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SDG 16 — Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: Progress Report 2025

DEÜ Faculty of Law National Excellence (YKS Top-Tier Rank 6,614 & Judicial Exam Leadership) · Participatory Governance · Anti-Corruption & Financial Transparency

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1. Executive Summary: Rule of Law Excellence, Participatory Governance, and Institutional Integrity

This report documents Dokuz Eylül University's (DEÜ) institutional governance, legal education leadership, public-sector capacity building, and research on justice and human rights under United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) for calendar year 2025 (with marked 2026 continuity evidence), aligned with the Times Higher Education (THE) Sustainability Impact Ratings 2027 and the DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026 (UI GreenMetric). At the heart of DEÜ's contribution to SDG 16 stands the DEÜ Faculty of Law (Hukuk Fakültesi) and its affiliated Justice Vocational School (Adalet Meslek Yüksekokulu), complemented by the Departments of Public Administration and International Relations at the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (İİBF) and the Faculty of Business.

Key Quantitative Highlights — SDG 16 & DEÜ Faculty of Law Excellence (2025–2026)

• DEÜ Faculty of Law — Top-Tier National YKS Placement & Judicial Career Leadership: Founded in 1978 and operating in a 26,000 m² certified smart and green building at Central Campus, the DEÜ Faculty of Law ranks among Türkiye's premier public law schools. In the central university entrance examination (ÖSYM YKS — YÖK Atlas Data), its base score climbed from 420.904 (2024) to 430.223 (2025) and 444.091 (2026), placing in the top ~0.25% nationally at success rank 6,614 (100% quota occupancy). Its graduates achieve top placement rates in the Ministry of Justice Judicial and Administrative Judge/Prosecutor Exams and the Legal Professions Entrance Exam (HMGS), while student teams have won 1st Place National Championships in the Bilge Umar Arbitration Competition (2024) and ELSA Velidedeoğlu Moot Court.
• SDG 16 Research, Curriculum & Scholarly Publishing Impact: The DEÜ AVESİS System records 212 SDG 16 outputs for 2025–2026 (118 peer-reviewed publications, 5 funded projects, 8 organised events, 41 conference participations, 14 graduate theses, and 20 core courses). Across DEÜ's curriculum mapping of 2,492 sustainability courses, the Faculty of Law delivers 142 courses, the Justice Vocational School 34 courses, İİBF 78 courses, and the Institute of Social Sciences 311 courses. The DEÜ Law Review (DEÜ Hukuk Fakültesi Dergisi), published since 1980, counts 884 indexed articles and 4,289 citations in TR Dizin.
• Participatory Governance, Gender Parity in Leadership & Financial Transparency: Governed through elected faculty and Student Council representatives on the University Senate, an external University Advisory Board (≥10 external members), and 461 leadership positions of which 233 (50.5%) are held by women (including 9 of 18 Deans = 50.0%), DEÜ transparently publishes its 3-year average annual budget of $220,796,628.08 ($46,385,154.14 or 21.01% dedicated to sustainability) via Strategy Development Department Activity Reports, KAYA, and BKMYBS.



Figure 1: Entrance of the DEÜ Faculty of Law (left, 26,000 m² Certified Smart Building at Central Campus) and Entrance of the Faculty of Business / Political Science & International Relations (right) (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, p. 25).

2. Flagship Pillar of Justice: The DEÜ Faculty of Law, Central Exam (YKS) Excellence, and Alumni Achievements

Established in 1978 (originally under Aegean University and incorporated as a founding faculty of Dokuz Eylül University in 1982), the Dokuz Eylül University Faculty of Law (hukuk.deu.edu.tr) serves as the

Aegean region's flagship institution for legal scholarship, judicial training, and legislative consultation. Operating alongside the Justice Vocational School (Adalet Meslek Yüksekokulu) and the Public Law, Private Law, Human Rights Law, Economic Law, and Labor Law graduate divisions of the Institute of Social Sciences, the Faculty anchors DEÜ's performance under THE Impact Rankings Indicator 16.2.1 (Graduates in law and enforcement) and Indicator 16.3 (Working with government).

- **Top-Tier Standing in Türkiye's Central University Entrance Examination (YKS — ÖSYM / YÖK Atlas):** Admitting students exclusively through the national Higher Education Institutions Examination (YKS — Eşit Ağırlık [EA] score category administered by ÖSYM), the DEÜ Faculty of Law consistently ranks in the top ~0.25% percentile among more than 2.5 million exam takers and stands among the highest-ranked state law faculties in Türkiye (YÖK Atlas & ÖSYM 2022–2026 Placement Data; Program Code 103110309 Profile). Maintaining a 100% quota occupancy rate, the Faculty's minimum admission base score increased from 420.904 in 2024 to 430.223 in 2025 and reached 444.091 in 2026 (+13.87 points) with a national placement success rank of 6,614 across its 200-seat general quota (plus 2 top-scoring Vertical Transfer Exam [DGS] seats for Justice Vocational School graduates).
- **Outstanding Alumni Performance in Judicial, Prosecutorial & Legal Profession Exams (HMGS):** Rigorous doctrinal and case-based instruction in Civil Law, Obligations, Commercial Law, Criminal Law, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, and Procedural Law translates directly into national examination performance. DEÜ Faculty of Law graduates consistently rank among the top cohorts nationwide in the Ministry of Justice Judicial and Administrative Judge and Prosecutor Entrance Examinations (Adli ve İdari Yargı Hâkimlik ve Savcılık Sınavları) as well as the newly instituted Legal Professions Entrance Examination (Hukuk Mesleklerine Giriş Sınavı — HMGS). Alumni of the Faculty occupy senior benches and leadership posts in the Constitutional Court (Anayasa Mahkemesi), Court of Cassation (Yargıtay), Council of State (Danıştay), Council of Judges and Prosecutors (HSK), Regional Courts of Appeal (Bölge Adliye ve Bölge İdare Mahkemeleri), provincial bar associations (led by the İzmir Bar Association), and corporate/arbitration practice.
- **National & International Moot Court ('Kurgusal Duruşma / Farazi Dava') Championships:** Practical advocacy, arbitration, and international lawyering skills are cultivated through dedicated moot court clinics (DEÜ Faculty of Law Moot Court Programme). Notable competitive achievements include:
  1. 1st Place National Champion — Bilge Umar Arbitration Competition (20–21 April 2024, İzmir): DEÜ Law students Buket Avcıoğlu and Ecem Namlı won First Place under the academic mentorship of Dr. Ekin Tuna.
  2. 1st Place National Champion & Best Memorial Award — ELSA Ord. Prof. Dr. Hıfzı Veldet Velidedeoğlu Moot Court Competition: DEÜ Faculty of Law defeated Galatasaray University Faculty of Law in the grand final while earning the highest written memorial score.
  3. Global Moot Court & Arbitration Representation: DEÜ teams and faculty arbitrators actively compete and adjudicate in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Washington, D.C.), the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vienna — where DEÜ Private International Law faculty served as arbitrators at the 30th Vis Moot), the International Criminal Court (ICC) Moot Court Competition (The Hague), the Telders International Law Moot Court Competition (Peace Palace, The Hague), the Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court (Goethe University), and the Young ISTAC (Genç ISTAC) Future Arbitration Lawyer Competition.

- **46-Year Scholarly Impact — 'Dokuz Eylül Üniversitesi Hukuk Fakültesi Dergisi' (TR Dizin & HeinOnline):** Published continuously since 1980 (reaching Volume 27 Issues 1–2 in 2025 and Volume 28 Issue 1 in 2026) and indexed in TR Dizin (Journal ID 626), DergiPark (deuhfd), HeinOnline, Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, and Sherpa Romeo, the DEÜ Faculty of Law Review has published 884 peer-reviewed articles accumulating 4,289 citations (654 cited articles; 4.85 citations per article), making it one of the most heavily cited legal periodicals in Turkish jurisprudence.

DEÜ Faculty of Law Performance Indicator	2024 Verified Value	2025 Verified Value	2026 Continuity / Cumulative Benchmark
ÖSYM YKS (EA) Admission Base Score & Quota Occupancy	420.904 base score (100% quota occupancy)	430.223 base score (100% quota occupancy)	444.091 base score (+13.87 pts); National Rank: 6,614 (200 YKS + 2 DGS seats)
Smart & Sustainable Physical Infrastructure	26,000 m² smart building (Central Campus)	26,000 m² certified smart/green building (B1–L4 criteria)	Barrier-free amphitheaters, Moot Court Hall & Law Library (SR 2024–25, p. 37)
Sustainability-Mapped Curriculum (GreenMetric 6.1)	Core public/private law & human rights curriculum	142 courses in Faculty of Law + 34 in Justice MYO (176 total)	Plus 311 courses in Institute of Social Sciences & 78 in İİBF (SR 2025–26, pp. 99–101)
DEÜ Law Review (DEÜ Hukuk Fakültesi Dergisi — Since 1980)	Vol. 26, Issues 1–2 published (TR Dizin / HeinOnline)	Vol. 27, Issues 1–2 published (May & November 2025)	Vol. 28, Issue 1 (2026); 884 articles & 4,289 citations in TR Dizin (4.85 cit./art.)
Moot Court Championships & Judicial Exam (HMGS) Success	1st Place: Bilge Umar Arbitration Competition (Apr 2024)	Jessup, Vis Moot, ICC, Telders & Young ISTAC teams; high HMGS & Judge Exam pass rate	2025–2026 Joint Graduation & Jurist Oath Ceremony at Central Campus Amphitheater



Figure 2: The 26,000 m² Faculty of Law Building on the Main Campus of Dokuz Eylül University and the 2025–2026 Academic Year Graduation Ceremony for the Faculty of Law and the Vocational School of Justice (Source: https://hukuk.deu.edu.tr/fakultemiz/resim-galerisi/, https://haber.deu.edu.tr/deu-hukuk-fakultesi-ve-adalet-myoda-mezuniyet-coskusu/)

3. University Governance: Elected Representation, Female Leadership Parity, and Anti-Corruption Systems (THE 16.2)

Dokuz Eylül University's internal governance architecture complies fully with Higher Education Law No. 2547 and international university autonomy, stakeholder representation, ethics, and financial transparency standards.

- **Elected Representation on the University Senate & Student Council (THE 16.2.1 & 16.2.2):** In accordance with Higher Education Law No. 2547, the University Senate and the University Executive Board incorporate elected faculty representatives from every faculty alongside the elected Student Council President (Öğrenci Konseyi Başkanı), who holds voting and deliberative rights on student-related academic, tuition, social, and quality policies. Student representatives are elected democratically at department, faculty/school, and university-wide levels under the DEÜ Student Council Directive.
- **External Stakeholder Participation — University Advisory Board & 11 December 2025 Stakeholder Summit (THE 16.2.3):** Under the DEÜ Advisory Board Directive (Danışma Kurulu Yönergesi), the University Advisory Board convenes at least 10 external members representing local government, chambers of industry and commerce (EBSO, İZTO), bar associations, and civil society. In addition, on 11 December 2025, the Social Contribution Coordination Office hosted an institutional External Stakeholder Meeting with 45 representatives from 28 partner organisations (including the İzmir Governorship, İzmir Metropolitan Municipality, district municipalities, EBSO, İZTO, TEMA Foundation, and Kızılay) to co-design 2026 strategic priorities (reconciled with Indicator 17.2.2).
- **Gender Parity Across 461 Institutional Leadership Positions — 50.5% Female Leaders (GreenMetric 7.15–7.17):** As verified in the 2025–2026 Sustainability Report (pp. 160–161), out of 461 core leadership and managerial positions across the Rectorate, faculties, institutes, vocational schools, research centers, and hospital administration, 233 positions (50.54%) are held by women—including 1 of 3 Vice-Rectors (33.3%), 9 of 18 Deans (50.0%), 15 of 29 Vice-Deans (51.7%), 20 of 38 Research Center Directors (52.6%), and 79 of 181 Department Heads (43.6%).
- **Anti-Corruption, Academic Freedom, Ethics Commission & OGEB Whistleblowing System (THE 16.2.4 & 16.2.5):** On 30 December 2025, the University Senate adopted the updated Human Resources and Management Policy and the Social Contribution and Sustainability Policy (Senate Decision No. 721/11), complemented by the Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery Policy and the Academic Freedom Policy published on the Green Campus portal (2026). Integrity is enforced through Law No. 3628 on Asset Declarations and the Fight Against Bribery and Corruption, the Directive on Ethical Principles and the Ethics Commission, the Artificial Intelligence Usage Procedure (PR.37, April 2025), KVKK/GDPR data protection protocols, and the electronic OGEB (Positive Feedback, Suggestion, and Negative Feedback / Whistleblowing System) (Sustainability Report 2025–2026, pp. 159–163).
- **Full Financial Transparency via Administrative Activity Reports, KAYA & BKMYBS (THE 16.2.6 & GreenMetric 7.8–7.9):** DEÜ publishes its audited annual Administrative Activity Reports (İdare Faaliyet Raporu), Budget Realizations, and Final Accounts via the Strategy Development Department and tracks all capital and operational flows in the national KAYA (Public Investment Information

System) and BKMYBS (Integrated Public Financial Management System). Over the 2023–2025 triennium, DEÜ's average annual budget totaled $220,796,628.08 USD, of which $46,385,154.14 USD (21.01%) was invested directly in sustainability initiatives; total 3-year research funding reached $109,877,170 USD ($36,625,723/year average, with 54.0% dedicated to sustainability research) (Sustainability Report 2025–2026, pp. 112, 147–151).



Figure 3: Dokuz Eylül University Rectorate Building in Alsancak, İzmir (14,321 m² Land Area; 15,592 m² indoor floor area), Hosting the University Senate, Executive Board, Strategy Development Department, and Sustainability Coordination Office (Source: https://haber.deu.edu.tr/iyi-ki-varsin-dokuz-eylul-dokuz-eylul-universitesi-39-yasinda/).



Figure 4: DEÜ Sabancı Cultural Palace in Konak (left) and Dokuzçeşmeler Campus Hosting the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (Public Administration & Labor Economics) (right) (Source: https://sks.deu.edu.tr/sosyal-tesislerimiz/sabanci-kultur-merkezi/, https://iibf.deu.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/iibf2.jpg).



Figure 5: National Digital Public Investment and Financial Accountability Platforms Used by DEÜ: Public Investment Information System (KAYA, left) and Integrated Public Financial Management Information System (BKMYBS, right) (Source: DEÜ https://www.sbb.gov.tr/yatirim-programinda-yer-alan-projelerle-ilgili-tum-islemlerin-kaya-uzerinden-yapilmasina-yonelik-genelge/, https://muhasebat.hmb.gov.tr/).

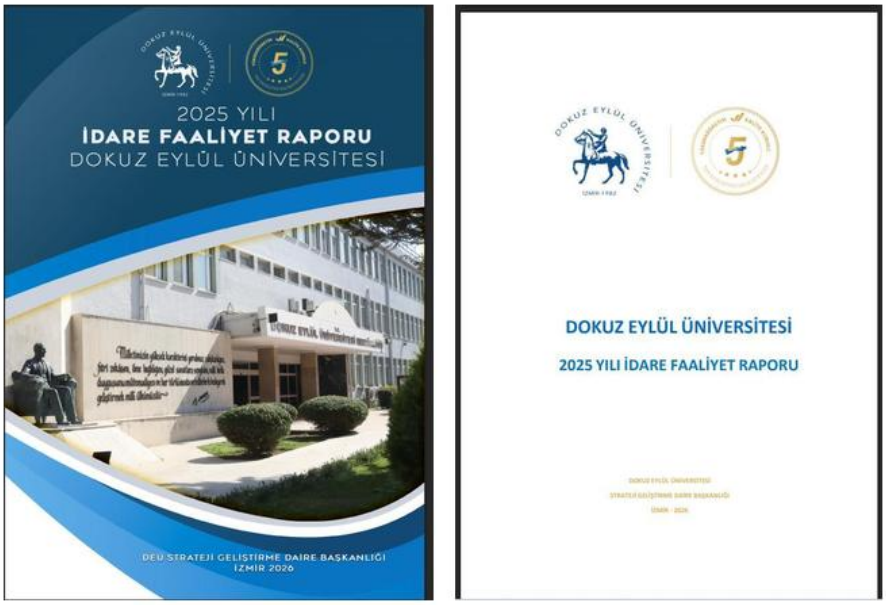

Figure 6: Publicly Accessible DEÜ 2025 Administrative Activity Report (İdare Faaliyet Raporu) and Itemized Budget Expenditure Statements Published by the Strategy Development Department (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, p. 151).

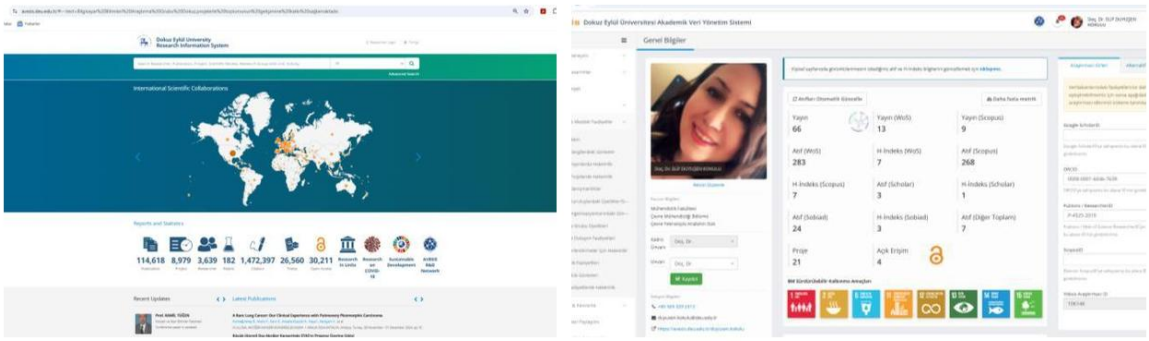

Figure 7: DEÜ AVESİS Academic Data Management System and Researcher SDG Tagging Interfaces (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, p. 154).

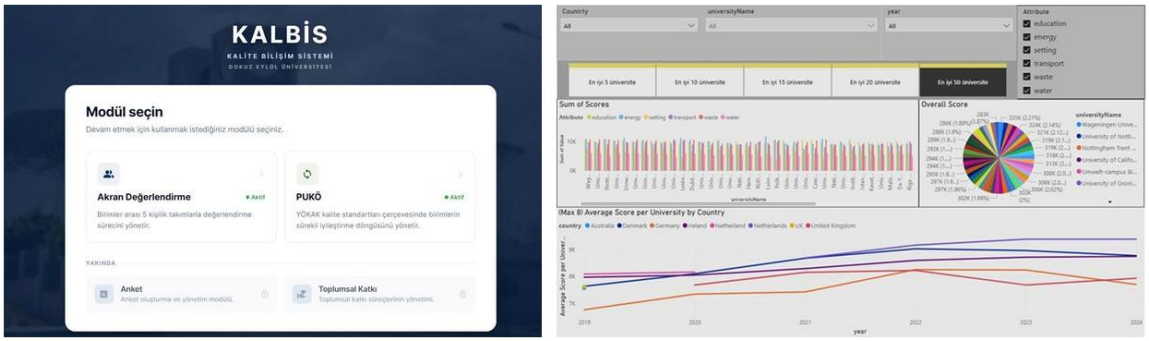

Figure 8: KALBİS Integrated Quality Assurance, Peer Evaluation, and PDCA Monitoring Portal (left) and DEÜ Executive Sustainability Analytics Dashboard (right) (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, pp. 155–156).



Figure 9: DEÜ Digital Academic Job Application and Merit-Based Recruitment Portal Ensuring Transparency, Equal Opportunity, and Auditability in Faculty Appointments (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, p. 158).

4. Working with Government: Justice System Protocols, Policy Advice, and Neutral Dialogue Platforms (THE 16.3)

Throughout 2025, DEÜ provided direct legislative, judicial, disaster-governance, and social-policy expertise to national and regional public authorities, while offering neutral academic platforms for multi-stakeholder dialogue and professional training through the Continuing Education Centre (DESEM).

Protocol / Policy Platform / Capacity Building	Public / Civil Partner Institution(s)	Date & Operational Scope	THE SDG 16 & Cross-SDG Link
Probation Services Cooperation Protocol (Denetimli Serbestlik Protokolü)	İzmir Chief Public Prosecutor's Office (İzmir Cumhuriyet Başsavcılığı) & İzmir Probation Directorate	Signed 27 March 2025 (field visit 24 Nov 2025): Rehabilitation, psychosocial counseling, legal literacy, and vocational reintegration programmes for probationers and ex-offenders.	16.3.1, 16.3.2, 17.2.1 (DEÜ Haber, 27.03.2025)
İzmir Disaster Master Plan Cooperation Protocol	İzmir Metropolitan Municipality & İzmir Institute of Technology (İYTE)	Signed 29 December 2025: Multi-hazard seismic, tsunami, wildfire, and urban resilience master planning for metropolitan İzmir.	16.3.1, 16.3.3, 11.4.7, 17.2.1 (DEÜ Haber, 29.12.2025)
Family Research and Policy Protocol & Family Institute Launch	İzmir Governorship (İzmir Valiliği) & Ministry of Family and Social Services	Signed 20 March 2025 (launched 15 April 2025; Int. Family Symposium 13 April 2026): Evidence-based social protection, domestic violence prevention, and child rights policy.	16.3.1, 16.3.3, 5, 10, 17.2.1 (DEÜ Haber, 20.03.2025)
Symposium on Increasing the Effectiveness of Administrative Justice	DEÜ Faculty of Law, Council of State (Danıştay) & Administrative Judiciary Members	31 October 2025: High-level judicial and academic evaluation of administrative court procedures, appellate efficiency, and rule-of-law safeguards.	16.3.1, 16.3.2, 16.3.4 (hukuk.deu.edu.tr)
Justice System Capacity Building: Mediation, Concordat & Expert Witness Training	Continuing Education Centre (DESEM), Faculty of Law & Ministry of Justice Accreditation	2025 Calendar Year (50 lifelong learning programmes with 981 participants in 2025): Certified training for mediators (arabulucu), concordat commissioners, and judicial experts (bilirkişi).	16.3.2, 4.3.3, 17.4.3 (2025 Admin. Activity Report)
Neutral Dialogue Workshop: 'Diverse Perspectives: Stakeholders in Migration Dynamics'	EU COST Action CA20107 (COREnet), Jean Monnet EUPOLY-MIG, local government & migrant NGOs	21 February 2025 (25 cross-sectoral participants) + UNHCR İzmir Legal Literacy Session on 23 October 2025.	16.3.4, 10, 17.2.2, 17.4.3 (DEÜ Haber, 21.02.2025)



Figure 10: Poster for the Symposium on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held at Dokuz Eylül University's Faculty of Law on 7 January 2025 (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, p. 158).



Figure 11: Protocol on Family Research and Policies between the İzmir Governor's Office and Dokuz Eylül University, dated 20 March 2025 (Source: https://haber.deu.edu.tr/deu-ve-izmir-valiliginden-aileyi-guclendirecek-is-birligi/).

5. Teaching and Learning: Law, Public Administration, Justice Curricula, and Student Legal Societies

Education for the rule of law, human rights, public administration ethics, and international conflict resolution is delivered across undergraduate, associate, and postgraduate degree programmes.

- **593 Sustainability-Mapped Courses Across Law, Justice, Public Administration & Social Sciences (GreenMetric 6.1):** In DEÜ's comprehensive SDG Curriculum Mapping of 2,492 sustainability-related courses out of 11,236 total university courses in 2025–2026 (Sustainability Report 2025–2026, pp. 99–101), legal and governance units contribute 593 dedicated courses (23.8% of the university total): (1) Faculty of Law: 142 courses; (2) Vocational School of Justice (Adalet MYO): 34 courses; (3) Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (Public Administration, Labor Economics & Industrial Relations, Public Finance): 78 courses; (4) Faculty of Business (Political Science & International Relations in English, International Relations in English): 28 courses; and (5) Institute of Social Sciences (Public Law MSc/PhD, Private Law MSc/PhD, Human Rights Law MSc/PhD, Economic Law MSc, Labor Law & Social Security MSc, European Union Studies, Women's Studies): 311 courses.
- **Proportion of Graduates in Law, Civil Enforcement & Public Governance (THE 16.4.1 — Reconciled with Indicator 2.4.1):** Consistent with Indicator 2.4.1 and the 2025 Administrative Activity Report, DEÜ conferred 7,316 degrees at ISCED levels 6, 7, and 8 in 2025 (5,828 Bachelor's, 1,372 Master's/PhD, and 116 State Conservatory/other degrees; 9,173 total graduates including 1,857 ISCED level 5 MYO graduates; 9,179 in the GreenMetric 2025 window). Graduates from the Faculty of Law (LL.B.), Department of Public Administration (B.A.), Department of Labor Economics and Industrial Relations (B.A.), Justice Vocational School (A.S.), and Graduate Public/Private/Human Rights Law programmes form one of DEÜ's largest professional cohorts entering the judiciary, public administration, and legal enforcement.
- **Student Legal & Human Rights Societies Active in 2025–2026 (GreenMetric 6.12):** Student-led legal literacy and rights advocacy are driven by vibrant student communities (Sustainability Report 2025–2026, pp. 124–126, 139):
  - Career Law Student Community (Kariyer Hukuk Öğrenci Topluluğu): Organised the Conference on the Legal Status of Children Involved in Crime (Suça Sürüklenen Çocukların Hukuki Statüsü, 17 November 2025, 90 participants) and the Women's Rights Conference (6 March 2026, 120 participants).
  - Turkish Law Student Society (Türk Hukuk Öğrenci Topluluğu): Hosted the Panel on the Legal Aspects of Organ Transplantation (4 November 2025, 210 participants).
  - Human Rights Student Society (İnsan Hakları Öğrenci Topluluğu): Convened the Health Law Conference (29 April 2025, 110 participants) and the two-day Human Rights Day Conference & Awareness Campaign (9–10 December 2025, 350 participants).

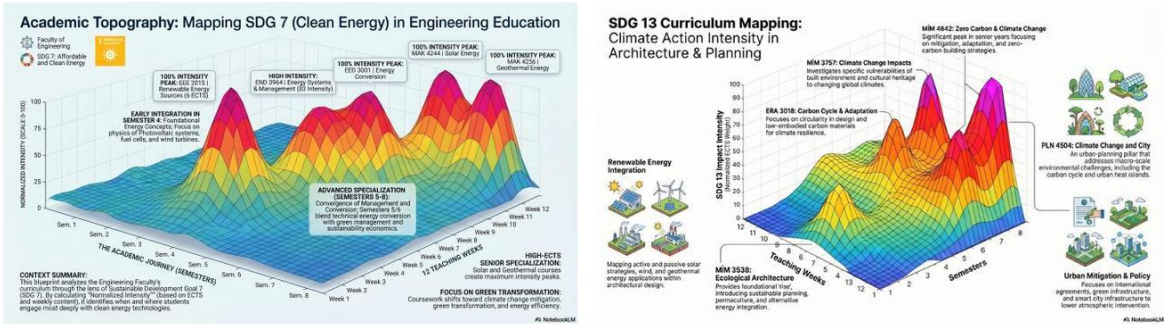

Figure 12: DEÜ SDG Curriculum Mapping and Intensity Analysis Heatmaps Across Faculties and Graduate Schools, Highlighting the Strong Concentration of SDG 16, SDG 10, SDG 8, and SDG 5 Courses in the Faculty of Law (142 Courses) and Institute of Social Sciences (311 Courses) (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, p. 144).

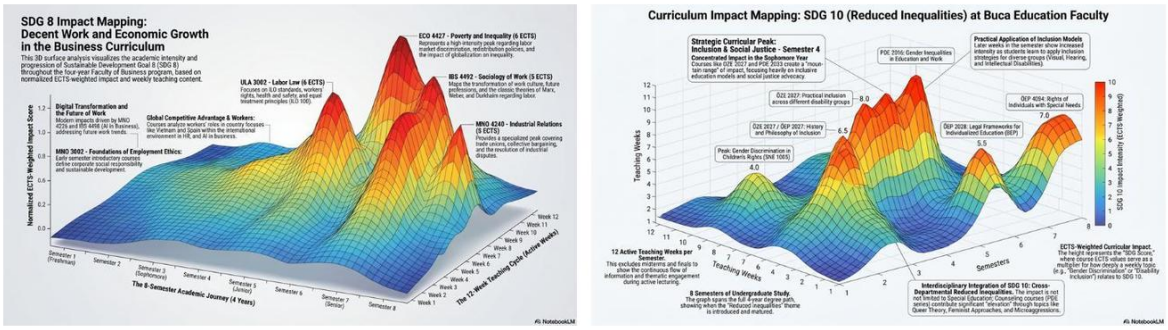

Figure 13: Departmental and Vocational School SDG Curriculum Intensity Heatmaps Including the Justice Vocational School (34 Courses) and Public Administration Programmes (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, p. 144).

6. Research on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (AVESİS 2025–2026 & Flagship Projects — THE 16.1)

In the DEÜ AVESİS Academic Data System, academics tag their scholarly outputs to the SDGs. For 2025–2026, AVESİS lists 212 records under SDG 16—one of the highest research volumes among all social-science SDGs at DEÜ: 118 peer-reviewed publications, 5 funded research projects, 8 organised scientific events, 41 conference participations, 14 graduate theses, and 20 core SDG 16 courses.

- **TÜBİTAK 3005 Project on Environmental NGOs in Climate Change Litigation (Project No. 124K089, Feb 2025 – May 2026):** Bridging SDG 16 and SDG 13 (and reconciled with Indicator 17.2.5), this funded TÜBİTAK 3005 Research Project ('The Role of Environmental NGOs in Climate Change Litigation') examines administrative and constitutional standing (*menfaat ihlali* and *actio popularis*), access to environmental justice under the Aarhus Convention, and procedural rights of civil-society organizations before Turkish administrative courts, the Constitutional Court, and the European Court of Human Rights.
- **Model European Union (MEU) Workshop (May 2025) & Jean Monnet EUPOLY-MIG Research:** In May 2025, DEÜ hosted the Model European Union (MEU) Workshop, training students in supranational legislative drafting, Council/Parliament negotiation procedures, and European rule-of-law

mechanisms, alongside ongoing research under the Jean Monnet Module EUPOLY-MIG and COST Action CA20107 (COREnet).

- **Social Contribution in Social Services & Rights Protection (190 Activities by 31 Units):** In the 2025 Social Contribution Strategic Analysis and Activity Report, the thematic area most closely aligned with SDG 16—Social Services (Sosyal Hizmetler)—recorded 190 public activities delivered by 31 units, including legal aid awareness, juvenile justice seminars, violence-against-women prevention trainings (24–25 November 2025), and addiction prevention panels for Police Academy students (5 December 2025, Sustainability Report 2025–2026, p. 115).

7. UI GreenMetric 2025–2026 Cross-Walk and Digital Governance Infrastructure

Table 3 cross-walks the 15 primary, secondary, and supporting governance indicators from the DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026 against their verified institutional metrics and THE Impact Rankings SDG 16 sub-indicators.

GreenMetric Code & Indicator	Relation to SDG 16	Verified 2025–2026 Institutional Value & Governance Evidence
1.19 Infrastructure Programs Supporting SDGs	Primary	Public investments registered in KAYA, financial flows in BKMYBS, and project tracking in İLYAT; 26,000 m² smart Faculty of Law building.
6.20 Impact of Education and Research Programs on SDGs	Primary	Very High Impact across all 17 SDGs; 212 AVESİS SDG 16 records (118 publications, 5 projects, 8 events, 41 conf., 14 theses, 20 courses).
3.18 & 5.18 Waste & Transportation ICT Governance	Secondary	100% digital environmental traceability via Ministry EÇBS/MOTAT and GPS fleet tracking of 92 university vehicles + license-plate recognition.
6.1 & 6.3 Sustainability Courses & Study Programs	Secondary	2,492 sustainability courses across 11,236 total courses (Faculty of Law: 142; Justice MYO: 34; İİBF: 78; Social Sciences Inst.: 311); 531 of 884 study programs.
6.11 & 6.12 Sustainability Events & Student Organizations	Secondary	180+ university sustainability events/year; Career Law, Turkish Law, and Human Rights Student Societies reaching 880+ attendees in 2025 conferences.
7.1, 7.2, 7.8 & 7.9 Financial Report & Sustainability Budget (GD4)	Supporting (Governance)	$220,796,628.08 3-yr avg. annual budget ($46,385,154.14 or 21.01% for sustainability); 2025 Administrative Activity Report publicly published online.
7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.10 & 7.11 Sustainability Office & Reporting (GD5)	Supporting (Governance)	Rectorate-approved Sustainability Office with 8 dedicated core staff; annual reports published continuously (2021–22 through 2025–26) at greencampus.deu.edu.tr.

GreenMetric Code & Indicator	Relation to SDG 16	Verified 2025–2026 Institutional Value & Governance Evidence
7.12, 7.13 & 7.14 ICT, AI Policy (PR.37) & KVKK/GDPR Compliance (GD6–GD7)	Supporting (Governance)	Artificial Intelligence Usage Procedure (PR.37, April 2025) under ISMS; full KVKK/GDPR compliance; Belgenet EBYS paperless administration across 90+ units.
7.15–7.21 Female Leadership (50.5%), Anti-Corruption (GD9), OGEB (GD10) & Ethics	Supporting (Governance)	233 female leaders out of 461 positions (50.5%); Law No. 3628 compliance; OGEB whistleblowing/feedback portal; Ethics Commission Directive.

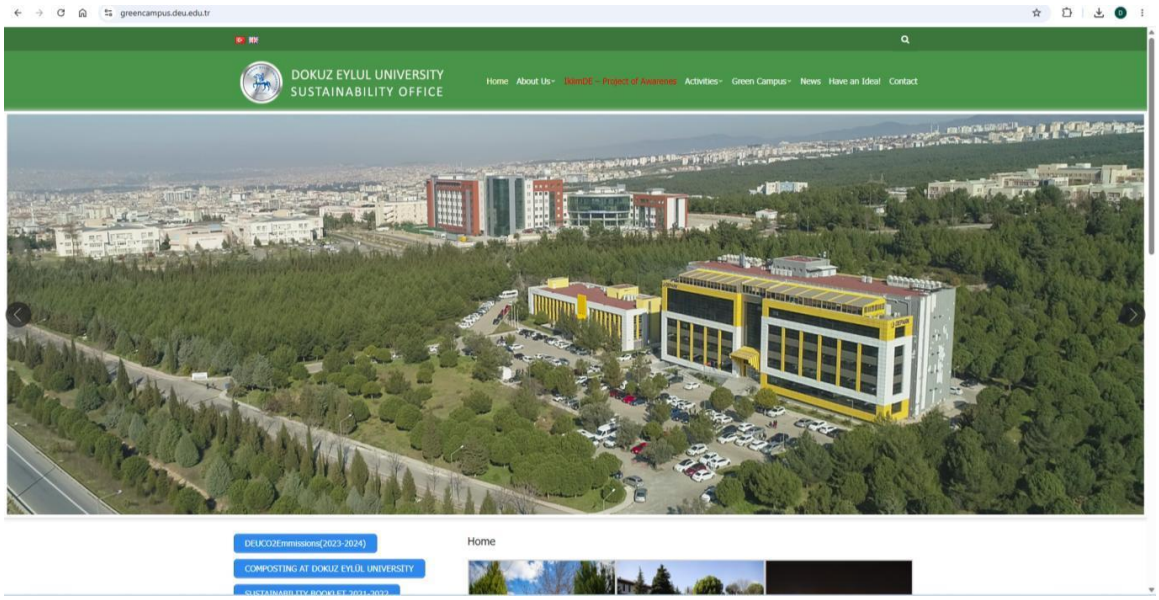

Figure 14: Publicly Accessible DEÜ Sustainability Reports (2021–2026) Published on the Official Green Campus Governance Portal (greencampus.deu.edu.tr) (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, p. 149).



Figure 15: DEÜ Senior Management Participation in International University Governance and Sustainability Platforms Worldwide (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, p. 153).



Figure 16: Campus Safety, Controlled Smart-Card Access, and 24/7 Security Monitoring Center Implemented Under the DEÜ Directive on Security Services (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2024–2025, p. 23).

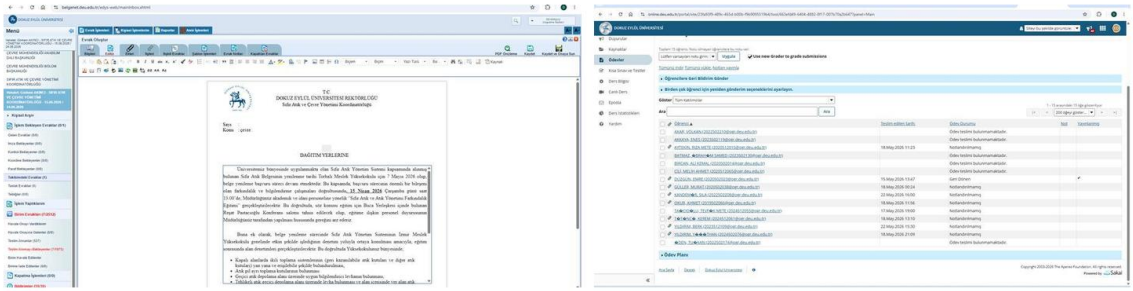

Figure 17: Digital Administrative Transparency via the Belgenet Electronic Document Management System (EBYS) Operating Across All 90+ Academic and Administrative Units (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2025–2026, pp. 63–64).

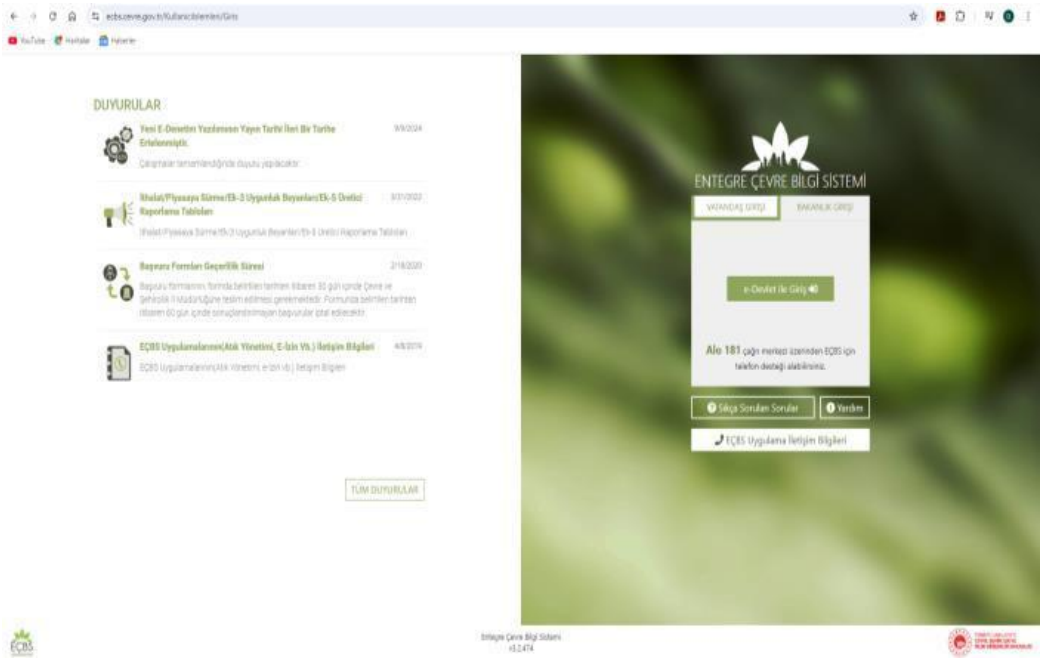

Figure 18: Regulatory Compliance and Public Environmental Accountability via the Ministry of Environment's EÇBS Digital Governance Platform (Source: DEÜ Sustainability Report 2024–2025, p. 77).

8. Institutional Performance Analysis and Barrier-Removal Roadmap for 2026–2027

Table 4 operationalizes DEÜ's 2026–2027 improvement priorities for THE Impact Rankings SDG 16 and Türkiye's Research University Monitoring Index by linking each indicator to its underlying driver, barrier classification, concrete intervention, accountable owner, and verification date.

THE / Research Univ. Indicator & Driver	Barrier Classification & Root Cause	Targeted Intervention (2026–2027 Action)	Accountable Owner & Review Date
16.2.3 Stakeholder Engagement Transparency Driver: Publicly accessible minutes of external stakeholder and Advisory Board meetings.	Information Barrier: External stakeholder meetings (such as the 11 Dec 2025 summit with 28 organisations) are reported in news releases, but formal summary minutes and action trackers are archived internally in KALBİS.	Publish an annual bilingual 'University Advisory Board & External Stakeholder Consultation Summary Bulletin' on greencampus.deu.edu.tr and toplumsalkatki.deu.edu.tr.	Social Contribution Coordination Office & General Secretariat Review: 15 October 2026
16.3.2 Public Officials Capacity-Building Metrics Driver: Disaggregated tracking of public/judicial officials trained via DESEM and Faculty of Law.	Information & Reporting Barrier: DESEM reports total lifelong learning participants (981 across 50 programmes in 2025), but does not separately tag public-sector and judiciary trainees in public tables.	Add a mandatory 'Public Sector / Judiciary Affiliation' field in DESEM registration logs and publish the exact annual headcount of judges, prosecutors, mediators, and civil servants trained.	DESEM Directorate & Faculty of Law Dean's Office Review: 30 November 2026
16.1.1–16.1.3 & YÖK Index: International Legal Citation Impact (Scopus/WoS Q1) Driver: Indexing of DEÜ Law Review and English co-authored legal research.	Incentive & Language Barrier: Legal scholarship in Türkiye is predominantly published in national Turkish-language venues (TR Dizin), limiting Scopus CiteScore/FWCI capture.	Launch an English-language special issue of DEÜ Hukuk Fakültesi Dergisi on Comparative Climate Litigation, Maritime Law, and AI Governance; apply for Scopus indexing and incentivize Horizon Europe/COST legal co-authorship.	Faculty of Law Dean's Office, DEÜ Law Review Editorial Board & BAP Review: 31 December 2026
16.4.1 Proportion of Graduates in Law & Enforcement Driver: Comprehensive mapping of all eligible ISCED 6–8 law, public administration, and enforcement cohorts.	Information Barrier: Ensure graduate cohorts from Public Administration, Labor Economics, Maritime Law/Safety, and Forensic Sciences are systematically tallied alongside LL.B. and Justice MYO graduates.	Publish a verified annual 'SDG 16.4.1 Law, Public Governance & Enforcement Graduates Data Note' reconciling Student Affairs YÖKSİS logs with THE ISCED 6–8 definitions.	Student Affairs Department & Institutional Data Management Office Review: 15 October 2026

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