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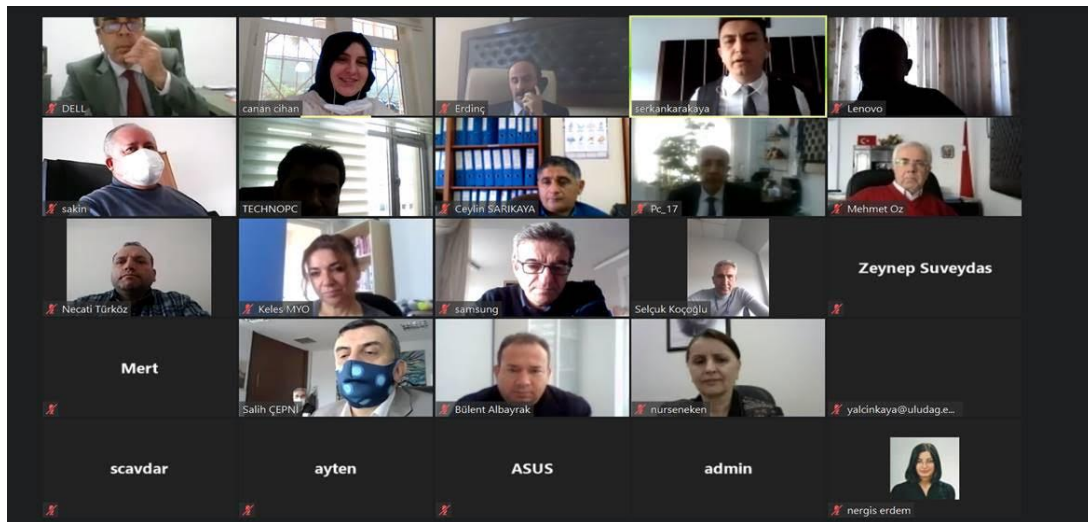
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[3] Waste (WS)

[3.1] Recycling Program for University Waste



Zero Waste Rewarding Document: Bursa Uludag University is Rewarded with Zero Waste Certificate by the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Urbanization



Zero Waste System Installation and Application Training



Example of Recycling Program for University Waste (University of Bursa Uludag University, Turkey)
It is possible to see recycling bins in every corner of the university buildings



New Recycling Program for University Waste (University of Bursa Uludag University, Turkey)

Large waste areas have been created according to the types of waste discharged to various parts of the university.



Material group analysis of waste



Collect Waste on Campus Event



Turning waste into works of art

Description:

The Zero Waste Project in Turkey initiated by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization in 2017 has evolved into a nationwide campaign over the past four years. Zero waste regulation was published and started to be applied by the public institutions in Turkey. The criteria to be awarded with Zero Waste certificate was set by the ministry. Bursa Uludağ University fulfilled these criteria, which are as follows:

- To get a certificate the institution should have a recycling program.



- The institution should record the waste generated and the portion recycled.
- The recyclable waste should be recycled by the institution or the institution should have an agreement with the municipality to arrange a licensed recycling company to receive the recyclable waste collected by the university.
- The recycling amounts should be systemically entered into the nationwide waste monitoring system governed by the ministry.

Bursa Uludag University fulfilled the criteria of the Zero Waste project and received the Zero Waste certificate. A special Waste Division was established to manage the recycling program within the campus. The Zero Waste Project run by the university is developing day by day with many recycling programs within the campus.

Bursa Uludag University has an agreement with the district municipality. The district municipality arranged a local recycling company, which is licensed by the ministry, to receive the recyclables collected by the university. All students, academic and administrative staff, and visitors use recycling bins, which allow distinguishing between organic waste and recyclables (plastic, paper, glass, aluminum, etc.). Recyclable wastes are received by the licensed company, separated, and treated into raw materials to be used.

Bursa Uludag University provides zero waste practices and awareness-raising training for academicians and staff responsible for waste in faculties.

Depending on the increase in the university population, the amount and types of waste are also increasing. With the new recycling project, collection areas were created in many parts of the university to receive different types of waste. Collection areas of various materials and sizes have been created according to the characteristics of different types of waste such as hazardous, recyclable wastes, and organic wastes.

Environmental engineering students separate the wastes they collect from different faculties within the scope of the solid waste management course each year, using the material group analysis. By weighing the groups they have separated, they determine the amount and type of waste on the basis of faculties at the university. They separate the recyclable wastes and combine the different groups in bags.

Sustainable Campus volunteers, who organized a waste collection event on the campus at the beginning of the week after the no elevator day project, nature walk, and planting campaign, succeeded in turning the waste they collected into works of art. In addition to various works of art, a music concert was held with musical instruments made from waste with the work of music club students. At the same time, a seminar on recycling was held within the scope of this study.