17. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Our University strives to attain the "Partnerships for the Goals" goal. Cooperation not only at the campus but also with the communities, integration with industries, and raising awareness of the students accordingly are the attempts to contribute to the attainment of this goal.

Academic Cooperation: Our University creates research and educational opportunities in respect of sustainable development by means of acting in cooperation with different universities, research organizations, and non-governmental organizations. These cooperation organizations are intended to share the best practices and provide the students with enriched experiences about sustainability.

Community Involvement and Awareness Raising: Our University supports organizations that intend to share sustainability goals and awareness-raising activities with the communities. It aimed to explain the context of sustainable development in a way that covers everybody through acting in cooperation with local communities.

University & Sector Cooperation: Our University encourages the integration of sustainability practices with the business world by cooperating with national and international sector partners. We reinforce our relationships with the business world through specific mechanisms such as student internships, research projects, and consultancy services.

Sustainability at the Campus: Our University encourages sustainability practices at the Cibali Campus. There are projects intended to increase energy efficiency, carry out waste management, and minimize environmental impact, enabling students and personnel to participate in such projects.

Non-Governmental Organizations We Partner with:
   a. Bütün Çocuklar Bizim Derneği (BÇBD)
   b. Basic Needs Association (TİDER)
   c. Wikimedia
   d. İBB City Council
   e. İBB Neighborhood Houses
   f. Education Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV)
   g. Kadir Has University student clubs (Social Solidarity and Support Club, Activism Club)

The projects and courses within the organization of our University in connection with this goal are detailed below.

17.1. Projects

- The project "ACT- Artistic Freedom and Children's and Youth's Perspective in the Arts in Turkey" was put into practice on 01.06.2022 as supported by the Swedish Institute and conducted in cooperation between Kadir Has University Department of Theater, Mordem, and K2 Current Art Association.
- The project BOUNDARY CROSSING started to be put into practice on 01.03.2021 in cooperation between the KHAS Department of Theater, HKU (Hogeschool voor de Kunsten), and Glej Theatre (Currently in progress).

17.2. Courses

- **KHAS 107 Design:** The mandatory course of design for all the first-year students of the university under the Core Program expects the students to design a project to solve a problem they identified on the campus and in the Cibali Neighborhood located near the campus. We acted in cooperation with the Cibali Neighborhood House, owned by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality since it is a location that could meet the requirements of the students for a place where the women and children in the neighborhood could meet and gather together. The Neighborhood Houses operated by the İBB Social Services Directorate are located in disadvantaged communities of Istanbul and serve the purpose of providing the neighborhood residents with the opportunities to work, socialize, learn through workshop efforts, do exercises, etc. Through the partnership within the course of design, some student groups carried out workshop efforts and meetings in the Neighborhood Houses for women and children.
- **KHAS 101 Origins and Consequences:** This course discusses what type of valuable consequences were obtained through the inventions in different scientific fields and motivates the students to think about how the studies in various scientific fields could be used together in an interdisciplinary way. The students are allowed and encouraged to do homework in groups for any topic of their choice to analyze them and strengthen their teamwork skills deeply.
- **KHAS 103 History of Humankind:** A case discussed by the students in a group homework was designed to motivate them to cooperate to solve a problem as identified by them.
- **KHAS 110 Social Responsibility Project:** This course discusses the context of social responsibility within the framework of hypothetical information and universal values and aims to transform such information into active citizenship skills through involvement activities. This course expects the students to be aware of the needs and problems of their community and design and practice such projects of different scales and contents to produce creative solutions for them. We act in partnerships with various non-governmental organizations in line with these purposes.