YODAK and Higher Education in North Cyprus

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19 Universities are approved by YÖK
In 2019-2020 academic year
• 50213 students from Turkey
• 41834 students from other countries
• 12271 students from North Cyprus
• Total of 104,318 students.
Academic Staff

701 Profs,
478 Assoc Prof,
1368 Assist Prof.,
1461 academic staff with PhD
556 research staff and other academic staff
A total of 4564
Program levels

335 5th level
785 6th level,
314 7th level
149 8th level
Total 1583 programmes
Accreditation and memberships

YODAK encourage programme accreditation from international accreditation agencies, and value international external evaluation.

We also encourage joint diploma programmes. North Cyprus universities have joint programmes with universities in Turkey, Europe and USA.
Accreditation and Memberhips of Our Universities

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https://www.emu.edu.tr/t
Girne American University

https://www.gau.edu.tr/
Near East University

https://neu.edu.tr/
Cyprus International University

https://www.ciu.edu.tr/
European University of Lefke
METU-North Cyprus

https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/
ITU North Cyprus

https://kktc.itu.edu.tr/
University of Mediterranean Karpasia
Kyrenia University

https://kyrenia.edu.tr/
Cyprus Social Sciences University
American University of Cyprus

https://www.auc.edu.tr/
Cyprus Health and Social Sciences University

https://kstu.edu.tr/
Final International University

https://www.final.edu.tr/
Ada Kent University

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Bahçeşehir Cyprus University

https://baucyprus.edu.tr/tr/
Rauf Denktaş University

https://rdu.edu.tr/tr/
Cyprus West university

https://cwu.edu.tr/tr/
Arkı'n University of Creative Arts and Design

https://www.arucad.edu.tr/
15 November University

https://www.onbeskku.edu.tr/
European Leadership University
YODAK
Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation and Coordination Council

Established in 1993 under the Ministry of Education
Became independent in 2005
Law renewed in 2009 and 2017
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Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation and Coordination Council

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Higher Education Planning, Evaluation, Accreditation and Coordination Council

STAFF

Derviş Refiker (General Secretary)  Uğraş Beratlı
Evrim Tolga                        Yeliz H Arap
Gülşah Ulgar                      Sidar Yağız
Ziba Akkurt                       Aysel Kınıçak
Fezile Cenkova                    Ayfer Binici
Mert Petek                        Savaş Şimşek
Memberships of YODAK

CEENQA
INQAAHE
UK NARIC
ENQA (affiliate)
Committees and Study Groups

Before 2017-

Inter University Academic Coordination Council

Ethics Committee
Diploma and degree equivalency commissions
Expert commissions

Committee for secure higher education
Committees and Study Groups

After 2017-

Rectors committee
Deans committees (NQF specific fields)
Higher Education and YODAK Strategic Planning Group (Cont. under MONE)
Higher Education Students Study Group (safe and student friendly HEA project..)
North Cyprus Higher Education Qualifications Study Group (Completed NQF)
International relations study group
Medicine and health sciences education study group
Economic and social sustainability study group
Scientific Research and project coordination group
Study groups for law and legislation..
International Stakeholders

YÖK
YÖKAK

EU
World Bank
CEENQA
INQAAHE
UK NARIC
ENQA
IAU
EUA

Other international accreditation and evaluation associations
In 2019:

220 programs were evaluated, 57 programs were rejected,
Initial accreditation of 1 university was cancelled
(11 more universities are waiting)

In 2019

101 diplomas were evaluated for equivalency and 92 of them were certified as equivalent
YODAK IN PANDEMIC

✓ Lockdown started on March 12 due to COVID-19 pandemic
✓ YODAK immediately switched to digital platform and continued to work
✓ From the beginning of pandemic up to the 1st of July YODAK had 28 digital meetings. Now 64
✓ Also evaluation of 6 universities were completed during this period.
✓ Inter University Academic Coordination Council meeting was held in a hybrid way both online and face to face.
YODAK IN PANDEMIC

✓ Soon after the lockdown a Higher Education Scientific Council (HESC) was established under MONE in which YODAK was represented with the president and a member. The meetings held online.

✓ The main aim of HESC was
  ✓ to search for different scenarios and produce solutions for higher education in every aspect during the pandemic
  ✓ to assist MONE and YODAK to support foreign students staying in the island (about 30000)
YODAK IN PANDEMIC

✓ Online higher education was implemented by our universities after cabinet decision in March.

✓ YODAK established an under committee of experts for online education.

✓ Experts committee defined minimum standards and prepared a short guideline for all the universities

✓ One of our members was in charge of experts committee for online education.

✓ Universities prepared their online education accordingly and YODAK checked their work during 2019-2020 spring semester
YODAK IN PANDEMIC

✓ YODAK continued its evaluations during lockdown and first site-visits started soon after.
✓ 3 members completed side visits even in partial lockdown days.

✓ With strict precautions COVID-19 was eradicated till the end of lockdown in North Cyprus.
✓ BUT the number increased and strict precautions are taken again
✓ For the 2020-2021 Academic year our first scenario is to lower the number of cases and accept students with PCR tests and quarantine offered by universities and government, and

✓ Implement a hybrid model 60% face to face and 40% online.

✓ We hope to welcome our students with the concept of “safe and student friendly” island.
THANK YOU

“It’s not enough to do your best, you must know what to do and then do your best”

E. Deming