



REPORT ON SDG17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

**SUMGAYIT STATE
UNIVERSITY**

17 PARTNERSHIPS
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INTRODUCTION

Sumgayit State University

According to the national priorities reflected in "Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities of Socio-Economic Development" and "Socio-Economic Development Strategy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2022-2026", activities are carried out in the direction of Partnership for Goals at Sumgayit State University. This means the main tasks of university are to determine the university's sustainable development goals and priorities, prepare an action plan, organize educational, scientific and social programs, conduct monitoring and evaluation, prepare reports and develop relations.

In this regard, "Sustainable Development Center" was created according to the order dated May 29, 2024, with the aim of promoting the application of sustainable development principles, public education and information in the field of sustainable development, conducting work in the direction of expanding industry-university relations and implementing various teaching, research and projects.



With the decision of the Scientific Council dated 25.10.2022 (protocol No. 02) at Sumgayit State University, "Sustainable Development Committee" was established for the purpose of promoting and ensuring sustainable development.

The committee aims for the university to be environmentally, economically and socially sustainable and aligned with the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals.



The activities emphasized above play an important role in fulfilling the educational, scientific and social mission of the university and contributing to the development of the country. The members of the Committee support national and international initiatives, closely monitor research, events and other developments in this field.

Most of the activities at the university to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by the Committee and Center, is highlighted on the university's official website and social media accounts. Also, the university holds seminars, scientific-practical conferences, webinars, trainings, etc., dedicated to the topics of global warming, alternative energy sources, ecology, gender equality.

The University's priority task is effectively organize the free time of students and employees at the University, and to support their academic success, knowledge and skills acquisition, student clubs and associations according to the topics of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of United Nations. For this reason the Center of Excellence was created on September,2024. This Center is responsible for creating clubs that intensively revive the activities of students and employees in the social, cultural, art, and sports fields, helps students to increase their self-confidence by effectively spending their extracurricular time, involves them in joint events with other universities to enrich intellectual knowledge, and seeks resources for the implementation of social ideas. At the same time, the Center prepares and implements certain proposals in the direction of researching relevant practices and improving work in this field.

Partnership for the goals (SDG 17)



Sumgayit State University aims for agreement, exchange of experience and implementation of joint projects with different universities from countries. For this purpose, the university has signed bilateral agreements on student and teacher exchange, science cooperation agreements provide for the joint conduct of scientific research with a number of universities of Russia, Turkey, Bashkortostan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Germany, Czech Republic, and Montenegro.

At the same time, the university has relations with 70 partner universities within the framework of the Erasmus project.



Sumgayit State University contributed the capacity building. The University signed agreement on cooperation with Oxford University within the framework of "Climate Change" events. Global competition "Climate Change Competition"

which was organized by Oxford University (Saïd Business School) is an great example. According to the agreement Sumgayit State University supports the competition's implementations.



Sumgayit State University has strong relations and partnership with the universities of local and foreign within the projects of:

- ***Erasmus+REFRESH "Green and Sustainable Global Economic Development in Azerbaijan Universities: Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation" (2022-2025)***



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Partner Universities

- ✓ Azerbaijan State University of Economics
- ✓ Ganja State University
- ✓ Mingachevir State University
- ✓ Lankaran State University
- ✓ Azerbaijan University of Technology
- ✓ University of Barcelona (Spain)
- ✓ University of Bologna (Italy)
- ✓ Technical University of Denmark (Denmark)
- ✓ Royal Swedish Institute of Technology (Sweden)

- **Erasmus+Be-OPEN-** "Promotion of Open Science in the Eastern Partnership Region" project (2023-2026)
 - ✓ Partner universities:
 - ✓ Khazar University
 - ✓ Azerbaijan State University of Economics
 - ✓ Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences
 - ✓ Ilia State University (Georgia)
 - ✓ Tbilisi State University (Georgia)
 - ✓ Batumi State Maritime Academy (Georgia)
 - ✓ Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation (Georgia)
 - ✓ University of Maribor (Slovenia)
 - ✓ Maribor Institute for European Development Policies and Research (Slovenia)

International cooperation



Sumgayit State University successfully operates in the field of international cooperation. The university is a member of the Association of Azerbaijan-

Russian Higher Education Institutions and the Association of Universities of the Caspian Littoral States.

Activities were carried out in the framework of cooperation with the US Embassy in Azerbaijan.

In the 2016/2017 academic year Dana Donoho, in the 2017-2018 academic year Kayla Motor, in the 2018-2019 academic year Jack Morris worked as an English teacher assistant in the Faculty of Philology within the framework of the "Fullbright ETA" program of the USA. Daniel Rosenbloom works as an English

teacher's assistant in the 2024/2025 academic year within the framework of the US Fullbright ETA program.

Based on the university's request, 15-week "English for Academic Purposes" training (October 18, 2021) was held for teachers of the Department of Foreign Languages within the framework of the "Fellowship" program of the US Embassy. The second round of trainings (February 21, 2022) was held for teaching staff teaching other specialized subjects. The training was conducted by Michael Moak, a specialist in English language teaching methodology and TESOL presented by the US Embassy in Azerbaijan.

With the organization of the British Council and the financial support of the BP company, online classes are being held at Sumgayit State University in order to increase and improve the English language skills of 40 scientific-pedagogical staff of the university. Lessons are held three times a week in four groups according to language levels. The project aims to apply the knowledge and skills acquired by the participants in English teaching groups at the university in the future.

Starting from the 2022-2023 academic year, associate professor of Gaziantep University of the Republic of Turkey Sadık Chetin was involved in the teaching process of the subject "Ottoman History" at Sumgayit State University with the support of the Education Counselor of the Embassy of Turkey in Azerbaijan. In SSU, an event was held on the occasion of the 99th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey with the participation of Ali Reza Altunel, the education advisor of Turkey in Azerbaijan.

Our graduates are close to job opportunities in BP, "Sumgait Technologies Park" LLC, "AZERIKIMYA" PU, "SOCAR Polymer" LLC, "SOCAR KARBAMİD" LLC, "AZERTEXNOLAYN" LLC, "Gilan Textile Park" LLC, "ALCO" LLC, "AZERSUN" Holding LLC, "Technoil" LLC, "Azerishig" OJSC "AzerEnerji" OJSC, "Norm" OJSC, "HOLCIM" OJSC.



A wide-ranging assembly was held between SDU and BP company, and it was declared that an assention was marked on the creation of the "Chemical Engineering" master's program with a unused substance. The project was created concurring to the requirements of the labor market, industrial potential and service zones of Sumgait city. Chemical processes, production forms and environmental sustainability are reflected within the modern educational modules adjusted to the necessities of the industry.



Future Goals



**dynamic
partnership
development**

**strategic
decision,
negotiation, and
collaboration**

**sustained
growth and
impactful
achievements**

**great
opportunities to gain
industrial
experience**

**developing
deeper
connections
with key
stakeholders**

**expanding our
professional
network**

**implement
effective
partnership
strategies**