

## Turkiye Section

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### Section Vitality

The last section elections were held in Dec. 2023. Next section elections will be held in Dec. 2025. We do not have a tradition of Vice-Chair becoming a chair. The ExCom is composed of the section chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and two members-at-large. We communicate mostly through messaging apps, and we have regular (semi-formal) weekly online meetings every Tuesday at 21:00 to improve efficiency.

### Students

As of Apr 16, we have 790 student members and 225 graduate student members amounting to 1015 students in Türkiye Section. These students come from 93 Student Branches (STBs). There are also 125 Student Branch Chapters (SBCs) and 36 Student Branch Affinity Groups (SBAs).

51 of the STBs have submitted their annual plan for 2025:

1. *Abdullah Gul University, STB99385*
2. *Adnan Menderes University, STB10173*
3. *Akdeniz University, STB06851*
4. *Atilim University, STB65751*
5. *Balikesir University, STB19031*
6. *Bandirma Onyedi Eylul Univ, STB60209126*
7. *Baskent University, STB60701*
8. *Bogazici University, STB11181*
9. *Bursa Technical University, STB2517423*
10. *Bursa Uludag University, STB31801*
11. *Cankaya University, STB63721*
12. *Cukurova University, STB37421*
13. *Dogus University, STB63971*
14. *Dokuz Eylul University, STB34991*
15. *Duzce University, STB60096421*
16. *Eastern Mediterranean Univ, STB37021*
17. *Ege University, STB96601*
18. *Erciyes University, STB61891*
19. *Eskisehir Technical University, STB31741*
20. *Gazi University, STB31681*
21. *Gaziantep University, STB35941*
22. *Hacettepe University, STB11201*
23. *Isik University, STB61161*
24. *Istanbul Beykent University, STB10461*
25. *Istanbul Health and Technology University, STB60220385*
26. *Istanbul Kultur University, STB06301*
27. *Istanbul Medipol University, STB15159*
28. *Istanbul Technical University, STB96101*
29. *Istanbul University-Cerrahpasa, STB31691*
30. *Izmir Democracy University, STB60211186*
31. *Izmir Katip Celebi University, STB03106*
32. *Izmir University of Economics, STB05031*
33. *Kadir Has University, STB62481*
34. *Karadeniz Technical University, STB64941*
35. *Kirikkale University, STB10571*
36. *Kutahya Dumlupinar University, STB63961*
37. *Marmara University, STB37921*
38. *Mersin University, STB12961*
39. *Middle East Technical University, STB14401*
40. *Middle East Technical University - Northern Cyprus, STB00191*
41. *Mugla Sıtkı Kocman University, STB20237*
42. *Ondokuz Mayıs University, STB11753*
43. *Ozyegin University, STB08281*
44. *Recep Tayyip Erdogan Universitesi, STB60192844*
45. *Tekirdag Namik Kemal University, STB11460*
46. *Trakya University, STB64961*

47. *Turkish-German University, STB60179068*
48. *University of Turkish Aeronautical Association, STB13151*
49. *Yasar University, STB60019621*
50. *Yeditepe University, STB62491*
51. *Yildiz Technical University, STB34921*

Since Oct. 2024, 4 new STBs and 11 new SBCs and 1 new SB Affinity Groups were formed:

1. *Recep Tayyip Erdogan Universitesi, STB60192844*
2. *Izmir Democracy University, STB60211186*
3. *Istinye University, STB60228463*
4. *Istanbul Atlas University, STB60226660*
5. *Istanbul Technical University, CAS04, SBC96101E*
6. *Izmir Katip Celebi University, COM19, SBC03106B*
7. *Izmir Katip Celebi University, COM19, SBC03106B*
8. *Kadir Has University, E25, SBC62481A*
9. *Gazi University, C16, SBC31681A*
10. *Kadir Has University, C16, SBC62481B*
11. *Kadir Has University, WIE, SBA62481*
12. *Izmir Katip Celebi University, RA24, SBC03106C*
13. *Gazi University, PHO36, SBC31681B*
14. *Dogus University, RA24, SBC63971A*
15. *Dogus University, C16, SBC63971B*
16. *Turkish-German University, C16, SBC60179068*

Since Oct. 2024, no STBs were dissolved.

A search on vTools Events since Oct. 5, 2024 (the day after the last report due date) yielded 297 STB and 243 SBC/SBA events. 259 of these are marked as technical and 99 as professional. Below is a list of the last 10 events on vTools:

1.  *ExPho #2 - Experimental Photonics:Hidden Threats: Microplastics in Every Sip, SBC99385, Abdullah Gul University*
2. *IEEE Hour of Code, STB60211186, Izmir Democracy University*
3. *A Meeting of Technology and Defense: IEEE ADÜ RAS Visit to Çıldır Airport, STB10173, Adnan Menderes University*
4. *Women in Engineering and Academia: Barriers and Solutions, STB35941, Gaziantep University*
5. *IEEE ADU CS An Inspiring Gathering on Indie Game Development, SBC10173, STB10173, Adnan Menderes University C16; Adnan Menderes University*
6. *LIGHTSTALK#14: Integrated Nanophotonics – A Journey Through Science and Technology, SBC99385, Abdullah Gul University,*
7. *IEEE XTREME Information Session, STB60211186, Izmir Democracy University*
8. *Food Analysis Lab Technical Visit, STB64961, Trakya University*
9.  *ExPho #1 – Experimental Photonics , SBC99385, Abdullah Gul University,*
10. *BMC OTO Technical Visit, STB60211186, Izmir Democracy University*

Besides the above events, we would like to list some flagship student events also:

1. *Regional Meetings of IEEE Türkiye Student Branches*
2. *IEEE Türkiye Student and Young Professional Congress*
3. *TUAC 2024 (The Undergraduate Academic Conference)*

### Affinity Groups

We have YP, WIE, SIGHT and LM affinity groups.

Recently, “IEEE Blockchain Türkiye Group” has been added to the affinity groups.

### SBAs

We have 24 Student Branch Affinity groups (SBAs). 5 SBAs were dissolved.

### Chapters

We have in total 16 chapters. COMSOC and CS chapters organized their respective MS Thesis Competitions again. Besides CS (52 events/meetings including student events), COMSOC, AP/ED/MTT/EMC joint chapter, AP, and AES chapters were quite active. AES organized several interviews with industry executives.

### Planned Activities

We will have a face-to-face ceremony for **IEEE Turkiye Science and Service Awards**. The awards are:

- Doctoral thesis awards (usually 5 of them are awarded)
- Research incentive award (usually 3 of them are awarded)
- Exceptional service award (only 1 awarded)
- Life-long achievement award (only 1 awarded)

We have had these awards since 2017. The award committees include IEEE fellows and other professors from Turkey and abroad. We hope to continue this tradition for many years to come.

### How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, Members, and Activities

Region 8 is great. Just keep it up.

### Any Other Issues of Interest

N/A.