AZERBAIJAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

SDG REPORT 2026

Sustainability Office

SDG 16
PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

AT A GLANCE

Representation, integrity and work with the state

SDG 16 calls for effective, accountable and inclusive institutions. Over the past year AzTU's student union resolved welfare requests and ran a full events programme, the university signed a new collective agreement and updated its integrity policies, and it worked with ministries and state agencies on cybersecurity, defence and economic zones.

Reporting period November 2025 – October 2026

UN targets addressed: 16.5 · 16.6 · 16.7

61

student union events, January–October 2026

Evidence E5

21

students given financial help by the student union

Evidence E5

834

volunteer participations in student union events

Evidence E5

5

engineering programmes accredited by AQAS until 2032

Evidence E22

POLICY AND COMMITMENT

Commitments set out in published policy

Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy, 5.1–5.2

v4.0 · 2026

Zero tolerance for bribery. Extra controls in procurement, admissions and grading, recruitment and the allocation of scholarships.

Evidence E2

Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy, 5.5–5.6

v4.0 · 2026

Conflicts of interest must be disclosed and managed. Students and staff who report in good faith are protected from retaliation.

Evidence E2

Academic Freedom Policy, 5.3–5.5

v4.0 · 2026

Staff design curricula and choose methods; researchers publish without undue restriction; students and staff debate without fear of retaliation.

Evidence E3

Governance Policy, 4 and 5.1–5.2

v4.0 · 2026

Student representative bodies are part of the governance structure. Accountability through open meetings, documented decisions and published reports.

Evidence E4

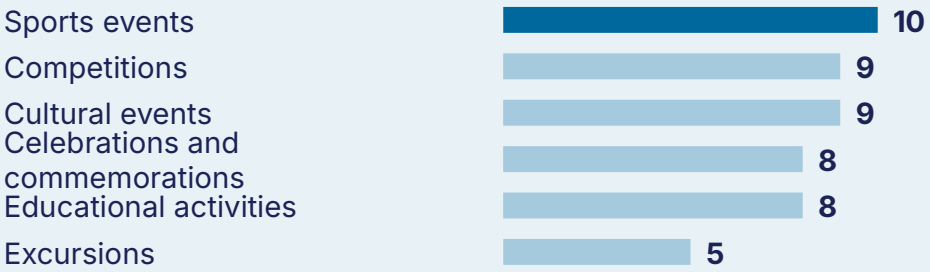
KEY INDICATORS

Student representation and welfare in numbers

1 January – 30 October 2026, from Student Trade Union Committee records

Events organised by the Student Trade Union Committee

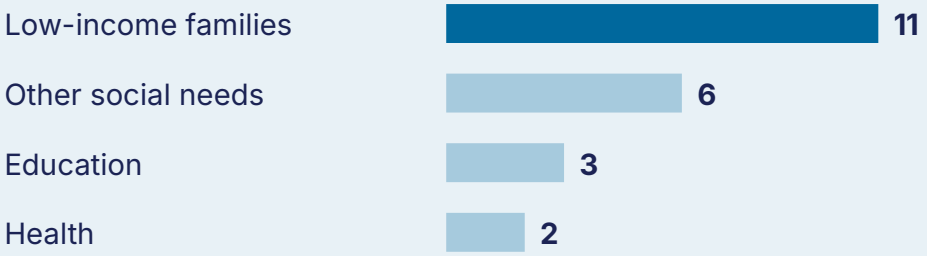
61 events, with 225 student organisers



Attendance at the 52 events with records: 11,300–14,662. 834 volunteer participations.

Student welfare applications to the union

22 applications received and resolved



Financial assistance went to 21 students. Nine further initiatives supported 8 students.

Also: collective agreement signed with the staff Trade Union Committee, 30 December 2025

Evidence: E5, E16

KEY INDICATORS, 2023–2025

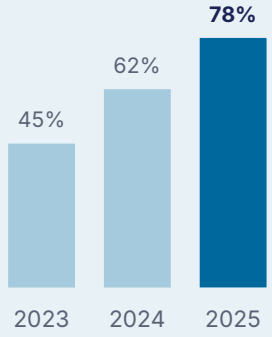
Digital, audited and more participatory

As reported in the SDG 16 Report 2025 (rev2). The report gives AzTU internal records as the source.

Administrative processes digitised

78%

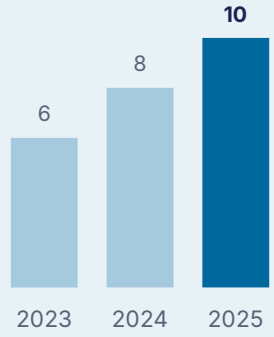
+33 pp since 2023



Internal audits a year

10

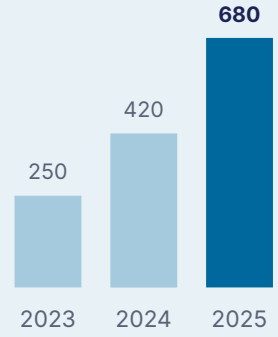
+67% since 2023



Students in governance and ethics events

680

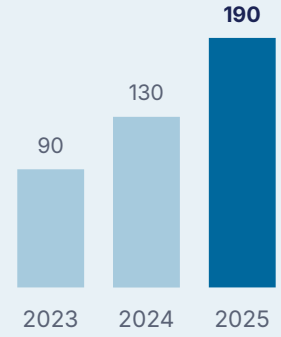
+172% since 2023



Staff trained in integrity and ethics

190

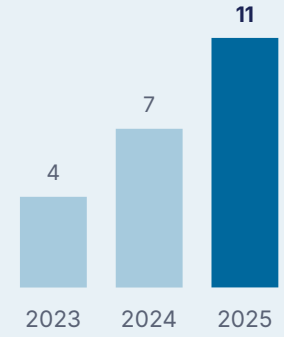
+111% since 2023



Cybersecurity and digital ethics seminars

11

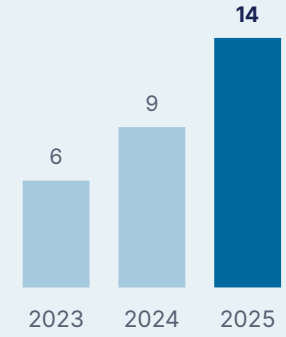
+175% since 2023



Student-led civic or remembrance events

14

+133% since 2023



Calendar-year figures. Underlying audit and training registers will be checked before submission.

Evidence: E1



THE IMPACT METRIC

16.2

University governance measures

How AzTU involves students and staff in decisions and keeps its work accountable and transparent.

IN THIS SECTION

Representation · Integrity · Quality · Transparency

16.2 · GOVERNANCE

Students, staff and external voices in decisions

The chair of the Student Trade Union Committee is a full member of the AzTU Scientific Council, and its faculty representatives sit on faculty councils. The Youth Organization also takes part in council work.

30 December 2025 · Collective agreement

AzTU and its Trade Union Committee signed a collective agreement under the Labour Code and the 2025–2027 sector agreement.

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members of the Quality and Risk Management Committee

Includes members from Azercosmos, Nokia Azerbaijan and the National Observatory Board.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

- Statement on Expenditure published on the SDG website
- Strategic Development Plan approved by the Academic Council

Evidence: E5, E6, E16, E15, E7

16.2 · GOVERNANCE

Quality, integrity and accountability in practice

AQAS accreditation

2 April 2026

Five engineering programmes accredited until 31 March 2032 after an on-site review in October 2025.

Evidence E22

ISO 21001:2018

30 December 2025

The Faculty of Special Equipment and Technologies was certified for educational management.

Evidence E17

Sustainable Development Committee

16 February 2026

Reviewed results of the previous period and set SDG priorities for the next.

Evidence E19

AMAS system

17 December 2025

Staff trained on the system that underpins the differentiated salary mechanism.

Evidence E13

Responsible AI

29 December 2025

Electronic Security Service training on ethical AI and personal-data protection.

Evidence E14

Collective agreement

30 December 2025

Regulates labour and socio-economic relations between AzTU and its employees.

Evidence E16



THE IMPACT METRIC

16.3

Working with government

How AzTU lends its expertise to ministries, state agencies and local authorities, and prepares students for public service.

IN THIS SECTION

Ministries · State agencies · Local authorities · Civic awareness

16.3 · WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT

Expertise for ministries and state agencies

Defence Industry 29 January 2026	Joint working group with the Ministry on graduate placement, joint project supervisors and six-month practical training.
ADEZ 17 April 2026	Memorandum with the Ministry of Economy's agency on research, staff training, internships and consultancy.
Cyber sovereignty 10 March 2026	National conference co-organised with the State Security Service Academy and the Institute of Information Technology.
State Protection 27 November 2025	Special State Protection Service competition at AzTU; three students rewarded for cybersecurity skills.
Local authorities 2022–2025	Advice to 44 cities and districts on urban mobility plans.



Cyber sovereignty conference, March 2026

Evidence: E18, E23, E21, E12, E11

16.3 · WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT

Public service careers and civic awareness

Careers in justice

6 May 2026

Ministry of Justice session on recruitment, internships and volunteering; legal education is no longer required for enforcement officers.

Evidence E25

Civil service

7 November 2025

Fourth-year students learned how to enter the civil service and which certificates posts require.

Evidence E10

Children’s rights

6 November 2025

A lawyer and mediator explained national law and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Evidence E9

Say No to Drug Addiction!

20 April 2026

Awareness event under the State Programme for 2025–2030, with the Youth Anti-Drug Addiction union.

Evidence E24

World Civil Defence Day

2 March 2026

Seminar on managing environmental risks and preparing for emergencies.

Evidence E20

Law in the curriculum

2025–2026

No law degree, but courses such as Fundamentals of Law and Labour Legislation are taught.

Evidence E8

LINKS TO OTHER SDGS

Strong institutions that serve the other Goals

3 Good Health and Well-being

“Say No to Drug Addiction!” awareness under the 2025–2030 State Programme.

4 Quality Education

AQAS accreditation and ISO 21001 certification of teaching quality.

8 Decent Work and Economic Growth

Collective agreement on labour and socio-economic relations.

9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Joint work with the Ministry of Defence Industry and ADEZ.

11 Sustainable Cities and Communities

Urban mobility advice to 44 local authorities.

17 Partnerships for the Goals

Cyber sovereignty conference with state security and research bodies.

PRIORITIES FOR 2027

From structures to evidence of impact

01

Publish council minutes

Summaries of Academic Council decisions, with student participation recorded.

02

Report integrity cases

Annual anonymised counts of bribery and conflict-of-interest reports and outcomes.

03

Track ethics training

Staff and students trained each year, from a dated register.

04

Count advice to government

Log expert advice, working groups and consultancy for public bodies.

05

Update expenditure reporting

Publish the 2026 Statement on Expenditure on schedule.

EVIDENCE

Sources behind this report

Code	Evidence	Date
E1	SDG 16 Report 2025 (rev2)	Oct 2026
E2	Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy v4.0	2026
E3	Academic Freedom Policy v4.0	2026
E4	Governance Policy v4.0	2026
E5	Student Trade Union Committee; figures from STUC records	Jan–Oct 2026
E6	Quality and Risk Management Committee	2025–2026
E7	Statement on Expenditure	2026
E8	Programme subjects incl. Fundamentals of Law	2025–2026
E9	Children's Rights Month awareness event	6 Nov 2025
E10	Information session on civil service	7 Nov 2025
E11	Seminar "Towards WUF13": 44 partner cities and districts	28 Nov 2025
E12	Special State Protection Service cybersecurity awards	27 Nov 2025
E13	Training on the AMAS system	17 Dec 2025

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E14	Training on responsible AI and personal data	29 Dec 2025
E15	Last Academic Council meeting of 2025	30 Dec 2025
E16	Collective agreement with the Trade Union Committee	30 Dec 2025
E17	ISO 21001:2018 certification	30 Dec 2025
E18	Joint working group with the Ministry of Defence Industry	29 Jan 2026
E19	Sustainable Development Committee meeting	16 Feb 2026
E20	Seminar on World Civil Defence Day	2 Mar 2026
E21	Conference on the state's cyber sovereignty	10 Mar 2026
E22	Engineering programmes pass AQAS accreditation	2 Apr 2026
E23	Memorandum with ADEZ	17 Apr 2026
E24	"Say No to Drug Addiction!" event	20 Apr 2026
E25	Ministry of Justice career infosession	6 May 2026

Every title links to its public source on aztu.edu.az.

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