

# SAC Report

## March 2023 •

*120<sup>th</sup> IEEE Region 8 Meeting, Bucharest*

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*Vice Chair IEEE R8 Student Activities*



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**Abdullateef Aliyu**  
Chair, R8 SAC



## Chair, Student Activities Committee Report



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# Meet Region 8 SAC Team



## IEEE Region 8 Student Activities Committee



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Chair, R8 SAC



**Simay Akar**  
Past Chair, R8 SAC



**Maryam Saeed**  
R8 Regional Student Representative



**Vera Marković**  
Chair, Adhoc Committee  
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**Khalidoun Taktak**  
Chair, Adhoc Committee  
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**Mohamed Hatem**  
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Coordinator



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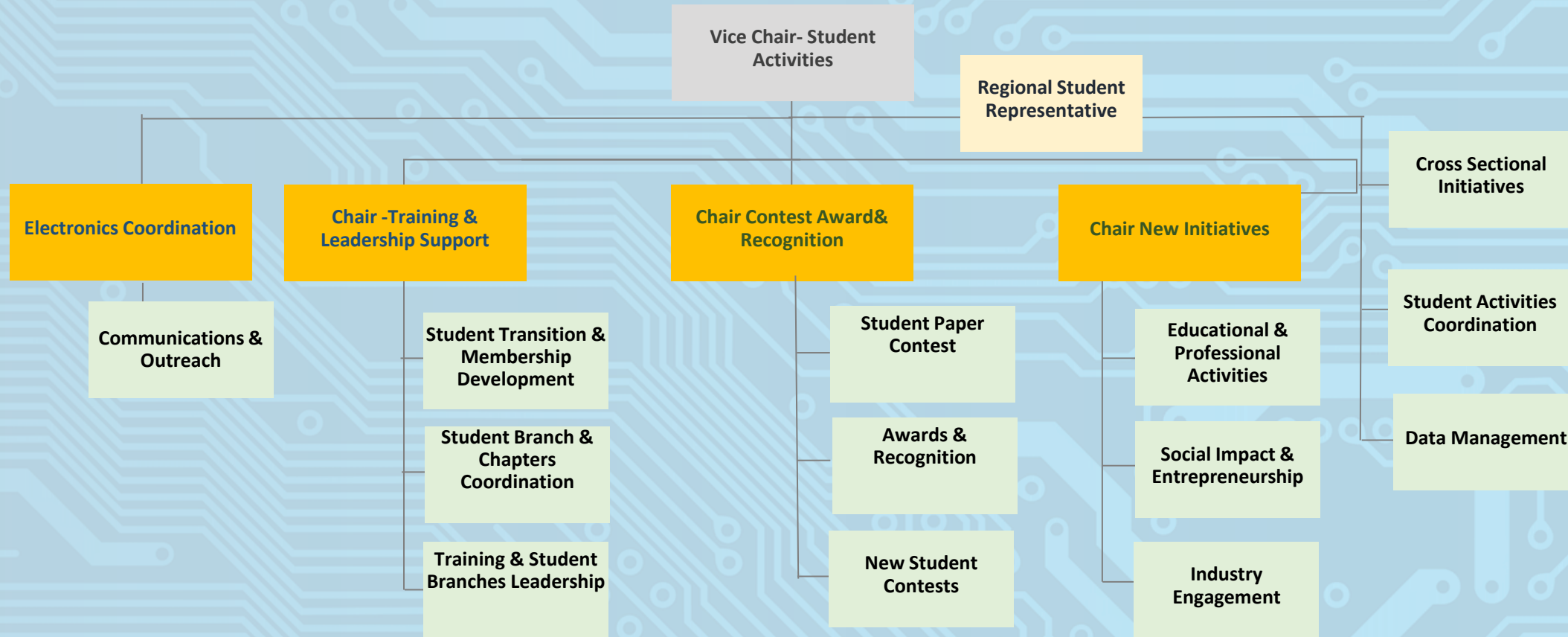


# Student Activities Committee Goal

- Decentralize the operation of the Student Activities Committee (SAC) into smaller manageable units with a plan to evolve into a standing committee in the future
- Promote good communication between student members, counselors, and the Student Activities Committee.
- Improve student membership experience in the region and promote membership growth, Membership Development initiatives.
- Increase collaboration with other OUs YP/WIE/HuAc/ Afl/ Societies
- Increase awareness of a variety of Student programs, events, Contests/competition
- Supporting xSYP/SYP and making sure the success of the flagship congress.
- Recognize Excellence with Awards

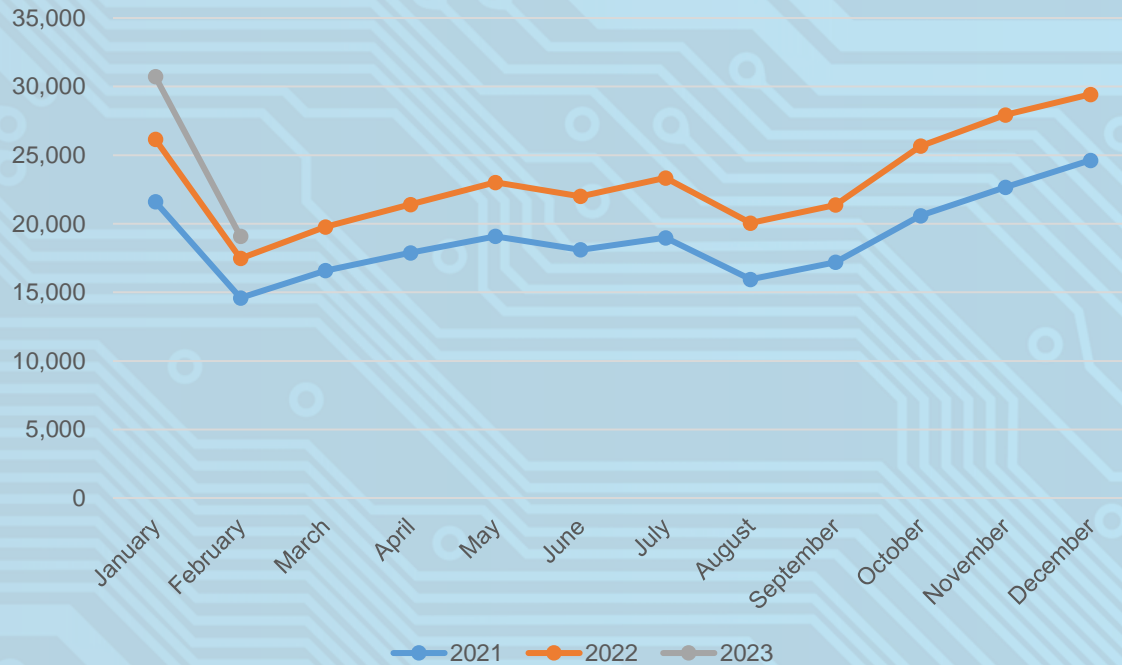


# R8 SAC Structure



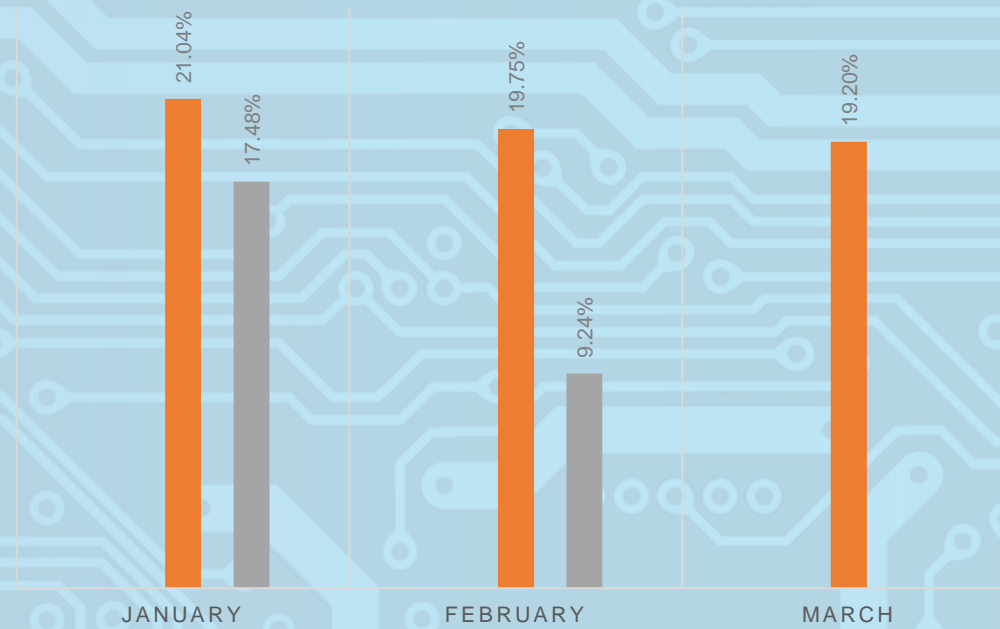
# Student Membership Statistic

YoY Student Membership



YOY CHANGES

■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2023	30,730	19,092										
2022	26,157	17,477	19,770	21,408	23,019	22,002	23,347	20,049	21,374	25,664	27,935	29,438
2021	21,611	14,595	16,585	17,890	19,082	18,110	18,987	15,948	17,194	20,595	22,671	24,632

\*\*\*Data as at : 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2023



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## Regional Student Representative Report



**Maryam Saeed**  
R8 Regional Student  
Representative





# Student OU Update

## Student Branch/ Student Branch Chapters/ student AG

	Student Branches	Technical SB Chapters	WIE SB Affinity Groups	HKN SB Chapters	SIGHT University Groups
CURRENT	750	576	158	10	10
CHANGE FROM Oct 2022	+18	+52	+5	-	-

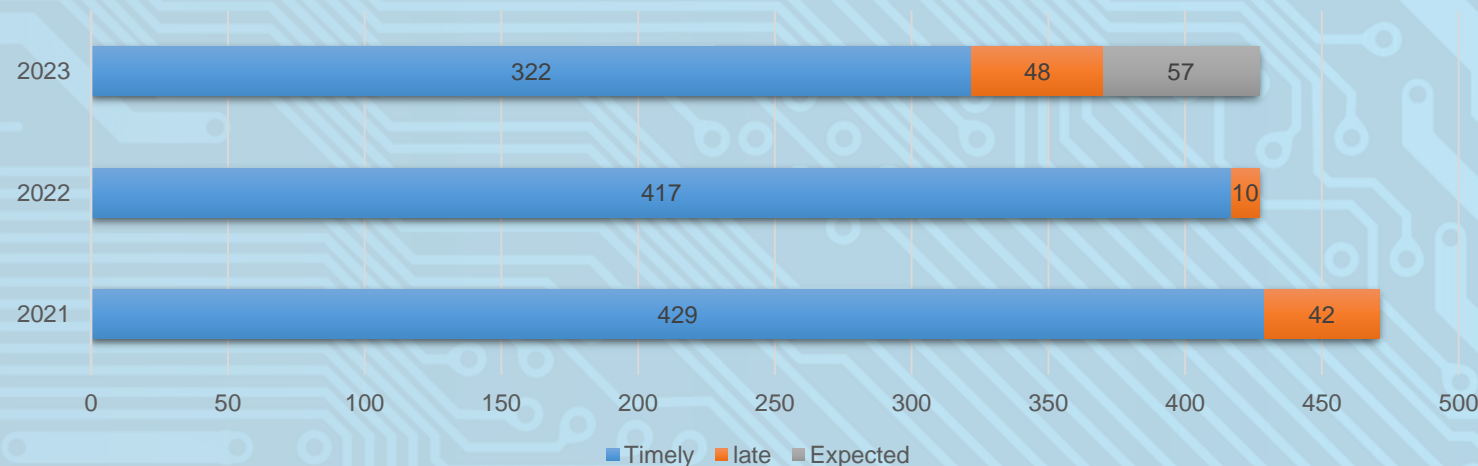
## Petition Update SB/SBC/ SAG

	Received Petition	Processing	Approved	Rejected
Student Branch	6		5	1
Student Branch Chapter	18	4	11	3
Student Branch AG	4	3		1
Total	28	7	16	5

## Current SB/SBC/ SAG

Description	Count
Student Branches	750
Student Affinity Groups	168
Student Branch Chapters	576
SB Members < 10	384
SB Members >10	366

## Student Annual Plan Reporting Update



\*\*\*Data as at : 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

Annual Reporting  
Extended to  
15th April



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# Leadership Training in Antalya

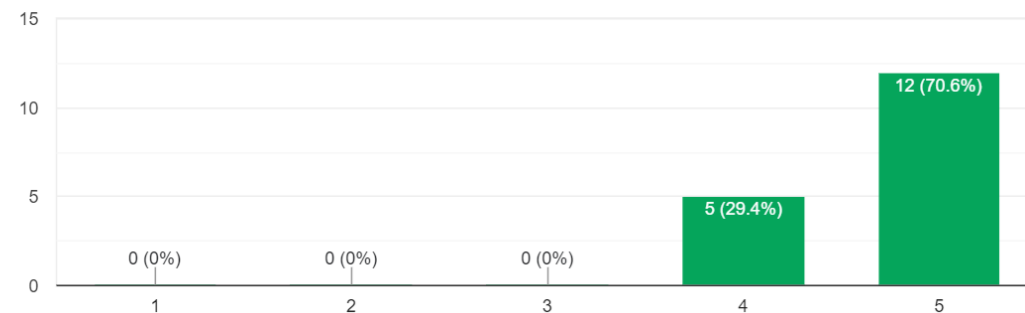
- › **Team Building and Training Program: Completed.** A total of 25 participants were involved with the Student Representative Leadership Training in Antalya from 17 Countries [Turkey, Kenya, Poland, Oman, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tunisia, Serbia, and Montenegro, Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain, Uganda, Sweden, Algeria, UK, and Ireland Section]



In General what is your overall rating of the Training

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17 responses



- › Certificate for participation issued electronically to participants

# Cross Sectional Update

- › **xSYP**: 5 out of 7 Cross-Sectional Congress concluded

XSYP	Country	OU	Month	Date	Venue	Location	Remark
NASYP	Egypt	Section & YP	August	25th-27th	Egypt University of Informatics (EUI)	Cairo	Announced
ASYP	Nigeria	SB & YP	July	27th-29th	Baze University	Abuja	Announced
CEuSYP	Poland	CUTSB	October	TBC		Krakow	Announced
WESYP	Switzerland	EPFL SB	September	15 - 17th	EPFL Campus	Lausanne	Announced
MESYP	Jordan	SB & YP	September	28th -30th	University of Jordan	Aqaba	Announced

- **NSYP and HSYP**



# Student and Young Professionals Congress 2024



## Open Call for 2024 SYP

1<sup>st</sup> Phase – April  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phase - May

1st Phase - Open Call

Apr

2nd Phase Call

May

Decision

Jun

Announcement

Aug 12

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug



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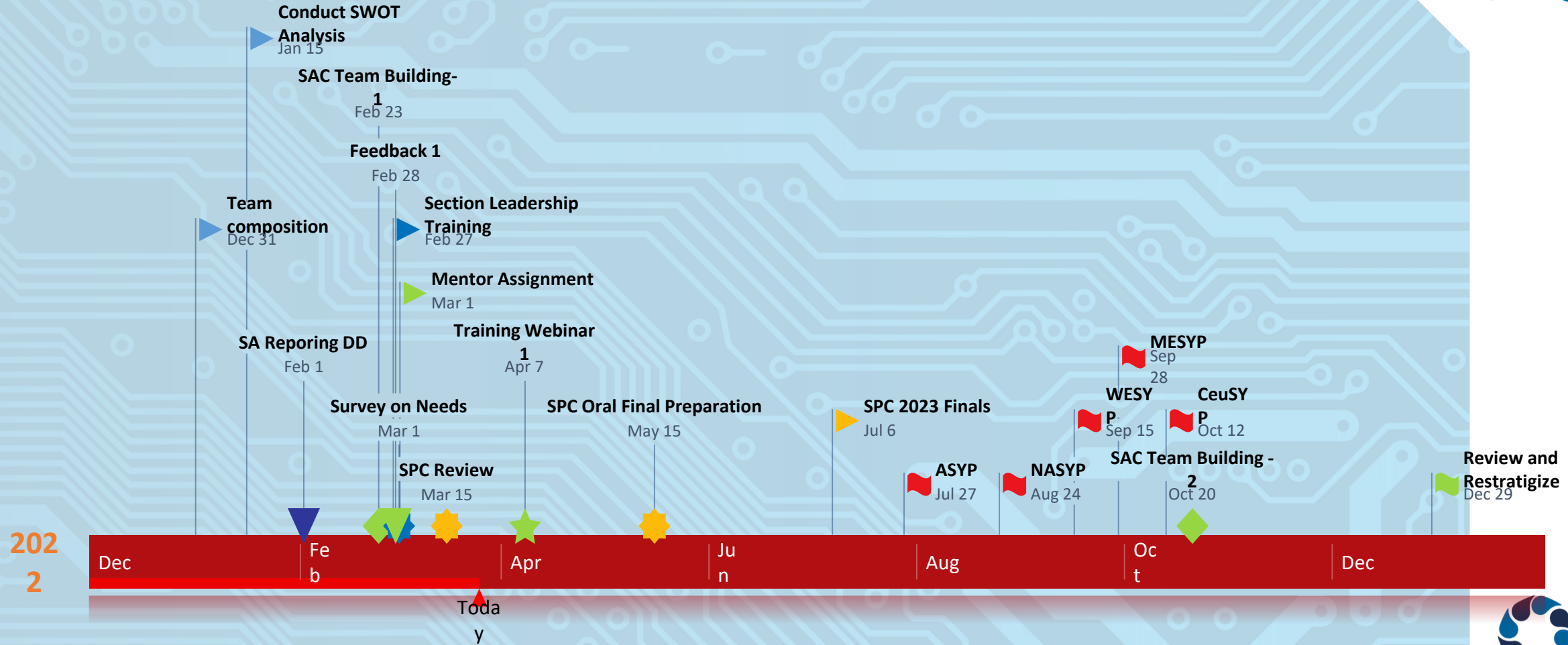
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# SAC Activities and Timelines





**Khaldoun Taktak**  
Chair, Adhoc Committee  
*Training and  
Leadership Support*



## Chair, Ad Hoc Committee “Training & Leadership Support” Report



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# AdHoc Committee

*Training and  
Leadership  
Support*



**Khaldoun Taktak**  
Chair



**Davide Morgado**  
SB Coordinator



**Godwin Ozor**  
SB Counselors  
Coordinator



**Larissa Abo Nakhle**  
WIE SBAG Coordinator



**Mohamed Ali Zormati**  
SBC coordinator



**Krishna Ajith**  
Corresponding member



**Alkiviadis Michalitsis**  
Corresponding member



**Eldar Šabanović**  
Corresponding member



## Meet the Adhoc On Training and Leadership Support



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# Goals and objectives

- **Highlighting available opportunities for student members:** Promote the diverse range of opportunities available within IEEE in order to support the growth and development of student membership through social media and regular meetings.
- **Organize regular webinars and Q&A sessions :** Help students learn about diverse requested topics on the feedback form while networking and improving communication with R8 SAC.
- **Support student OUs and work on reactivating inactive ones:** Maintain good coordination between different SBs/SBCs in Region 8 and work on bringing back to activity inactive student Ous.
- **Build capacity via content:** Provide self-paced learning content and FAQs to students to address some of the concerns.
- **Supporting Student Membership Transition:** Highlight the importance of IEEE for students in their career and promote STEP events.
- **Further connect students to industry:** Highlight the importance of IEEE for students in their career and promote STEP events.

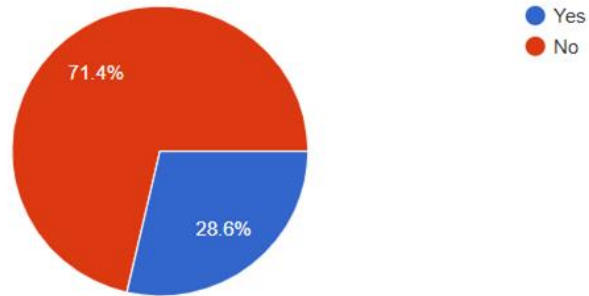


# Achieved activities

- **Finished collecting feedback from student leadership and counselors:** Feedback was collected through Forms sent via e-mails from SB/SBC chairs and counselors.

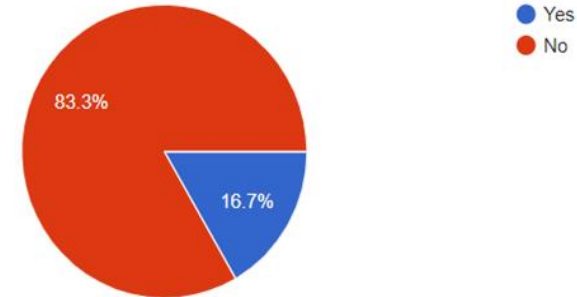
In the past, have you applied for a Region 8 SAC Student Branch Program. (<https://ieeer8.org/category/student-activities/sa-programs-sbs/>) ?

42 responses



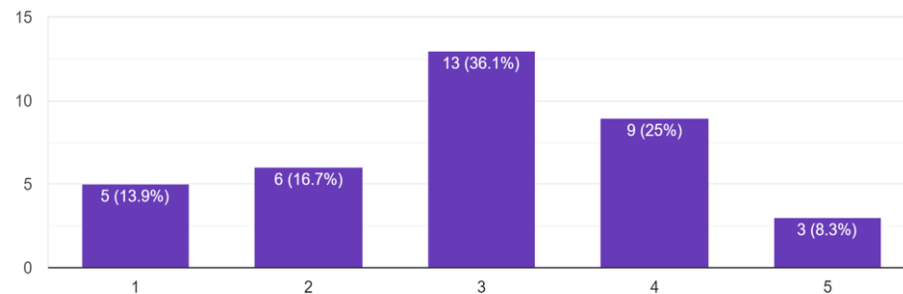
Have you applied for a Region 8 SAC award in the past ( <https://ieeer8.org/category/student-activities/sa-awards> ) ?

42 responses



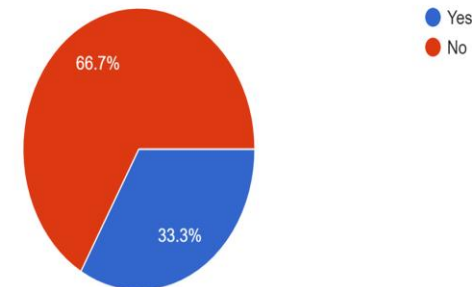
How connected is your Student Branch to industry in your section?

36 responses



Are you satisfied with the number of students in your institution who have joined IEEE?

36 responses



# Achieved activities

- **Supporting respective cross-sectional SYPs organizers:** Assisting the respective hosts of the xSYPs by sharing assets in a drive folder from previous R8 SYP and addressing different concerns.
- **MGA SAC Walkthrough videos available on R8 SAC Social media:** Started uploading walkthrough videos of the MGA SAC awards on R8 SAC social media to encourage students submit nominations for respective awards and address the most frequently asked questions.
- **Support newly established student OUs:** Offering a wide range of resources and support to help new student OUs get up and running and enhance the coordination.
- **Ensuring good coordination between students:** Helping students and student OUs address their different issues and constantly making them aware of the available opportunities.





# Upcoming activities

- **Encouraging students to apply to the MGA SAC Awards:** Support students on applying to MGA SAC Awards by providing visual content from past awardees on SAC social media before the 31st of March.
- **Organize the first webinar:** First webinar will be on the **7th of April 2023** about the available opportunities to students in Region 8.
- **Provide short recaps and summaries of each session organized:** Make the information more accessible to students by providing short recaps alongside the recorded webinar that can be a bit long.
- **Promote the call for Region 8 SAC Programs:** Incite students to apply for the different funds provided by Region 8 SAC as most of them are not aware of it by visual content and helping them write proposals..
- **Help students better understand IEEE tools:** Support students on how to use essential tools such as IEEE vTools for reporting, election, e-notice etc..
- **Keep students aware of the different deadlines over the year:** Ensure that students are aware of the opportunities deadlines and encourage them to apply for the respective programs.



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## Chair Ad Hoc Committee “Contests, Awards and Recognition” Report



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# AdHoc Committee

*Contests,  
Awards and  
Recognitions*



**Vera Marković**  
Chair



**Lee Crudgington**  
Awards Coordinator



**Millicent Kwangari**  
Publicity &  
Communications



**Matteo Bruno Lodi**  
Corresponding member



**Rim Chihi**  
Corresponding member



**Abdulrahman Mohammed**  
Corresponding member



**Haris Čapelj**  
Corresponding member

## Meet the Adhoc On Contests, Awards and Recognitions



# GOALS & PLAN

To recognize and reward the best achievements of student members, Student Branches, Student Branch Chapters, SB Affinity Groups, SB Counselors & SBC Advisors, etc. Offer IEEE student members the opportunity to compete in different contests organized by SBs, Sections, SAC or globally.

Q1



Q2



Q3



Q4



- Advertising & promotion of student awards
- Nominations for MGA student awards
- Establishing judging teams
- SPC 2023 I phase

- Judging the nominations for MGA Student Awards
- Nominations for R8 student awards
- Call for SPC 2024
- Preparing activities for IEEEDuino

- Judging the nominations for R8 Student Awards
- Winners announcement
- SPC Oral Finals, EUROCON 2023
- IEEEDuino Design Phase Nominations

- Start of new SPC cycle
- IEEEDuino Design Phase selection and providing Arduino kits
- IEEEDuinoBuild Phase

- Local SPC Program
- IEEEExtreme activities
- Publicity & advertising

# STUDENT PAPER CONTEST

## STUDENT PAPER CONTEST First Phase Selection Results



Finalists who have qualified for oral presentation  
will be invited to

### EUROCON 2023

Turin, Italy  
July 6-8, 2023



Beginning of June

- Deadline: **December 1**

# LOCAL SPC PROGRAM for SECTIONS & SBs

- The program aims to encourage and support R8 Sections and Student Branches to establish local student paper contests
- Grant: **500\$** for Sections; **300\$** for SBs
- Application from Section: Endorsement letter by Section Chair, SSAC or SSR
- Calls: **April 1, June 1, September 15**
- Deadlines: **May 1, July 1, October 15**

# R8 STUDENT AWARDS

- R8 Student Branch of the Year Award
- R8 Student Branch Chapter of the Year Award
- R8 Outstanding Student Branch Website Award
- R8 WIE Student Afinity Group Award
- R8 Outstanding WIE Student Volunteer award
- R8 SB SIGHT Group of the Year award



FIRST CALL

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APRIL

DEADLINE

1

JUNE

WINNERS  
ANNOUNCED

AUGUST



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# IEEE MGA STUDENT AWARDS

DEADLINE

**31  
MARCH**

- **Regional Exemplary Student Branch Award**
- **Larry K. Wilson Regional Student Activities Award**
- **The Darrel Chong Student Activity Award**
- **Outstanding Branch Counselor and Branch Chapter Advisor Award**

## 2023 CALL FOR IEEE STUDENT AWARDS

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

- The Darrel Chong Student Activity Award
- IEEE Regional Exemplary Student Branch Award
- Larry K. Wilson Regional Student Volunteer Award
- IEEE Outstanding Branch Counselor and Branch Chapter Advisor Award

**DEADLINE: 31ST MARCH 2023**

For more information please visit:  
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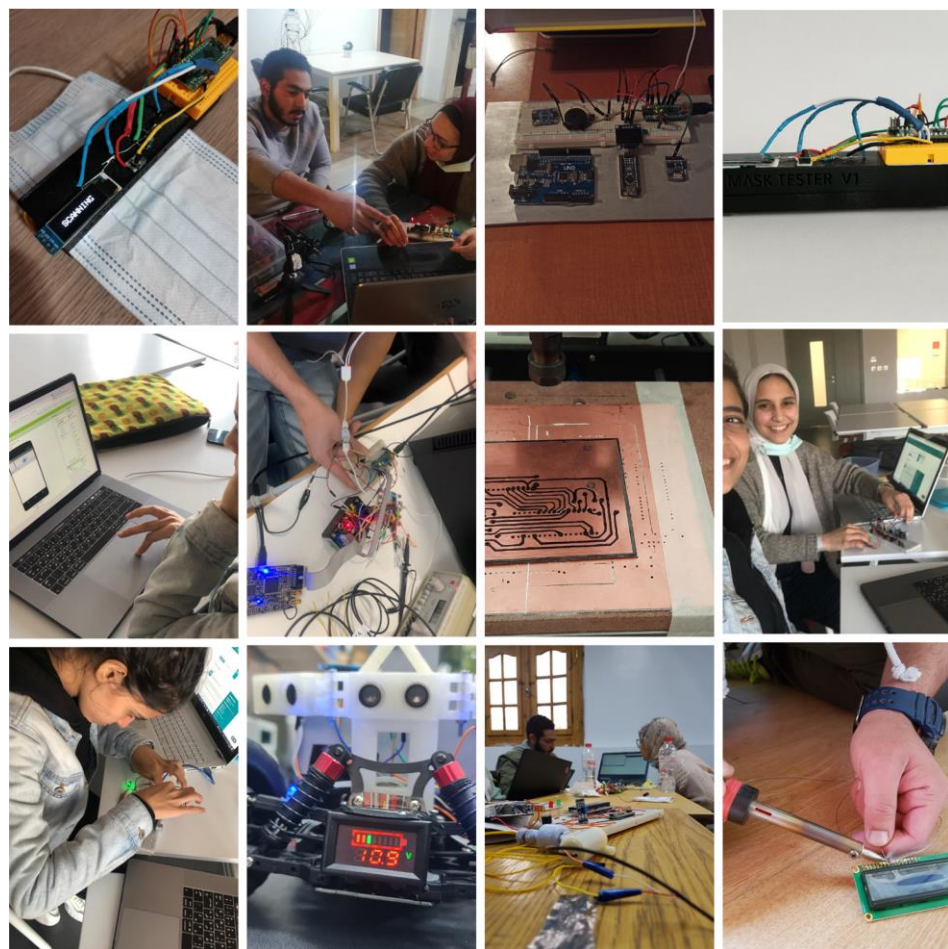


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## Contest Timeline

- **May 2023** - Recruit Academic Judges
- **June 2023** - Social Media Campaign
- **1<sup>st</sup> July 2023** - Design Phase Nominations Open
- **31<sup>st</sup> August 2023** - Design Phase Deadline
- **Sep – Oct 2023** - Design & Ideas Phase Selection by Judges
- **October 2023** - Send Arduino Kits
- **1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2023** - Build Phase Begins
- **1<sup>st</sup> December 2023** - Build Phase Deadline
- **Jan – Feb 2024** - Build Phase Evaluation by Judges
- **February 31<sup>st</sup> 2024** - Judging Complete
- **March 2024** - Collect & Verify Results
- **Spring R8 Meeting 2024** - Announce Winner

# Chair, Ad Hoc Committee “New Initiatives” Report



**Vildana Hrnjić**  
Chair, Adhoc Committee  
*New Initiatives*





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# AdHoc Committee

*New  
Initiatives*



**Vildana Hrnjić**  
Chair



**Sele Soula**  
Member



**Fay Elhassan**  
Member



**Ahmed Ayman**  
Corresponding member



**Stefan Momyr**  
Corresponding member



**Youcef Islem Malki**  
Corresponding member



**Igor Matias**  
Corresponding member



**Rastko Zeljković**  
Corresponding member



## Meet the Adhoc Committee “New Initiatives”



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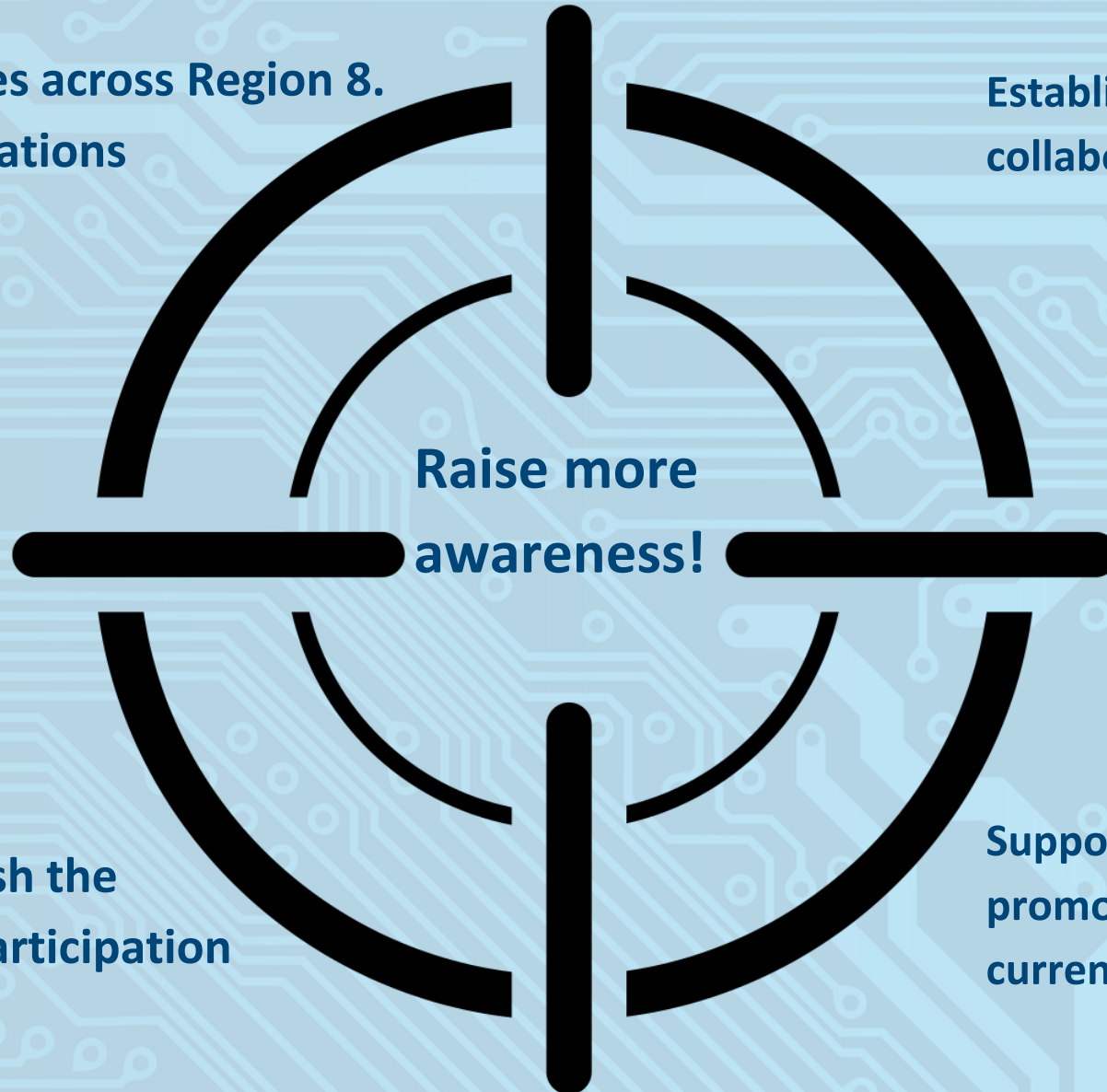
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# Goals and Objectives

Pinpoint New Initiatives across Region 8.  
Initiative new collaborations  
with other OU

Establish Cross-Regional  
collaborations



Choosing which  
New Initiatives  
to support and establish the  
ground rules for our participation

Support New types of  
promotion of the  
current R8 SAC portfolio



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# Achieved Activities

Members of the Committee have contacted several OU.

New communication with members from IEEE YESIST12 2023.

New Layout for the website was made. Started updates on the website.

## IEEE Region 8 Student Activities Committee 2023-24

*In Our Committee*

On January 2023, the renewed IEEE Region 8 SAC Team for season 2023-24 was first established. Abdullateef Aliyu, the Region 8 Vice-Chair of Student Activities for 2023-24 has gathered a cross-sectional diversified talented team to kick Region 8 Student-based activities. However, this year our committee has a new structure. The main team is constituted of 8 members and three of them are Chairs for their respective Adhoc Committees. Together, we are working to support and develop all aspects for all R8 Student Activities to progress and prosper! The new three Adhoc committees are "Contest, Awards & Recognition", "Training and Leadership Support" and "New Initiatives" are covering all needed support for all Student Branches, Student Chapters, SIGHT Groups, WIE Student Branches Affinity Groups, Student Branches Counselors along with operating different programs, pieces of training, competitions, and awards for better growth based ecosystem for all R8 student activities. Await for various activities, initiatives, competitions, and awards soon!

Meet the main IEEE R8 SAC Team:



**Abdullateef Aliyu**  
2023-24 Chair, R8 SAC

Abdullateef is the General Manager of projects in Phase 3 Telecom, an aerial fiber-optic network infrastructure provider in West Africa. He is also a Senior Vice President of IEEE Smart Village and Currently chairs the IEEE Region 8 Students Activities Committee as Vice Chair of Student activities. He received his bachelor's degree from Bayero University Kano (BUK), and master's in ICT from the Northern University of Malaysia with Honors. He is an Alumnus of the United States telecommunication training institute (USTTI), Washington DC. He joined phase 3 Telecom in 2013 where he helped deployed numerous high-profile projects in Nigeria and across Sub-Sahara Africa for Mobile Network Operators (MNO) and led the implementation of the Phase 3 telecom 100G transmission network across Nigeria. He is a recipient of

several awards and recognitions that include and not limited to the Leadership and Innovative Award by Phase 3 telecom in 2022, the Best Creativity Award by Phase 3 Telecom in 2022, the Excellence in leadership Award 2022 by IEEE Smart Village, the Award of Excellence by IEEE Nigeria Section 2022 for NIGERCON 2022, the Award of Excellence by the NSE Maitama branch 2021, MGA Board Young Professionals Achievement Award 2019, Recipient of Outstanding Volunteer of IEEE R8 ASYP Congress 2017 (EMEA), and IEEE Nigeria Section Merit Award 2017 (NG).  
E-mail: [a.aliyu@ieee.org](mailto:a.aliyu@ieee.org)



**Simay Akar**  
Past Chair

Simay Akar is an entrepreneur with reputable corporate industrial background and experience in the energy industry. She specialized in photovoltaic manufacturing, battery storage for electric vehicles and renewable energy technologies and the clean energy market development. Akar is currently the Chief Commercial



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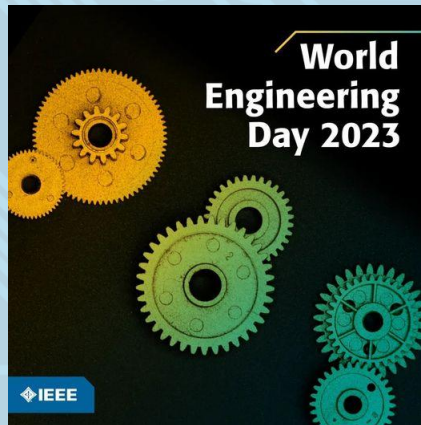
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# Achieved Activities

- Supported the making of the posts for R8 SAC Social Media pages



Support and guidance to the Branding of NASYP was provided

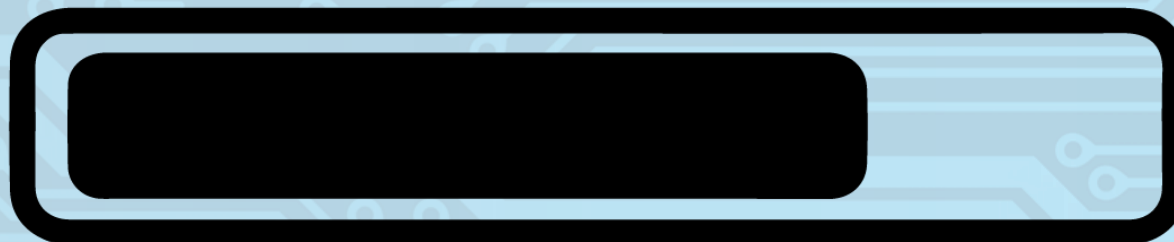
Supported Adhoc Committee for “Training and Leadership Support” in the making of promotional videos.

New LinkedIn group was made.



# LOADING...

## Upcoming Activities



Continue the update of the website to fit our new structure needs.

Final contact in search for New Initiatives, for this year, until middle of April.

Ongoing work on the IEEE YESIST12 2023 to provide support until the final event on the first weekend in September (Cairo).

Additional work on the content that is made by Adhoc Committee for “Training and Leadership Support”.

Working on the growth of the LinkedIn members group.





# Advertising & Publicity



## IEEE R8 SAC website

<https://ieeer8.org/category/student-activities/awards-and-contests/student-paper-contest/>



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## Instagram

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