



QUALITY RECOGNITION AESOP

M.Sc. Programme in Regional Planning Yildiz Technical University

Evaluation Report

After an in-depth examination of its academic curriculum and teaching pedagogy, the Master Programme in Regional Planning offered in the Department of City and Regional Planning, Faculty of Architecture, Yildiz Technical University, has been conferred the AESOP (Association of European Schools of Planning) Certificate of Quality.

The Master Programme in Regional Planning delivered at Yildiz Technical University has been evaluated by two assessors appointed by the Chair of the Excellence in Education Board (EEB). The Quality Recognition (QR) Committee comprised of six members from AESOP member schools certifies that the above programme fulfils the AESOP criteria for quality recognition.

Quality in Planning Education

The Master Programme in Regional Planning delivered at the Yildiz Technical University is distinctive in its focus on the policy agenda at the regional scale. It brings together the following aspects of quality in planning education:

- Programme Curriculum and Identity
 - o An effective blend of core and elective subjects focused on regional planning with excellent exposure to international connections and networks. A good blend of theory and practice delivered by a well-qualified team in relation to the nature of the programme objectives.
 - o The focus on contemporary societal changes, such as income inequality, resilience, access to public service, stagnation at regional and local scales.
 - o Opportunities for students to develop critical thinking and reflective practice through comparative analysis and practical engagement.





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- Principles of Pedagogy
 - o Nurturing research and inquiry skills in students through ‘research-based teaching’ and by facilitating research discussions between students and tutors.
 - o Excellent level of student/alumni/employer’s engagement in curriculum appraisal and development using online platforms, reunion meetings, alumni-led seminars, guest lectures and studio-jury involvement. Active involvement with the Chamber of City Planners ensuring the programme remains practice-relevant.
 - o Encouragement of active and independent learning in students by motivating them to find topics of their own interests and carry out independent research, whilst enabling group and peer learning through team-based studio work.

The AESOP Certificate of Quality and this Evaluation Report are valid for a period of six years (2020-2026).

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After a thorough examination of its contents and methods, the

M.Sc. Programme in Regional Planning

offered by

Yildiz Technical University

has been highly distinguished with the

AESOP CERTIFICATE OF QUALITY

We certify that:

This programme fulfils the European quality standards of planning programmes according to the AESOP Charter, complemented by an effective internationalization of teaching and learning processes.

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