ORTA DOĞU TEKNİK ÜNİVERSİTESİ
MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

Mission

Attaining excellence in research, education and public service for society, humanity and nature, in an environment nurturing creative and critical thinking, innovation, leadership, and universal values.

Vision

A leading international university that transforms its region and the world.

International Mandate and Vision

Türkiye’s
premier state research
university

Established with an
international mandate
and an international vision

English as the
medium of instruction
at ALL levels and degrees

Campuses

1956
Ankara
main campus

Baku

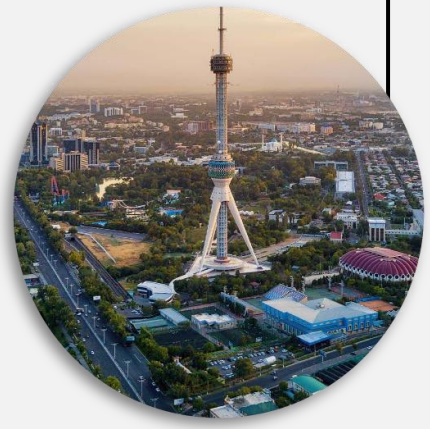
Baku Campus at Türkiye Azerbaijan University

Tashkent

International University of the Turkic States, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

2000
Northern Cyprus Kalkanlı

1975
Mersin Erdemli



Strengths of METU

Establishment of first University Central Lab

First Campus Abroad (Northern Cyprus Campus)

First Turkish university to use English as medium of instruction

First Turkish University in top 100 universities in international rankings

First Turkish university built on a campus

an innovative

Numerous "First"s introduced to the Turkish higher education and research area

First Turkish university to use department, semester, and credit system

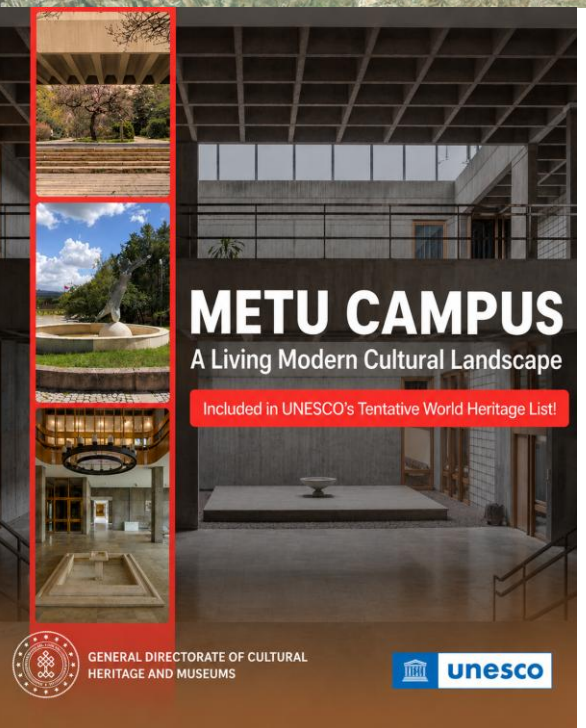
First Technopark in Türkiye, a pioneering model in industry-university relations

First Internet Service Provider (ISP) in Türkiye

First to create a Faculty Development Program (FDP) Network

First Confucius Center in Turkiye

Campus



campus area

4500 hectares

(45 km²)

In 1956, within the 45 km² granted, a lake (Lake Eymir) was also allocated to Middle East Technical University for use.

forest area

3043 hectares

(33 km²)

Student Life

65.800 m²

indoor & outdoor sports area

42

sports teams

140

student cultural groups

5 faculties

currently enrolled students lie within ***the 1% - 5%*** of 2.000.000+ applicants

for more information:

Architecture	3
Arts & Sciences	10
Economics & Administrative Sciences	6
Education	10
Engineering	13

METU is the 1st university receiving ABET accreditation in Türkiye. All engineering programs have ABET accreditation.

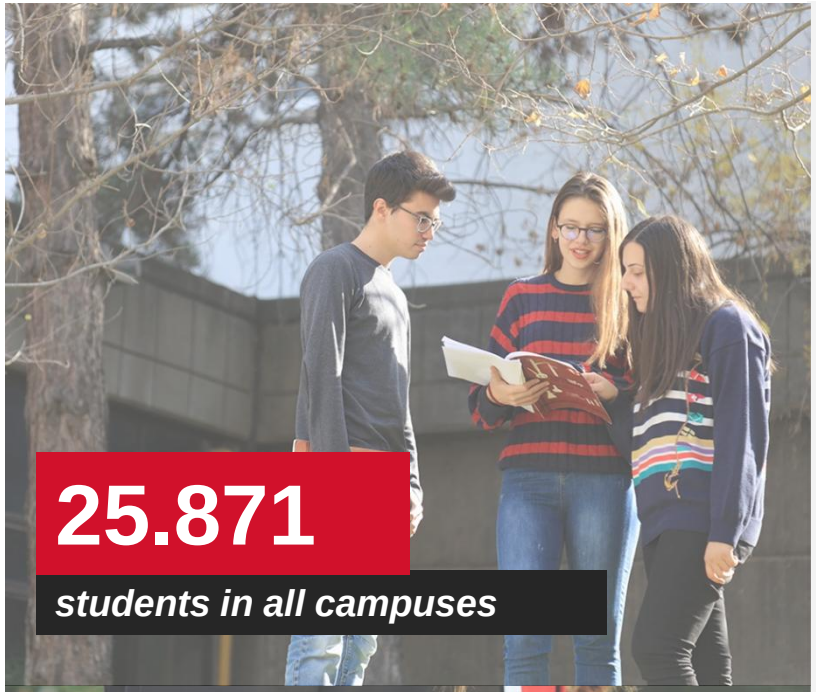
total undergraduate programs **42**

5 graduate schools

for more information:

Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences	56
Graduate School of Social Sciences	37
Graduate School of Informatics	10
Graduate School of Applied Mathematics	4
Institute of Marine Sciences	3

total graduate programs **110**



25.871

students in all campuses

164.935

graduates from all campuses since 1960

222

programs

42	undergraduate programs
108	master's programs
72	doctoral programs
16	accredited programs
41	interdisciplinary programs

1900+ international students

from 86 countries

1978 *academic personnel*

as of 2024

HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

*METU is **the first Turkish university to receive HR Logo**, that is an important symbol for the international visibility and reliability of universities.*

682 faculty members

2446 administrative staff

378 professors

177 associate professors

127 assistant professors

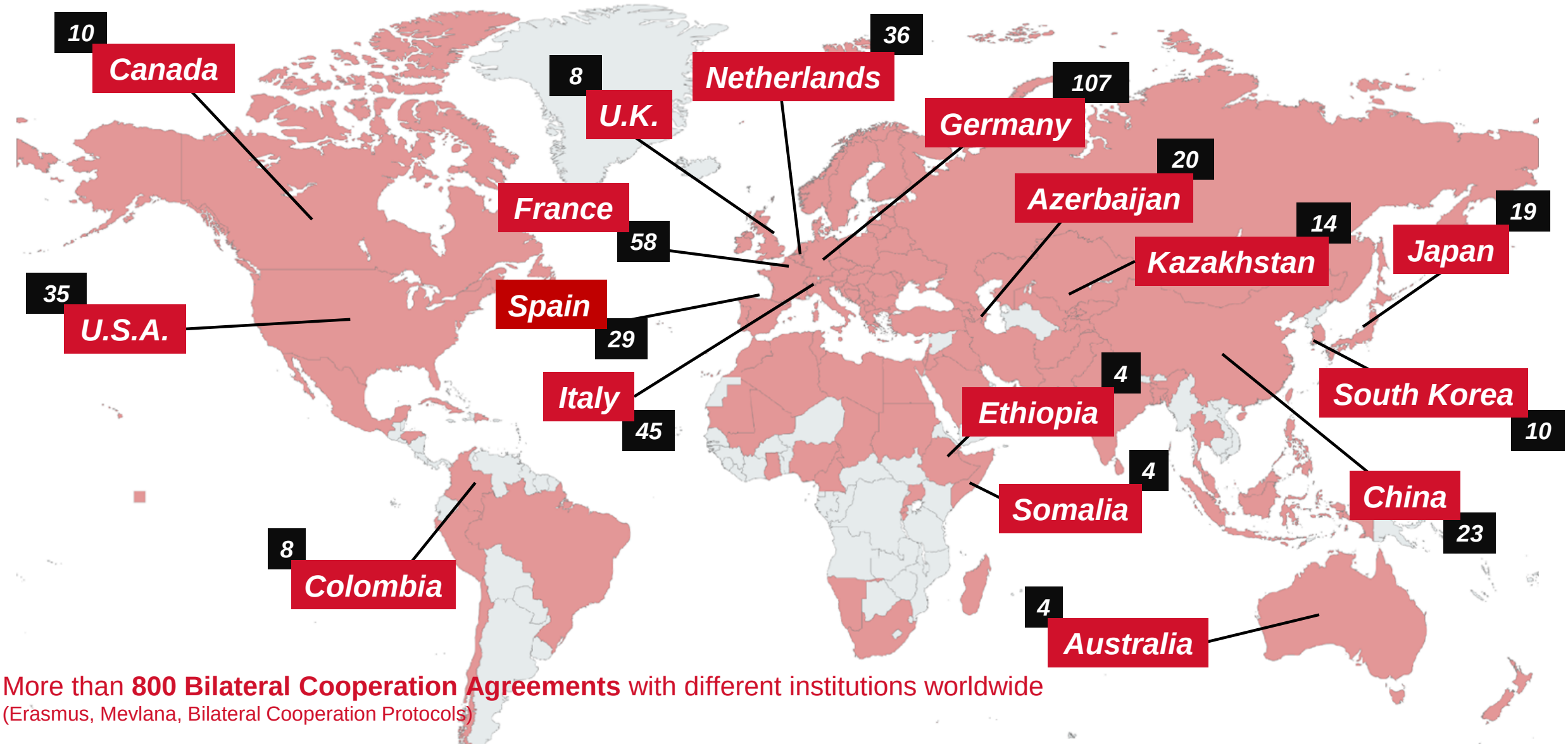
344 lecturers and instructors

144 specialists

72 research assistants under article 35 (including OYP)

736 research assistants

31 international faculty members



More than **800 Bilateral Cooperation Agreements** with different institutions worldwide
(Erasmus, Mevlana, Bilateral Cooperation Protocols)

Each year, we send approximately **550 students** and **over 150 teaching/ administrative staff** abroad, while hosting around **250 incoming students** and **100 teaching/administrative staff**
(an annual average of 1,000 participants in our mobility programs)

METU is ranked
#1 in Türkiye
in its 70th year
THE 2027 WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS
RANKED 326–350 GLOBALLY
Research Environment
173rd
globally
Teaching
176th
globally
Industry Engagement
219th
globally
THE World University Rankings
70th
METU

QS
WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS
Türkiye's #1:
in Academic Reputation
in Employer Reputation
in International Research Network
#305
World University Rankings 2026
2021
801 - 1000
2022
501 - 600
2023
351 - 400

ODTÜ·TEKNOKENT

The first Technopark in Türkiye

One of the most successful Technopark

Ranked first for seven times (2011 – 2024) by the Ministry of Industry and Technology

400+ technology companies, with over 70% founded within ODTÜ TEKNOKENT

170,000 m² of total indoor space across 3 campuses

13,000+ research personnel

USD 700 million in annual technology exports as of 2025

metu space

SPACE
RESEARCH
EXCELLENCE
AT **METU**

ODTÜ
METU

METUSPACE:
A New Era for Space Innovation

On a **698,776 m² campus** in Ankara, METU has launched METUSPACE, its **Space Technopark** a hub for advanced space systems and **next-generation technologies.**

Uniting academia, industry, and global partners, it will drive innovation in satellite systems, aerospace engineering, and deep-space exploration, positioning Türkiye as a regional leader in space research.

SHAPING
THE **FUTURE**
OF SPACE
RESEARCH

15+
Years of Experience

$14 M+
EU Funding

10+
International Collaboration

7
Major Projects

4
Framework Programmes

Research Potential: Currently Ongoing Projects

YÜKSEKÖĞRETİM KURULU
COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

According to CoHE (Council of Higher Education) assessments, METU has maintained a **top-three position** among Türkiye's research universities for the past years.

Approximately **25% of the annual budget** of the university is provided from competitive national and international research funds with its research and development activities.

248
BAP projects

180
TUBITAK projects

327
revolving fund projects

96
international cooperation projects

43 million €

total project budget

Research

Laboratories

31
research centers

549
research and training laboratories

European Research Council
Established by the European Commission

METU is the only public university in Türkiye with **6 European Research Council (ERC) projects**.

METU ranked 1st in Horizon Europe with receiving the highest number of projects.

Library

1.000.000+
resources

1.427.580
electronic books

80.975
electronic journals

1.350
seating capacity of people

Interdisciplinary Research

RÜZGEM
www.ruzgem.metu.edu.tr

Center for Wind Energy Research

ROMER
Center for Robotics and Artificial Intelligence

Center for Robotics and Artificial Intelligence

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Center for Space and Accelerator Technologies

31+

interdisciplinary research centers

Center for Climate Change and Sustainable Development

DİŞLİ, GÜÇ AKTARMA SİSTEMLERİ VE TİTREŞİM UYGULAMA VE ARAŞTIRMA MERKEZİ
DİMER

Center for Gear, Power Transmission Systems and Vibration Research

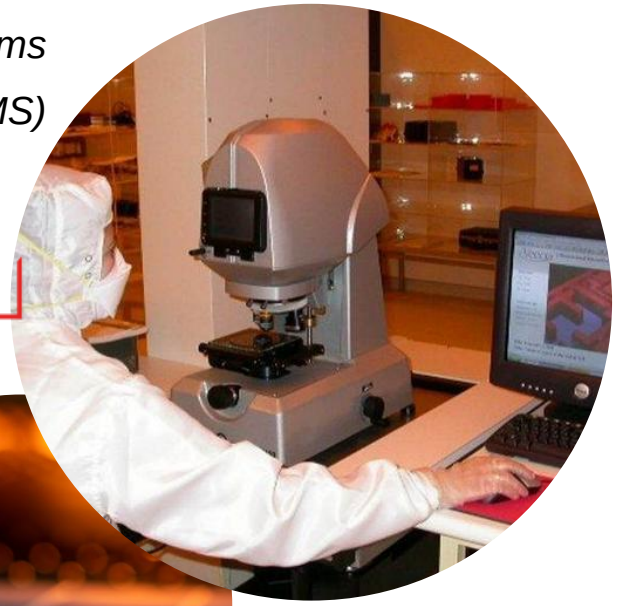
nöroM

Center of Excellence for Neuroscience and Neurotechnology

National-Level Research Infrastructure under Law N:6550

Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS)

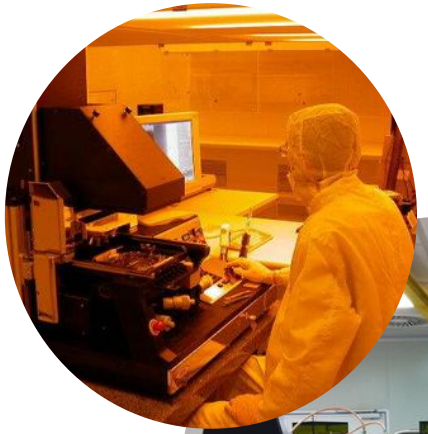
METU MEMS CENTER



ODTÜ GÜNAM

CENTER FOR SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS

The Center for Solar Energy Research and Applications



Research Potential: Currently Ongoing Projects

METU Moon Rover Project

(CHERI Mission)

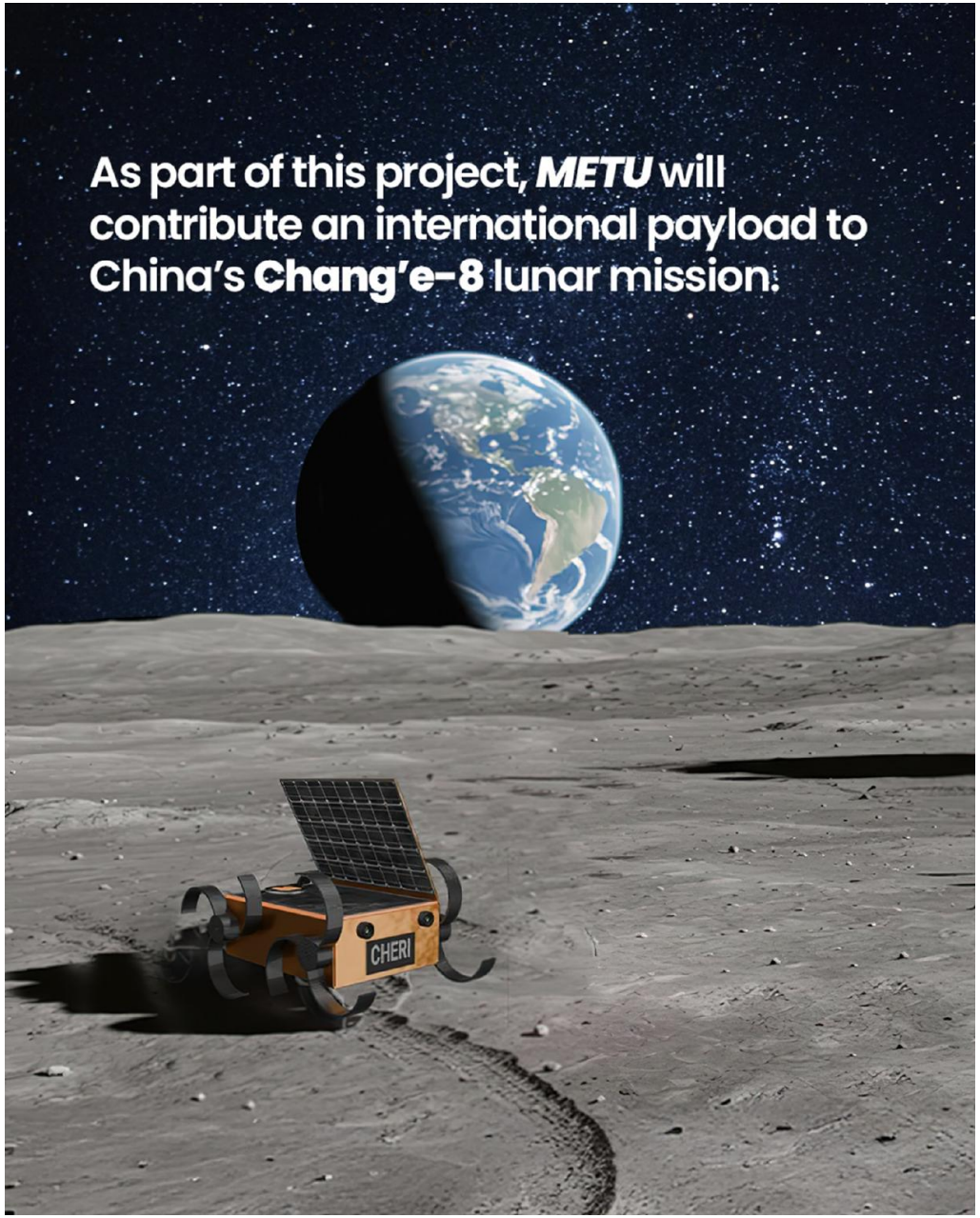
1. **Partnership Formation**
   Collaboration with Zhejiang University & STAR Vision established

2. **Mission Integration**
   Part of China's Chang'e-8 lunar program

3. **Target Deployment**
   Moon's South Pole mission in 2028

This groundbreaking project represents a joint effort between METU Aerospace Engineering and ROMER Faculty, demonstrating our excellence in robotics, systems integration, and remote sensing technologies.

The CHERI mission will deploy micro-rovers to explore the Moon's South Pole, marking a historic achievement in international space collaboration and Turkish aerospace capabilities.



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DEEP TRACE PROJECT

Marine expeditions continue as part of the ERC-funded DeepTrace project, which explores extreme habitats in the seas of Türkiye and the world.

1. **Unveiling Earth's Hidden Metal Highways**
   DeepTrace investigates how life-supporting metals move and react across deep-sea interfaces

2. **Nanoparticles as Cosmic Clues**
   Turns metal nanoparticles into tracers of life's chemistry — *a new window into life detection beyond Earth*

3. **From Black Sea to Ocean Worlds:**
   Connects Earth's deep-sea ecosystems with the icy oceans of distant moons to explore habitability

Research Potential: Currently Ongoing Projects

GO SPACE PROJECT

GO Space, funded by ERC, stands as a pioneer goal-oriented communication systems for space networks, collaborating with experts to refine proposed communication strategies and address challenges in space communication.

1. **Smarter Space Communication**
   GO SPACE builds next-generation communication systems to keep spacecraft and satellites connected

2. **Goal-Based Data Flow**
   Sends data with purpose — prioritizing only what's needed for each task to ensure reliable and efficient communication in space

3. **From Earth to Deep Space**
   Creates smart, energy-saving networks for future space and 6G systems

Together we can

change the world.

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