

# AKUT SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

## GLOBAL COMPACT

### 2018 - 2019 COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT REPORT



## THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT'S TEN PRINCIPLES

- **Principle 1** - Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights
- **Principle 2** - Make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses
- **Principle 3** - Businesses should uphold freedom of association & effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining
- **Principle 4** - The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor
- **Principle 5** - The effective abolition of child labor
- **Principle 6** - Eliminate discrimination in respect of employment and occupation
- **Principle 7** - Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges
- **Principle 8** - Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility
- **Principle 9** - Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies
- **Principle 10** - Businesses should work against all forms of corruption, including extortion and bribery





## AKUT'S MISSION

AKUT is entirely a voluntary, non-governmental organization involved in searching, assisting and rescuing all who require aid within its authority and means, in mountain or other nature-related accidents, natural disasters and all other emergency conditions by means of well-trained, disciplined, high-standard personnel and equipment, passing on knowledge to society with no political affiliation.

### AKUT's Values

- Volunteerism
- Honesty/Integrity
- Trustworthiness/Reliability
- Benevolence
- Respect and value for human life



Dear Madam / Sir,

I am pleased to confirm that AKUT Search and Rescue Society reaffirms its support of the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact. We will continue to take necessary actions to improve the integration of the Global Compact and its principles into our projects and continually inform our volunteers through our communication channels via our mail groups and social media.

Our Mission; as a voluntary, non-governmental organization involved in searching, assisting and rescuing all who require aid within its authority and means, in mountain or other nature-related accidents, natural disasters and all other emergency conditions by means of trained, disciplined, high-standard personnel and equipment, passing on knowledge to society with no political affiliation, to realize all of the above by strictly abiding to our values: volunteerism, integrity, reliability, helpfulness/humanitarianism, and respect for human life. We aim to continuously increase the awareness of the society towards disasters as well as awareness for the environment, increasing their level of understanding and evolve it to an active society for their safe future

We innovate by sharing our know-how and experience via AKUT Institute, increasing the preparedness of companies as well as the families attached to them against disasters, increasing their risk analyzing capabilities, building up their risk management capabilities in addition to their management in case of emergency.

**AKUT Search And Rescue Association Secretary General**  
**Zeynep AKTOSUN**

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## EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Program Safe Communities Call Area

*Brussels, February and March 2018*

The AKUT Search and Rescue Association participated in two events in Brussels, the capital of Belgium, for the EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Program Safe Communities Call Area in February and March 2018. The first event was the project market organized by Security Mission Information & Innovation Group (SMI2G) at UCL on February 2 and 3, 2018. At the SMI2G event, information about the 2018 project calls was given, and presentations were made by the participants to create project consortia and interviews were held.

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The information day and project market organized by the EU Horizon 2020 Safe Societies call area national contact points network SEREN3, of which TUBITAK is a part, was held in Brussels on 12-13 March 2018. On the first day of this two-day activity, project preparation, implementation, and management training was held for the Safe Communities call area. In addition to the training, information was given by EU officials on the calls of the Horizon 2020 program for the 2018-2020 period and the objectives and priorities of the European Commission were explained. The participants received detailed information on the areas and topics of the call and had the opportunity to meet with the commission officials. On the second day of the activity, presentations were made during the meetings held to facilitate the creation of project consortia, where project ideas, institutions, and organizations were introduced. Within the Horizon 2020 Ecosystem, AKUT, with its 24 years of field experience receives calls for participation in projects related to effectiveness, emergency response, search and rescue technologies, and public awareness, especially in disaster management.

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05 April 2018 - Istanbul

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*Istanbul, 05 April 2018*

- AKUT participated in the 6th Annual General Assembly of Global Compact Network Turkey and voted for the changes in operating principles.
  - Global Compact, working under the umbrella of the United Nations, is a highly well-attended enterprise of institutional sustainability with 12,000 signatories from 145 countries.
  - Global Compact endeavors to make the companies enrich not only the financial resources but also people, communities, and nature by encouraging them to operate responsibly and support the society within the limits of the ten principles it set out.
  - By putting a signature to the Global Compact in 2007, AKUT Search and Rescue Association declared -in the presence of UN- to operate with the sense of social responsibility and institutional sustainability by referring to the principles of the agreement. In this context, our works are reported and published biennially on the official web site of Global Compact.
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## THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK TURKEY

*Istanbul, 6 May 2019*

- AKUT provided participants with the 7th Annual General Assembly of Global Compact Network Turkey that took place in ZORLU PSM Sky Lounge with the participation of Paul Polman, the vice-chair of Global Compact Turkey.



## **RAISING AWARENESS WITH MINIK AKUT PROGRAM**

*Istanbul, 22 June 2019*

- The number of disasters in consequence of climate change has started to increase recently. Being prepared for disasters can prevent loss of life. Believing that it is crucial to raise awareness in disaster education at an early age, the AKUT Search and Rescue Association fell its emergency education to the level of kindergarten with the "Minik AKUT" program.
  - The first of the Mini AKUT Program was held at the AKUT Training and Logistics Center on Saturday, June 22. The participants between the ages of 4 and 7 made the first preparations by wearing helmets and the overalls nicely prepared for them. Then, they received training about emergencies with a program and four different cartoons prepared by AKUT expert trainers. Asking questions to the trainers about the topics they were curious about, the Minik AKUT team moved to our central logistics warehouse right next to our training area and received information about the equipment used in search and rescue.
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- Children following the program with interest received their Minik AKUT training certificates after completing the training. AKUT, who works heartily to achieve the social utility over its knowledge and experience not only in Turkey but also abroad, is continuing its activities to raise the awareness of the public with 29 operational teams across Turkey.



**RAISING AWARENESS WITH MINIK AKUT PROGRAM**  
**22 June 2019 - Istanbul**

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## INFORMATION SHARING FOR EURASIA ISG (OHS) SUMMIT BY AKUT

*Istanbul, 20 August 2019*

- AKUT Search and Rescue Association participated in the preparatory work for the Consultative Committee Meeting of Eurasia ISG, which would take place between 4-7 December 2019 in Istanbul. The meeting was on the 20th of August, and AKUT gave directions about the possible contribution to the procedures of sustainable occupational health and safety (ISG) during disasters and emergencies.





## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SUMMIT

*Istanbul, 6-7 December 2019*

- AKUT Search and Rescue Association participated in the Social Responsibility Summit, which was financially supported by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and hosted by Yeditepe University on 6-7 of December. Tolga Osman Yucel, the head of the corporate communication department of AKUT, took part as a speaker in the special session held on 7 December within the scope of the event.







AKUT Volunteers saved more than 1400 animals in Turkey.

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

AKUT teams also assist Fire Brigade in order to protect environment all over Turkey.





**AKUT BODRUM TEAM EXTINGUISHED THE FOREST FIRE WITH THE  
LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE**

**05-15-17-19 July 2018 – Mugla, Bodrum**

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

With the warm weather, woodland fires occurred in many locations in Turkey. A fire broke out in 4 different spots in Bodrum on different days in July.



AKUT Bodrum team organized operations to respond to fires and support extinguishing efforts upon the request of assistance from the Department of Fire Brigade and Forestry Management. The first fire broke out in the forest area near Ortakent District of Bodrum on July 5.

Upon a call for support from the Bodrum Forestry Management to the AKUT Bodrum team, 13 volunteers from the Bodrum team organized an operation to respond to firefighting and support extinguishing efforts. The Bodrum team intervened in the forest fire together with the Forestry Management and Fire Brigade teams. Our team supported the extinguishing efforts against the fire and the operation lasted for 6 hours.

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- On July 15, a fire broke out in the scrub and grassland near Eczacılar Sitesi in Akyarlar, Bodrum. Upon a call for support from the Bodrum Forestry Management , the AKUT Bodrum team supported the firefighting and cooling efforts, along with 16 volunteers from the Bodrum team, with the teams from Bodrum Forestry Management and Fire Fighters.
  - On July 17, a fire broke out in the olive grove and maquis area in the Konacık District of Bodrum. Upon a call for support to the Bodrum team, 8 volunteers from the team joined the firefighting operation together with the firefighters to respond to the fire and support the firefighting efforts.
  - On July 19, a fire broke out in the grassland-scrub area at Yalıkavak Kudur location of Bodrum. AKUT Bodrum team participated in a firefighting operation to support Mugla Forest and Fire Brigade teams. The team ended the operation after extinguishing and cooling works.
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**07-19 August 2019 – Mugla, Bodrum**

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*Mugla, 07-19 August 2019*

- A fire outbreaked in the forested lands of Mumcular Quarter in Bodrum/Mugla on the dates of 7-19 August 2019.
  - Upon the call from the Bodrum Municipality Department of Fire Brigade, six volunteers of AKUT Bodrum team participated in the fire extinguishing operation together with the Forestry Operation Directorate and firefighters.
  - With the response of multiple teams, the fire was extinguished, and the operation was terminated after the necessary cooling works.
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**16 September 2019 – Mugla, Bodrum**

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## **AKUT BODRUM TEAM EXTINGUISHED THE FOREST FIRE WITH THE LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE**

*Mugla, 16 September 2019*

- A fire out broke during night hours in the maquis scrubland and grassy places of Turgut Reis District, Bayraktepe in Bodrum/Mugla.
  - Soon, the fire spread to a larger area, including the forested land, at the Karabag location under the influence of the wind. Upon the call from the Bodrum Municipality Fire Department, AKUT Bodrum team , consisting of eight volunteers, participated in the fire extinguishing operation together with the Forestry Operation Directorate, firefighters, and citizens.
  - With the response of multiple teams, the fire was extinguished, and the operation was terminated after the necessary cooling works.
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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### *Bodrum, July 2018*

AKUT Bodrum Young Students Community's volunteers distributed leaflets against fires and warned citizens picnicking in the forest with the announcement at Cennet Bay in Gltrkbk in Bodrum district of MuĐla. While the Directorate of Forestry provided the help for extinguishing burning camp fires, after that an environmental cleaning was done with the participation of picnickers lasted about 3 hours, large amount of garbage was collected.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

*Eskisehir, March 2019*

- AKUT students community from Eskisehir Osmangazi University presented handcrafted daisies to precious women, with notes prepared in certain parts of the city with their volunteers and expressing the meaning and importance of the day within International Women's Day.

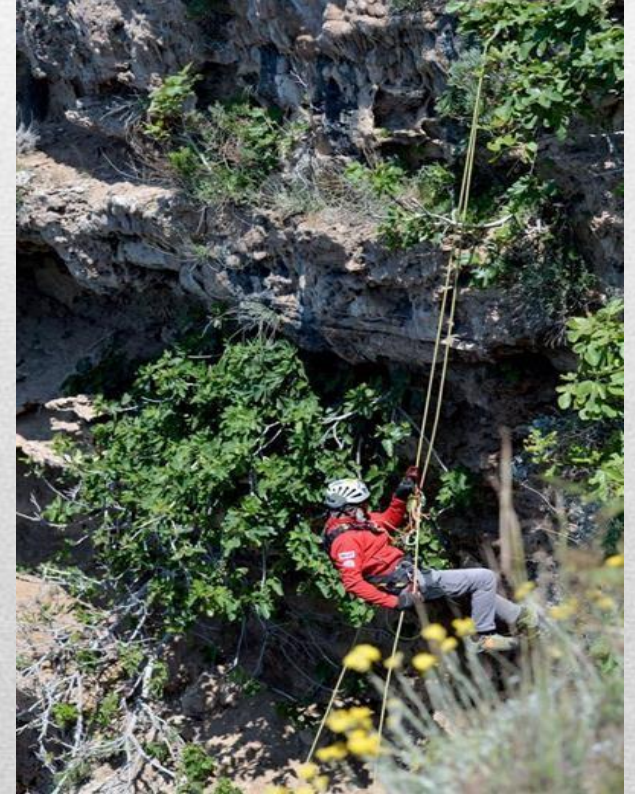




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### *Antalya, April 2019*

- Garbage collection event held with AKUT and TODOSK cooperation at precipices. The teams took out 3 bags of garbage from the precipices at the event during 2 hours. Mustafa ESKİTAŞ who is AKUT Antalya Operations Manager pointed out the importance of environmental cleanliness by saying this "Here, tens of people spend hours and effort to clean the rubbish thrown in an instant action in regions that we can call risky. It took us 2 hours to pull up the 3 bags of garbage we collected from the area. This is a huge pollution when you consider the 30-kilometer area of the cliffs. Nature is ours, let's protect this nature that we will inherit to our children in the future. "





## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### *11 November 2019 - GELECEGE NEFES*

- On 11 November 2019, 11 million young trees were underplanted at 2023 local points in 81 cities of Turkey. AKUT took part in the project called “Geleceğe Nefes” by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry across the country.







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