natural resources, particularly water, using natural capital efficiently and reducing the environmental impact of waste are central to the university's approach to resource management. The impacts of domestic and hazardous waste are addressed within a circular economy approach.

Education that raises stakeholder awareness, together with research and applied work, is encouraged to reduce natural resource consumption and waste generation.

Source: [4] Natural Resource Use and Zero Waste Policy

ACTIVITIES

Marine Pollution Awareness

Sustainable Future Summit · 28 May 2025 · Vadi H Campus

Istinye University hosted the Sustainable Future Summit in cooperation with Genç TEMA. The “Seas, Microplastics and Activism” theme brought discussion of marine plastic pollution to students, academics and industry representatives.



A general view of the Sustainable Future Summit.

Ocean Cleanup and Visual Activism

Professional diver, underwater photographer and writer Ayşegül Dinçkök addressed marine protection through visual storytelling in her presentation “Ocean Cleanup and Visual Activism”. The summit also included discussion of sustainable packaging, plastic use and the circular economy.

Source: [5] Sustainable Future Summit announcement · [7] Sustainable Future Summit news in English

STUDENT PROJECTS

Student projects address underwater acoustic sensor technology and information and wayfinding design relating to sea turtles.

TÜBİTAK 2209 — 2025/1 Call Period

Project Title	Funder
LoRa-based Solar-powered Underwater Acoustic Sensor Buoy	TÜBİTAK
Infographic Design, a Digital Guide and Wayfinding Design for Caretta caretta in Türkiye within the Sustainable Development Goals: The Case of İztuzu Beach, Dalyan, Muğla	TÜBİTAK

Source: [8] TÜBİTAK 2209 Student Projects List, 2025/1, SDG 14 records

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Student Project Records

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