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SDG 11 / INDICATOR 11.4.7

Working with Local Authorities on Planning

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SDG 11	11.4.7	3
Sustainable Cities and Communities	Working with local authorities on planning and development	Chamber board roles held by CIU academics, including the presidency of the Chamber of City Planners

Purpose of this evidence file

This fact file documents how Cyprus International University (CIU) works with local authorities and planning bodies on planning and development, supporting THE Impact Rankings SDG 11 measure 11.4.7. CIU academics hold leading positions in the Chamber of City Planners, the Chamber of Architects and the Chamber of Geoscience Engineers, CIU provided consultancy to the strategic plan for the northern part of Nicosia, its Urban Studies Centre gives written opinions on municipal planning drafts, and its students designed a park for Nicosia with Nicosia Turkish Municipality. The source document is reproduced in Appendix 1.

INDICATOR 11.4.7

Working with local authorities at a glance

Professional leadership, planning consultancy, formal opinions on municipal plans and a community bridge.

President	2	1
CIU academic leads the Chamber of City Planners (elected March 2022)	Official opinion letters on municipal planning documents (2018)	Pedestrian bridge to Haspolat Village built by CIU (2020)

Headline result

Planning leadership. Dr. Gizem Caner of CIU's Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture is president of the Chamber of City Planners, which is responsible for the planning profession in Northern Cyprus. A chamber letter dated 6 November 2023 confirms she took the presidency at the general assembly of 19 March 2022.

Consultancy on a strategic plan. She provided consultancy for the strategic planning of the "Surlar içi" area, the walled part of the northern area of Nicosia, which is covered by the World Bank and EU "Strategic Plan for the Central Area of the Northern Part of Nicosia".

Working with municipalities. CIU's Urban Studies Centre wrote official opinion letters on Alsancak Municipality's urban pattern conservation and design guide and on a development ordinance, and CIU students designed a park for Nicosia in cooperation with Nicosia Turkish Municipality, with a joint committee planned.

Evidence scope

No.	Evidence item	Value / note
1	CIU academic is president of the Chamber of City Planners (TRNC)	Letter, 6 Nov 2023
2	Consultancy for the strategic plan for the northern part of Nicosia (World Bank / EU strategic plan)	Appendix 1
3	CIU academic on the board of the Chamber of Architects, helping government with policy	Letter, 7 Nov 2023
4	CIU academic on the board of the Chamber of Geoscience Engineers, helping government with policy	Letter, 9 Nov 2023
5	Urban Studies Centre opinion letters on a municipal conservation guide and a development ordinance	2 letters, 2018
6	Student park project for Nicosia with Nicosia Turkish Municipality, exhibited as a social responsibility project	29 March 2024
7	Pedestrian bridge between campus and Haspolat Village, opening campus facilities to residents	Completed 2020




... Şehir Plancıları Odası ...

Tarih: 06 Kasım 2023

İlgili Makama,

31 Sicil Numaralı Sn. Gizem Caner, Odamızın Şehir Plancısı statüsünde kayıtlı faal üyesidir. 19 Mart 2022 tarihinde gerçekleştirilen 41. Olağan Genel Kurul sonucunda Oda Başkanlığı görevini almış olup, aktif olarak görevlerini bir tamam yerine getirmektedir.

Bu belge kişinin talebi üzerine hazırlanmıştır.

Saygılarımla,

Oda Başkanı

The strategic plan for the northern part of Nicosia, and the Chamber of City Planners letter confirming the CIU president (also in Appendix 1).

PARTNERSHIP REGISTER

How CIU works with local authorities and planning bodies

Each form of cooperation, the planning issue it addresses and where the evidence is.

Ref.	Cooperation	Planning issue addressed	Partner	Evidence
L1	**Chamber of City Planners** CIU academic is president	The chamber is responsible for the planning profession in Northern Cyprus. A CIU academic leads the body that gathers its authorised urban planners.	Chamber of City Planners (TRNC)	Appendix 1 Chamber page
L2	**Strategic planning of Nicosia** Consultancy, "Surlar içi"	Consultancy for the strategic planning of the Surlar içi area of northern Nicosia, within the World Bank and EU strategic plan for the central area.	Planning authorities and plan partners	Appendix 1
L3	**Policy support to government** Architects and geoscience engineers	A CIU academic sits on the board of the Chamber of Architects and another on the board of the Chamber of Geoscience Engineers, helping the government with policy development.	Professional chambers; government	Appendix 1 Partnerships page
L4	**Opinions on municipal plans** Urban Studies Centre	In 2018 the centre issued an official opinion letter on Alsancak Municipality's urban pattern conservation and design draft guide, and another on the Yeniboğaziçi region development ordinance.	Alsancak Municipality; Yeniboğaziçi region	Urban Studies Centre
L5	**Park design for Nicosia** Student project with the municipality	Students of the Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture designed a park for Nicosia, shown at the CIU Art and Exhibition Gallery on 29 March 2024. The Mayor called it a result of cooperation and a first step towards a recreational area.	Nicosia Turkish Municipality	CIU news
L6	**Community integration** Haspolat bridge	The bridge over the highway links the campus and Haspolat Village, so residents can reach the library, green spaces and events.	Haspolat community	Appendix 1 SDG 11 page

Sources

- Chamber of City Planners: https://ktmmob.org/odalar/sehir-plancilari-odasi/
- CIU Urban Studies Centre: https://ciu.edu.tr/en/research/research-centers/urban-studies
- CIU news: students' social responsibility project with Nicosia Turkish Municipality (29 March 2024): https://ciu.edu.tr/en/news/fine-arts-design-and-architecture-students-social-responsibility-project
- CIU SDG 17 page: partnerships with government bodies: https://prospective.ciu.edu.tr/en/about-us/impact/sustainability/sustainable-development-goals/partnerships-goals
- CIU SDG 11 page: pedestrian bridge to Haspolat: https://ciu.edu.tr/en/about-us/impact/sustainability/sustainable-development-goals/sustainable-cities-and-communities

How the evidence answers the question

Working with local authorities on planning: yes. CIU gives professional leadership and consultancy on planning in Nicosia and written opinions to municipalities.

Local residents: the Haspolat bridge and the Nicosia park project serve residents directly. The evidence does not describe a CIU programme specifically for affordable housing for local residents.

As a body: university units and the university itself carry out the work.

2025 ACTIVITY

Planning and urban-design activity in 2025

Public events on planning, urban design and construction sustainability held on campus in 2025, with the Center for Urban Studies and the Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture. Printed event pages are in Appendix 2.

Date	Event	Organiser / speakers	Venue	Evidence
5–9 May 2025	**9th International Design Fest**	Keynote: Prof. Dr. Alper Ünlü. Speakers: Prof. Dr. Cemil Atakara, Onur Olguner, Prof. Dr. Halil Nadiri. Workshops and posters.	Çevik Uraz Conference Hall	Appendix 2
3 November 2025, 15:30	**Student Work Exhibition 2025**	Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture	ST Building entrance	Appendix 2
5 November 2025, 14:00	**Planning the Vertical City**	Center for Urban Studies. Speaker: Prof. Dr. Shahin Keynoush	Çevik Uraz Conference Hall	Appendix 2
16 December 2025, 14:00	**Industrial Heritage: Forgotten Factories, Memorable Architecture**	Organiser not stated on the page	EH Building	Appendix 2
17 December 2025, 11:00	**Sustainability Concerns in Construction Sector**	Civil Engineering Club. Speaker: Tuğba Yılmaz	GE 140	Appendix 2

The Center for Urban Studies

CIU's Center for Urban Studies states its mission as "serving communities through engagement with governmental and nongovernmental entities on issues of urbanism", and describes itself as an academic body that helps the inhabitants of North Cyprus address the challenges faced by cities, towns and villages. Its listed work includes official opinion letters on the Alsancak Municipality conservation and design guide and the Yeniboğaziçi development ordinance (both 2018), World Urbanism Day seminars (2018, 2021) and press releases (2017 to 2021), and ongoing strategy work in research, community engagement and education. The director is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Payam Mahasti.

APPENDIX 1 • SOURCE DOCUMENT

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Evidence for THE Impact Rankings Questionnaire

University : Cyprus International University
Country : North Cyprus- Turkey Web
Address : www.ciu.edu.tr

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CIU actively engages with a network of local and international partners to advance sustainable urban planning and development.

Working with Local Authorities to Address Planning Issues

Collaboration for Community Integration & Accessibility

Implicit Collaboration with Local Community (Haspolat)

- **Partnership:** The construction of the **pedestrian bridge to Haspolat Area** represents a major infrastructure investment by CIU for community benefit.
- **Planning & Development Issues Addressed:**
  - **Safe Community Integration:** Physically and safely connecting the campus with a neighboring residential community, allowing students to access local amenities and residents to access campus facilities (library, green spaces, events).
  - **Inclusive Public Space:** The bridge ensures safe passage over a significant barrier (a highway), making the university's resources more accessible to local residents.
- **The collaboration** provides universal access to safe, inclusive, and accessible, green and public spaces.

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Cyprus International University has a representative in the Chamber of City Planners Board of Directors as the president of the chamber (TRNC) (https://ktmmob.org/odalar/sehir-plancilari-odasi/). Among other contributions, a consultancy has been provided by Dr. Gizem Caner (Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture) for the strategic planning of the "Surlar içi" which is Slum area of the northern part of Nicosia.



Dr. Gizem Caner is president of the Chamber of Urban Planners. The chamber is responsible for the planning profession in Northern Cyprus. It gathers Urban Planners and Senior Urban Planners authorized to practice their profession and art in Northern Cyprus.

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...Kıbrıs Türk Mühendis ve Mimar Odaları Birliği...
... Şehir Plancılar Odası ...

Tarih: 06 Kasım 2023

İlgili Makama,

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Saygılarımla,

Gizem Caner
Oda Başkanı

Şehir Plancıları Odası

Asst. Prof. Dr. Nezire Özgece is an active board member of The Chamber of Architects, helping the government with policy development.

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07.11.2023

İlgili Makama,

529 Sicil Numaralı Sn. Nezire Özgece, Odamızın Mimar statüsünde kayıtlı faal üyesidir. 26 Mart 2022 Tarihinde gerçekleştirilen 54. Olağan Genel Kurul sonucunda Yönetim Kurulu Üyeliğine seçilmiş olup, aktif olarak görevlerini bir tamam yerine getirmektedir.

Bu belge, kişinin talebi üzerine hazırlanmıştır.

Saygılarımızla,

Mimarlar Odası
Yönetim Kurulu(a)

Kozan Üzümoğlu
Başkan

Mimarlar Odası

Asst. Prof. Dr. Ertan Ekün is an active board member of The Chamber of Geoscience Engineers, helping the government with policy development.

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Yerbilim Mühendisleri Odası

09/11/2023

İlgili Makama;

Sn. Ertan Akün odamıza maden mühendisi statüsünde kayıtlı faal üyesi olup aynı zamanda yönetim kurulu üyeliği görevini aktif olarak yerine getirmektedir.

Bu belge kişinin talebi üzerine hazırlanmıştır.

Saygılarımla

Yerbilim

Başkan

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YERBİLİM MÜHENDİSLERİ ODASI

The university acts as a key anchor institution, using its resources and expertise to address local planning challenges.

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CIU website pages: Urban Studies Center

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MISSION VE VISION

Universally, the *sine qua non* of all respectable universities' existence is teaching, research, and public service. The mission of the Center of Urban Studies at Cyprus International University (CIU-CUS), is therefore educating students and the public, creating and disseminating knowledge relevant to Architecture and its allied disciplines through research and scholarship, and serving communities through engagement with governmental and nongovernmental entities on issues of urbanism.

CIU-CUS sees itself as an able academic body that assists the inhabitants of North Cyprus address the challenges that are faced by cities, towns, and villages with viable and prudent solutions and resolutions of Urbanism issues.

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PROJECTS

- Official Opinion Letter on "Alsancak Municipality, Alsancak – Menekşe Region Urban Pattern Conservation and Design Draft Guide" (2018)
- Official Opinion Letter on "Gazimağusa İskele Yeniboğaziçi Region Develeopment Ordinance"(2018)
- International World Urbanism Day Seminars (2018, 2021)
- International World Urbanism Day Press Releases (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- Developing strategies in the field of Research, Community Engagement and Education (ongoing)

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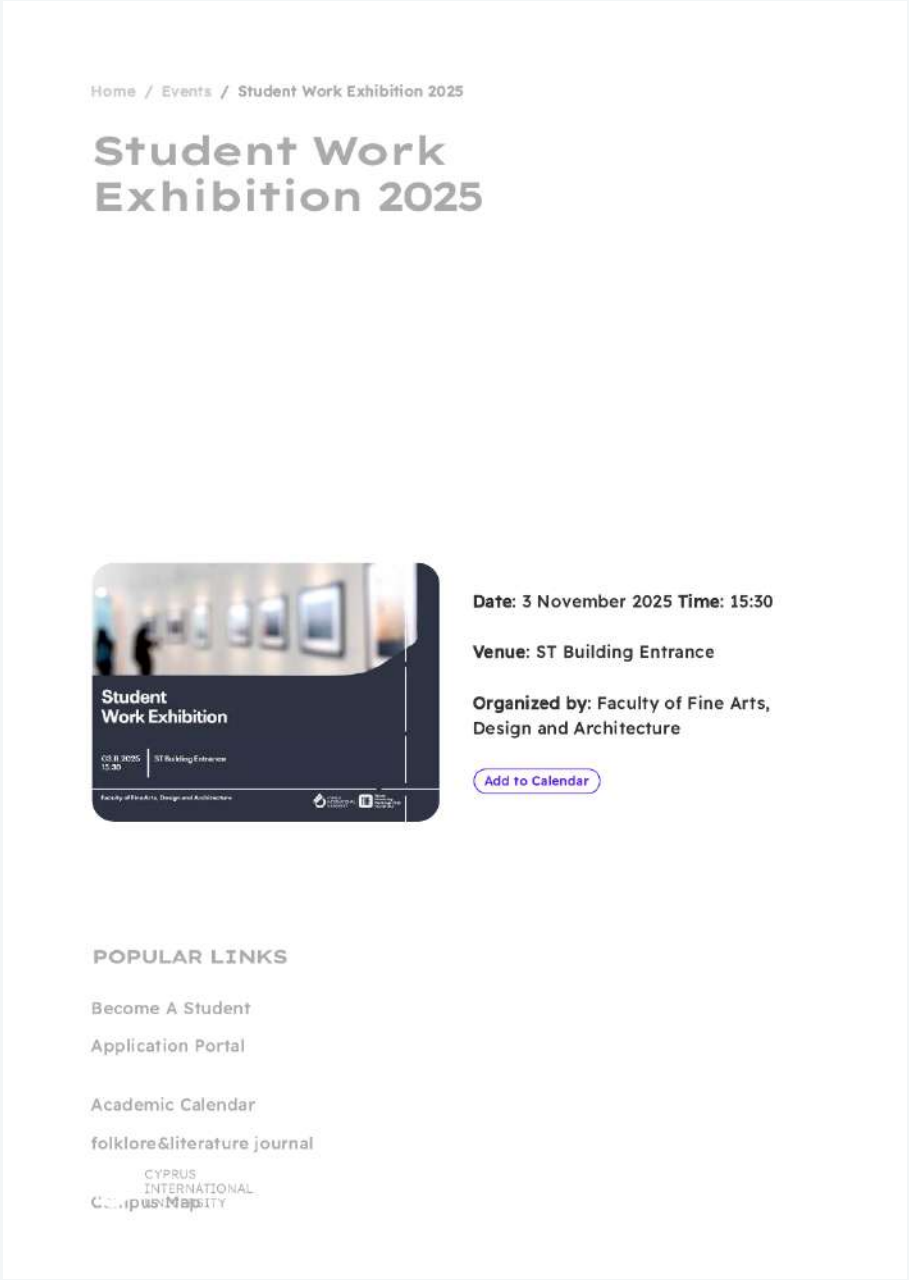
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Student Work Exhibition 2025

Date: 3 November 2025 **Time:** 15:30

Venue: ST Building Entrance

Organized by: Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture

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Industrial Heritage:
Forgotten Factories,
Memorable
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Date: 16 December 2025 **Time:** 14:00

Venue: EH Building

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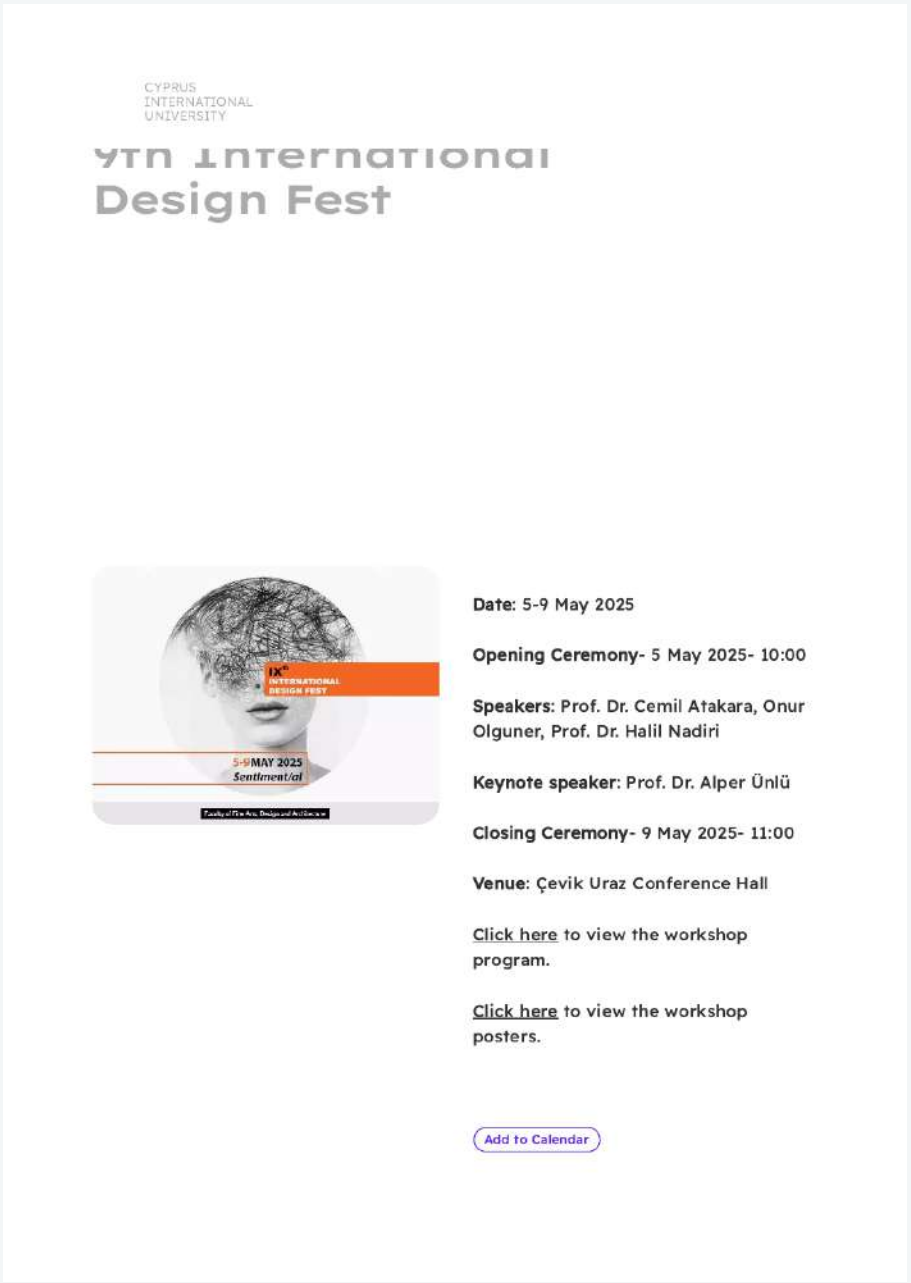
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9th International
Design Fest

Date: 5-9 May 2025

Opening Ceremony- 5 May 2025- 10:00

Speakers: Prof. Dr. Cemil Atakara, Onur Olguner, Prof. Dr. Halil Nadiri

Keynote speaker: Prof. Dr. Alper Ünlü

Closing Ceremony- 9 May 2025- 11:00

Venue: Çevik Uraz Conference Hall

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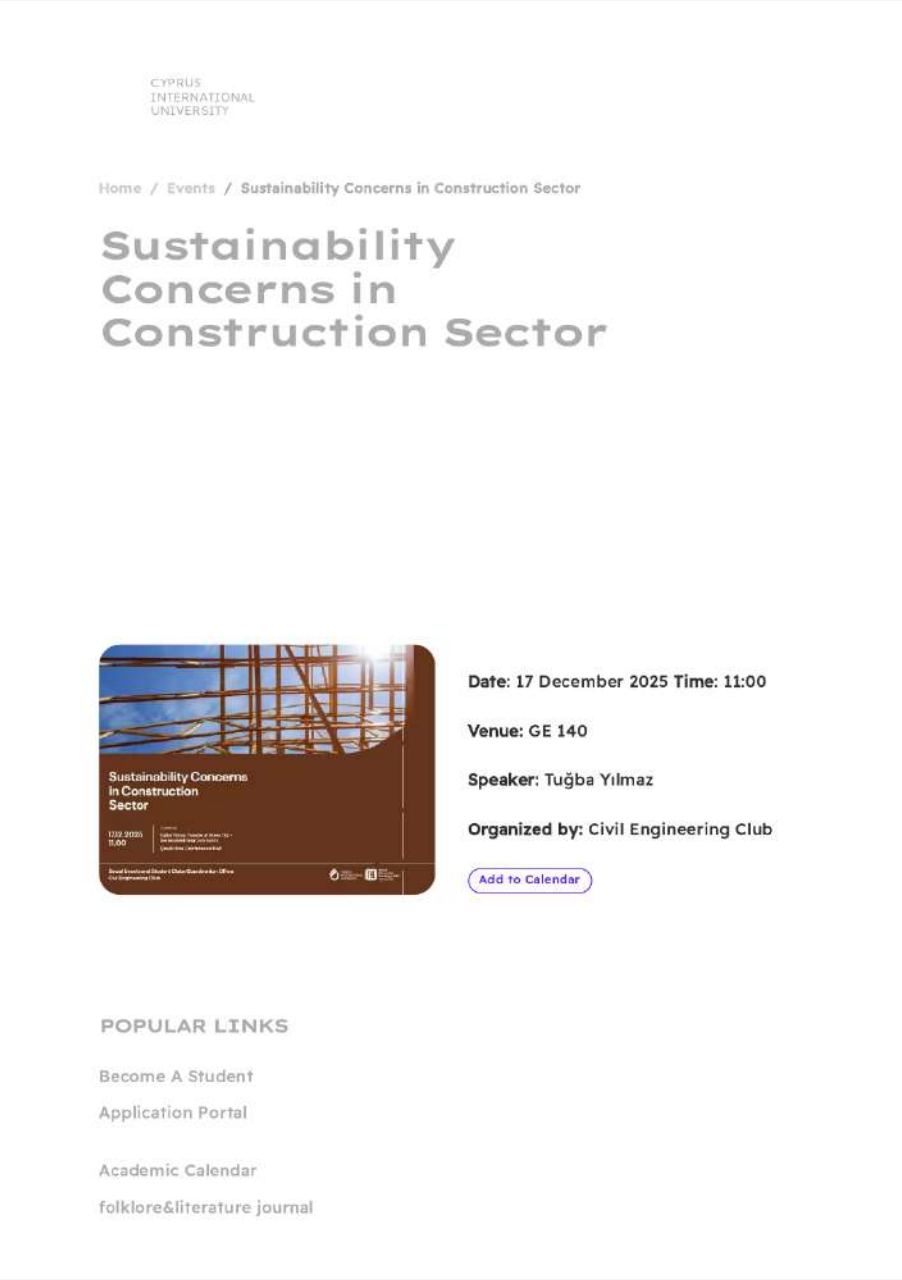
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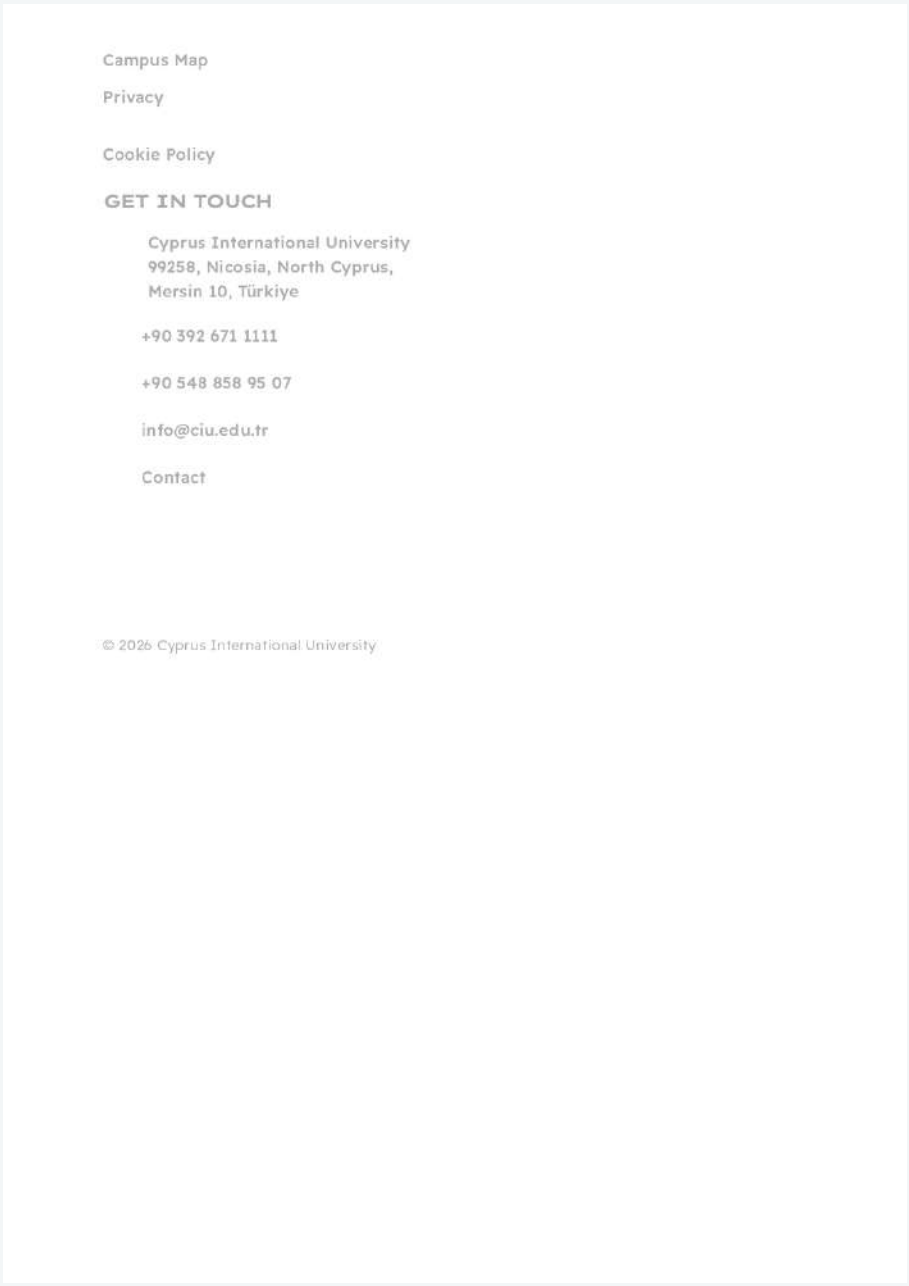
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