

ARCHITECTURE EDUCATION ACCREDITATION ASSOCIATION - MiAK

2024 Audit Report

1. MiAK AND MiAK-MAK MEETING MINUTES

Documents and reports pertaining to all of MiAK's activities, including accreditation processes and outcomes, are archived in accordance with the procedures set out in the "MiAK Archiving Directive."

2. ACCREDITATION DECISIONS

Of the programs that applied for accreditation in 2022, site visits for 7 were completed in 2023. Accreditation was granted in 2023 to 6 programs whose applications dated from 2019 and 2020 but whose processes had been postponed due to the pandemic and other reasons.

Programs Accredited in 2023:

- ATILIM UNIVERSITY Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 3 years
- BAĞÇEŞEHİR UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture and Design, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English) - 6 years conditional
- BAŞKENT UNIVERSITY Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (30% English) - 2 years supervised
- ÇANKAYA UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English) - 3 years
- DOKUZ EYLÜL UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 6 years
- HALIÇ UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 2 years supervised
- İSTANBUL KÜLTÜR UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Department of Architecture (English) - 3 years
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- İSTANBUL MEDİPOL UNIVERSITY Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 3 years
- KARADENİZ TEKNİK UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 6 years conditional
- MİMAR SİNAN FINE ARTS UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 6 years
- TED UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture and Design, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English) - 6 years conditional
- TRAKYA UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 3 years

Programs Accredited in 2024:

- AREL UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 2 years supervised
- DOĞU AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English) - 6 years conditional
- BALIKESİR UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 2 years supervised
- ESKİŞEHİR TEKNİK UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture and Design, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 6 years conditional

- TOBB UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY - Faculty of Architecture and Design, Bachelor of Architecture Program (30% English) - 6 years conditional
- YILDIZ TEKNİK UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (30% English) - 6 years

3. EVALUATION PROCESS DOCUMENTS FOR AT LEAST TWO PROGRAMS

The MiAK-MAK 2023 Accreditation Processes Document, the 2024 MiAK Consistency Committee Directive, which defines working procedures in a comprehensive manner, and the establishment of the MiAK Consistency Committee are important in terms of preventing potential inconsistencies in accreditation decisions.

The Visiting Team Final Reports of two accredited programs were reviewed: one that received a “6-Year” accreditation decision (Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Bachelor of Architecture Program) and another that received a “2-Year Supervised” accreditation decision (Başkent University Architecture Program [30% English]). The fact that the MSGSÜ Architecture Program earned 6-year accreditation due to its prior accreditation experience, well-conducted preparations, large academic staff, well-structured curriculum and design studios, physical spaces that contribute to a learning culture and collaborative environments with other departments of the unit, alongside the 2-year accreditation granted to Başkent University’s Architecture Program due to relatively low number of academic staff, elective courses dependent on part-time faculty, insufficient emphasis on certain topics in the curriculum, the inability to demonstrate these in information packages, and insufficient establishment of collaborative environments with other departments, was found to be consistent within the framework of the “MiAK-MAK Processes Document” and MiAK-MAK Conditions Document.”

4. ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

The Annual Activity Report contains the following sections: 1) Introduction; 2) Institutional Information; 3) MiAK and MiAK-MAK 2023 Activities and Events; 4) MiAK Association and MiAK Economic Enterprise Financial Status; 5) Conclusion. The Report is publicly available on the MiAK Website.

4.a) Introduction

The Architecture Education Accreditation Association, established on 10 September 2019 with 74 Founding Members consisting of 5 legal entities and 69 individuals currently has 84 members, 5 of which are legal entities. Prior to its incorporation as an association, MiAK carried out its work as the Architecture Accreditation Board and received a “2-Year Quality Assessment Registration Certificate” on 17 November 2021. The validity of the Registration Certificate was extended for two years until 17.05.2025, effective from 17.11.2023, pursuant to the Resolution of the Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK) dated 23.11.2023 and numbered 2023.12.01, issued following the application submitted to YÖKAK on 09.06.2023. Having taken significant steps toward institutionalization, MiAK continues its work with the aim of contributing to the improvement of education quality.

4.b) Institutional Information

Legal entities subject to public and private law whose objectives and activities support MiAK’s goals, as well as academics, educators, graduates, and natural persons providing professional services, became founding members at the establishment stage; membership is currently open by the Board of Directors decision.

Of MiAK’s founding members, 5 are institutional members (Istanbul Independent Architects Association, TMMOB Chamber of Architects, Architecture Education Association, Architecture Foundation, and 1927

Architects Association), for a total of 74 founding members. MiAK admitted 2 new members in 2021, 7 new members in 2023, and 2 new members in 2024, while 1 founding member resigned in 2023; as of November 2024, total membership stands at 84. (https://www.miak.org/?p=sayfalar&sayfa_id=42) The General Assembly is MiAK's supreme decision-making body, which consists of registered members. MiAK Charter Article 13: "The Board of Directors consists of seven (7) principal and seven (7) alternate members elected by secret ballot by the General Assembly for a period of two (2) years. Two (2) principal and two (2) alternate members are elected among the candidates proposed by the TMMOB Chamber of Architects Central Board of Directors. When principal membership slots are available for candidacy, alternate members are called to duty according to the number of votes received at the General Assembly. Members of the Board of Directors serve on a voluntary basis. The Auditing Board consists of three principal and three alternate members elected by the General Assembly, with secret votes, for a period of two years."

Members serving on the Board of Directors during MiAK's 2nd Term in 2023 and 2024:

- Prof. Dr. Orhan Hacıhasanoğlu (Chair)
- Prof. Dr. Mine Taraç Zeren (Vice Chair)
- Dilşad Aktaş Canatay (Treasurer)
- Prof. Dr. Nezih R. Aysel (Secretary)
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Candan Çıtak (Member)
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ela Aral (Member)
- H. Bülend Tuna (Member)

Alternate members serving on the Board of Directors during MiAK's 2nd Term in 2023 and 2024:

- Prof. Dr. Lale Özgenel
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz Aslan
- Prof. Dr. Emine Özen Eyüce
- Prof. Dr. Deniz İncedayı
- Prof. Dr. Ahsen Özsoy
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. İkbâl Ece Postalıcı
- Prof. Dr. Ayşe Derin Öncel

2023 and 2024 members serving on the Auditing Board during MiAK's 2nd Term:

- Prof. Dr. Nur Esin
- Prof. Dr. Selahattin Önür
- Prof. Dr. M. Tolga Akbulut

Alternate members serving on the Auditing Board during MiAK's 2nd Term in 2023 and 2024:

- Mehmet Bozkurt
- Prof. Dr. Ayşen Cıraçoğlu
- Prof. Dr. Nazan Kırıcı

The Architecture Accreditation Board (MiAK-MAK) consists of seven members. Five members are appointed by MOBBİG (Architecture Schools Department Chairs Communication Group) and two by the TMMOB Chamber of Architects Central Board of Directors from among architecture faculty members with at least fifteen years of experience in architecture education assessment or architects with at least 15 years of experience.

2023 and 2024 members serving in the 9th Term of the Architecture Accreditation Board (MiAK-MAK):

- Prof. Dr. Mine Özkar (Chair)
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derya Yorgancıoğlu (Vice Chair)
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arbil Ötkünç
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pınar Arabacıoğlu
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aktan Acar

- Prof. Dr. Ayşen Ciravoğlu - MO - assumed duties as of 21 October 2024.
- Dr. Selin Oktan - MO - assumed duties as of 21 October 2024.
- Dilşad Aktaş Canatay - MO 48 - term ended on 21 October 2024.
- H. Bülend Tuna - MO 48 – term ended on 21 October 2024.

Members serving on MiAK Committees in 2023 and 2024:

MiAK Consistency Committee:

- Prof. Dr. Gül Koçlar Oral
- Prof. Dr. Mine Tanaç Zeren
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derya Yorgancıoğlu

MiAK Finance Committee:

- Prof. Dr. Nezih R. Aysel
- Dilşad Aktaş Canatay
- Mehmet Bozkurt

MiAK Appeals Committee:

- Prof. Dr. Ayfer Aytuğ
- Prof. Dr. Semra Aydınli
- Prof. Dr. Deniz İncedayı

Members serving on MiAK Working Groups in 2023 and 2024:

MiAK International Affairs Working Group:

- Prof. Dr. Deniz İncedayı
- Prof. Dr. Ayşen Ciravoğlu
- Prof. Dr. Mine Özkar
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ela Aral
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derya Yorgancıoğlu
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aktan Acar

MiAK Press and Communications Working Group:

- Prof. Dr. Mine Tanaç Zeren
- Prof. Dr. Nezih R. Aysel
- Dilşad Aktaş Canatay
- H. Bülend Tuna
- Pınar Soylu

MiAK Strategic Plan Working Group:

- Prof. Dr. Orhan Hacıhasanoğlu
- Prof. Dr. Nezih R. Aysel
- Prof. Dr. Nur Esin
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aktan Acar
- Pınar Soylu
- Zeynep Yılmaz

Members serving on MiAK-MAK Commissions in 2023 and 2024:

MiAK Quality Assessment Unit:

- Prof. Dr. Nur Esin
- Prof. Dr. Selahattin Önür
- Prof. Dr. M. Tolga Akbulut

MiAK-MAK Document Update Commission:

- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Candan Çıtak
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aktan Acar
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. C. İrem Gençer

MiAK-MAK Education Commission:

- Prof. Dr. Mine Özkar
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Derya Yorgancıoğlu
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arbil Ötkünç

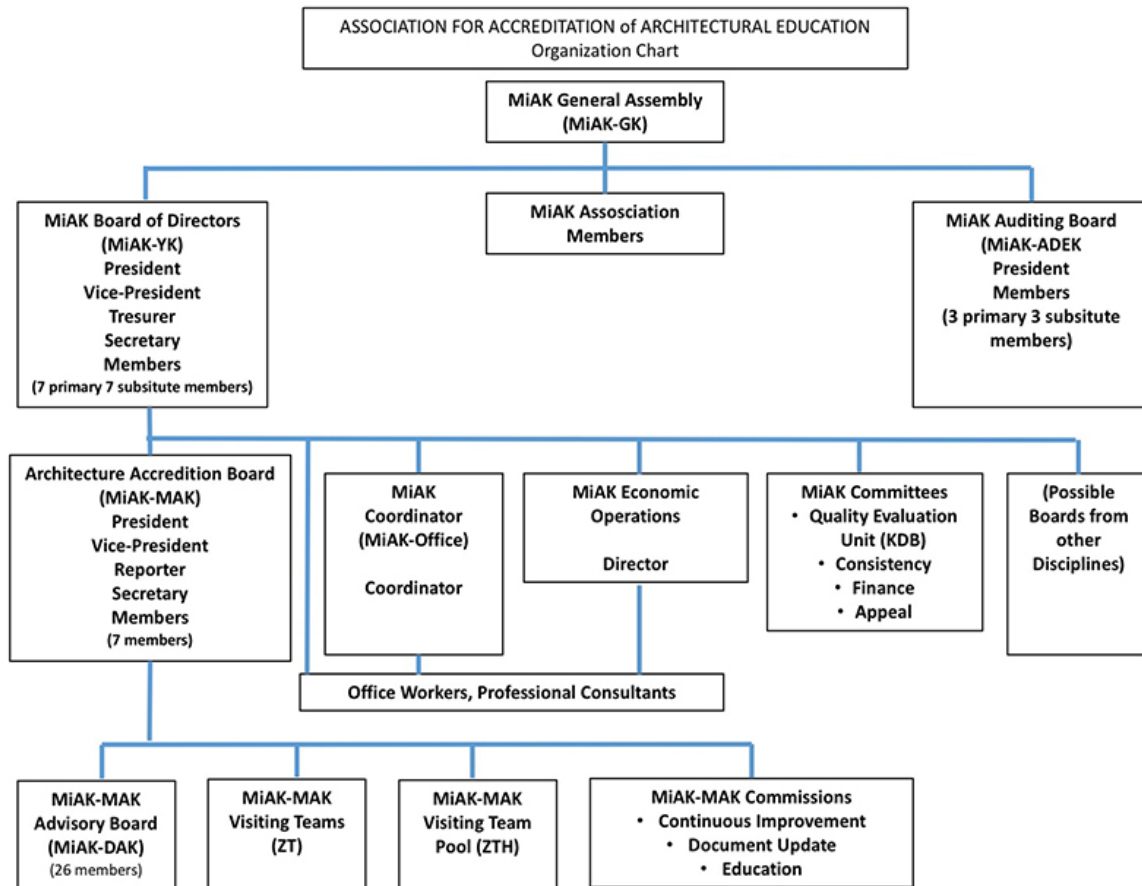


Table 1 - MiAK Organizational Chart

4.c) MiAK 2nd Term and MiAK-MAK 9th Term Activities and Events

4.c.1) Activities:

MiAK's work continues with great dedication and effort on a voluntary basis. Activities carried out in 2023 and 2024 for MiAK's institutionalization and development include the following:

- MiAK, as an Association, received a "2-Year Quality Assessment Registration Certificate" on 17 November 2021. The validity of the Registration Certificate was extended for two years until 17.11.2025, effective from 17.11.2023, pursuant to the Resolution of YÖKAK dated 23.11.2023 and numbered 2023.12.01, issued following the application submitted to YÖKAK on 09.06.2023. During this application process, assessor meetings were held, questionnaire forms and reports were prepared, and the YÖKAK Monitoring Officer's audits for 2023-2024 were completed.

- The “MiAK 1st Term Activity Report” was prepared and published on the Website. Annual MiAK Reports were submitted to YÖKAK.
- The “Thematic Analysis 2022 and 2023 Report” was prepared and published on the Website.
- The “Internal Quality Assessment 2022 and 2023 Report” was prepared and published on the Website.
- The developed “Appeals Committee Directive” was approved by the MiAK Board of Directors and published on the Website.
- Corporate identity development activities continued throughout the period, the “Complaint, Appeal and Information Request Form” was added to the Website, and the “www.miak.org” Website was developed and updated.
- Software services were procured for the English-language Website required for international activities, and the Site’s infrastructure was set up. During the same period, translation services were also procured for MiAK Documents, Directives and Guides; document translations were completed, and the English-language Website was launched alongside the Turkish Website.
- MiAK-MAK Calendars, the MiAK Agenda, news, announcements, and documents from MiAK are published and shared on an up-to-date basis through the Website. Complaint, suggestion, and information request sections have been added to the Website.
- The “MiAK Strategic Plan” was prepared, data was collected from programs, input was obtained from the MiAK Board of Directors, the Architecture Accreditation Board, and Working Groups, and it was finalized and published.
- The “Architecture Education Accreditation Association (MiAK) Accreditation Activities Agreement” was developed, completing another important milestone in institutionalization.
- In line with the expansion of MiAK’s activities and its strategic objectives, a part-time contract was signed with a new employee in addition to Arch. Pinar Soylu, who serves as MiAK Coordinator in an advisory capacity; Arch. Zeynep Yılmaz began working at the MiAK Economic Enterprise as of August 2023.
- The necessary equipment for the MiAK Office located in Beyoğlu at the TMMOB Chamber of Architects was procured within budget.
- A communication system was established for the regular payment of membership dues.
- The “Finance Committee” has commenced work regarding the MiAK and MiAK Economic Enterprise Budget, prepared a plan, and presented it to the MiAK Board of Directors.
- In addition to the intensive work of all committees and commissions and activities such as document updates and new document planning, the “MiAK Working Groups” established in 2023 have made an effective contribution to MiAK’s institutionalization and development. The “MiAK International Affairs Working Group,” also established in 2023, prepared an “International Affairs Working Group Report” following its meetings in line with MiAK’s internationalization strategies and presented it to the MiAK Board of Directors. Following the report review of the Board, negotiations are ongoing with the “Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (CEENQA)”, to which a membership application has been made.
- The “MiAK Press and Communications Working Group” was established, and the “MiAK Bulletin,” planned to provide continuous communication among MiAK, MiAK-MAK and their stakeholders, as well as components of architecture and architecture education environment, is being published periodically online; featuring news, announcements, short articles, statements and analyses. Published issues are accessible in MiAK Website.
- The “MiAK-MAK Processes Document,” “MiAK-MAK Conditions Document,” “MiAK-MAK Final Report Guide,” and “MiAK-MAK Preliminary Report Guide” were updated with revisions in 2023.
- “MiAK-MAK Program Evaluation Form” and “Visiting Team Evaluation Survey Form” were developed, and feedback collection has begun.
- MiAK WORKSHOP, organized within the 2nd Term to evaluate past period activities and share information and plan for upcoming period activities, was held on 24 February 2024 with the participation of all MiAK components (boards, committees, commissions, working groups).
- A comprehensive report was prepared regarding the assessment of “Bachelor of Architecture Programs” by the MAK 2nd Term Board of Directors and the Architecture Accreditation Board. The report

was both published openly in the MiAK e-bulletin and shared with institutional actors in the field of education and architecture, such as YÖKAK, MİDEKON, and the TMMOB Chamber of Architects.

4.c.2) Events:

- During MiAK's 2 Terms: 12 Board of Directors Meetings, 2 Finance Committee Meetings, 2 Appeals Committee Meetings, 8 Consistency Committee Meetings, 2 Press and Communications Working Group Meetings, 2 International Affairs Working Group Meetings, and 1 Strategic Plan Working Group Meeting were held. MiAK attended 5 meetings hosted by MiAK stakeholder institutions in education and accreditation, presentations were made for MiAK (MOBBİG 56-Karadeniz Teknik University / Architecture and Education Congress-XII, İYTE / MOBBİG 55 - International Cyprus University, Nicosia / MO 12th Architecture and Education Congress / MOBBİG 54 - Firat University, Elazığ / MOBBİG 53 - TED University, Ankara).
- Accreditation 101, Introduction to Information Workshop was held online on 11.05.2024 for faculty members and staff serving in bachelor of architecture programs, covering the topics "what is accreditation?," "why should one be accredited?," "what is the place and importance of accreditation at national and international level?," and "what is the role and function of the Architecture Education Accreditation Association?". 34 faculty members and staff from 18 universities also attended the workshop, along with the MiAK Board of Directors and MiAK-MAK members.
- A Self-Evaluation Report Preparation Workshop was held online on 06.07.2024 for academics serving in bachelor of architecture programs, covering the topics "what is a self-evaluation report and why is it important?," "what are the process and steps for preparing self-evaluation report?," "what should the content and format of the report be?" and "what is MiAK's role and the support it provides in this process?". 43 faculty members and staff from 20 universities also attended the workshop, along with the MiAK Board of Directors and MiAK-MAK members.

4.c.3) MiAK-MAK Program Visits:

Of the 8 programs that applied for accreditation in 2022, visiting teams were formed for all 8 and visits to 7 institutions were carried out in 2023. The evaluation processes and accreditation procedures for these programs have been completed. Accreditation was also granted in 2023 to 6 programs whose applications dated from 2019 and 2020 but whose processes had been postponed due to the pandemic and other reasons.

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- TRAKYA UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 3 years

During the 2023 application period, applications were received from 10 separate institutions, with one institution added from a previous period per the 2023 Calendar. These institutions participated in the “Program Information Workshop” and 9 submitted a Self-Evaluation Report. The 2 institutions unable to submit reports applied to MiAK-MAK for deferral to continue under the 2024 Calendar.

Programs Accredited in 2024:

- AREL UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 2 years supervised
- DOĞU AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English) - 6 years
- BALIKESİR UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) – 2 years supervised
- ESKİŞEHİR TEKNİK UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture and Design, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish) - 6 years conditional
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- YILDIZ TEKNİK UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (30% English) - 6 years

Because MiAK’s accreditation processes span several terms and did not align with the ÖSYM calendar, the MiAK-MAK Accreditation Calendar was reorganized to align with the ÖSYM calendar, and applications for the 2024 MiAK-MAK Accreditation Calendar were accepted in September 2023. Two institutions applied, and two were carried over from the previous calendar. The accreditation processes for these institutions have been planned to be completed in time for the ÖSYM Calendar and printed booklet. In addition to these institutions, an information workshop was held on 16 December 2023 for institutions wishing to apply to MiAK in future periods. More than twenty programs participated in the open-call workshop.

Programs That Applied Under the MiAK-MAK 2023 Accreditation Calendar:

- YEDİTEPE UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English)
- YILDIZ TEKNİK UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English)
- AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish)

Due to new efforts to shorten the accreditation process, the MiAK-MAK Accreditation Calendar was reorganized, and applications for the MiAK-MAK 2025 Accreditation Calendar were accepted as of September 2024. Sixteen programs applied to the 2025 Calendar, and 1 program was carried over from the 2023 Calendar. Visiting teams have begun to be formed for the 12 programs whose applications were accepted.

- ERCİYES UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish)
- ALTINBAŞ UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English)
- YAŞAR UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English)
- MEF UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English)

- ÇUKUROVA UNIVERSITY – Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish)
- HASAN KALYONCU UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Fine Arts and Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish)
- MALTEPE UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture and Design, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish)
- MALTEPE UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture and Design, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English)
- İSTANBUL KÜLTÜR UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (English)
- İSTANBUL GEDİK UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Architecture and Design, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish)
- SABAHATTİN ZAİM UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Bachelor of Architecture Program (Turkish)
- BAŞKENT UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture - Bachelor of Architecture Program (30% English)
- FATİH SULTAN MEHMET FOUNDATION UNIVERSITY - Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture Program (30% English)

4.d) MiAK Association and MiAK Economic Enterprise Financial Status

The financial transactions arising from the establishment of the Architecture Education Accreditation Association in 2019 and the MiAK Economic Enterprise in 2021 are listed in Tables 2 and 3. The transactions in Table 2 cover the entirety of the 1st Term, from the beginning of the 2nd Term through the end of 2023, and the 2nd Term transactions through 01 November 2024. Association revenues consist of donations, membership entrance fees and annual dues, and revenues transferred from the economic enterprise. Association expenses consist of taxes, annual rental expenditures, financial advisory and consulting fees, notary fees, personnel salaries and social security payments, bulletin graphic design expenditures, association equipment expenditures, and bank transaction fees.

The MiAK Economic Enterprise's revenue is derived from program accreditation (Table 4.). Its expenses consist of revenue transfers to the Association, tax and rental payments, financial advisory and consulting fees, notary fees, bank transaction fees, personnel salaries and social security payments, transportation, meals, shipping and other expenditures, document translation fees, and blueprint and stationery expenditures.

Association + Economic Enterprise Time Deposit Summary

Item	Period 1	Period 2/1	Period 2/2	Total
Donations	₺720.00	₺250.00	₺0.00	₺970.00
Bank Refund	₺300.60	₺0.00	₺0.00	₺300.60
Daily Interest Account Income	₺0.00	₺0.00	₺16,363.20	₺16,363.20
Membership Registration Fee and/or 2023 Membership Dues	₺16,000.00	₺20,550.00	₺26,740.00	₺63,290.00
Program Accreditation Payment	₺514,931.52	₺857,942.62	₺532,848.81	₺1,905,722.95
TOTAL INCOME	₺531,952.12	₺878,742.62	₺575,952.01	₺1,986,646.75

Expenses

Item	Period 1	Period 2/1	Period 2/2	Total
Bank EFT/Wire Transfer Fees	-₺103.49	-₺435.63	-₺485.20	-₺1,024.32
Newsletter – Graphic Design	₺0.00	-₺10,500.00	-₺11,250.00	-₺21,750.00
Association Equipment Expense – Invoice	-₺15,163.00	₺0.00	₺0.00	-₺15,163.00
Association Subscription/Plan Expense	-₺332.38	₺0.00	₺0.00	-₺332.38
Translation Expense	₺0.00	-₺31,250.00	₺0.00	-₺31,250.00
Google Expense	₺0.00	-₺121.78	-₺2,377.98	-₺3,359.76
MIAK Event Catering Expense	₺0.00	-₺28,593.00	₺0.00	-₺28,593.00
Mobbig Expense	₺0.00	-₺7,775.00	₺0.00	-₺7,775.00
Office Equipment Expense	₺0.00	-₺7,499.00	₺0.00	-₺7,499.00
Transportation Expense	-₺11,459.83	-₺53,608.77	-₺19,780.80	-₺84,849.40
Accommodation Expense	₺0.00	-₺13,796.39	₺0.00	-₺13,796.39
,	₺0.00	₺0.00	-₺5,000.00	-₺5,000.00
Website Expense	-₺3,394.20	-₺21,240.00	-₺7,465.48	-₺32,099.68
Meal Expense	-₺1,909.96	-₺1,676.54	-₺7,388.18	-₺10,974.68
Zoom Expense	-₺2,651.20	-₺4,283.13	₺0.00	-₺6,934.33
Shipping/Courier Expense	-₺179.96	-₺2,090.87	₺0.00	-₺2,270.83
Printing / Blueprint Copying Expense	-₺1,895.00	-₺1,732.00	-₺37.00	-₺3,664.00
Personnel Expense	₺0.00	-₺2,028.00	-₺1,830.00	-₺3,858.00
Rent Expense	-₺31,950.00	-₺15,975.00	-₺19,970.00	-₺67,895.00
Accounting and Consulting Expenses	-₺48,062.72	-₺78,661.00	-₺67,445.00	-₺194,168.72
Notary Expenses	-₺900.57	-₺1,133.77	₺0.00	-₺2,034.34
Employee Severance Compensation	₺0.00	₺0.00	-₺47,428.94	-₺47,428.94
Salaries and Wages	-₺13,000.00	-₺337,800.00	-₺329,128.70	-₺679,928.70
Social Security (SGK) Contributions	₺0.00	-₺112,838.18	-₺86,431.14	-₺199,269.32
Taxes (VAT + Income Tax + Withholding Tax)	-₺90,482.21	-₺200,422.17	-₺179,169.73	-₺470,074.11
TOTAL EXPENSES	-₺221,484.52	-₺933,460.23	-₺783,048.15	-₺1,937,992.90

Net Balance

Item	Period 1	Period 2/1	Period 2/2	Total
NET TOTAL / CURRENT BALANCE	₺310,467.60	-₺54,717.61	-₺207,096.14	₺48,653.85

Table 2. MiAK Association and MiAK Economic Enterprise 2023-2024-2025 Actual and Estimated Revenue-Expenditure Table (01.11.2024)

In accordance with the decision taken at the 2nd General Assembly on 19.11.2022, the annual membership due for the annual dues scheme commencing in 2023 was set at 250 TL. In accordance with the decision taken at the 2nd Term 8th Board of Directors Meeting on 30.01.2023, the 2024 annual membership dues were set at 500 TL.

Table 3 shows the 3-year (2023-2024-2025) Revenue-Expenditure Status of the MiAK Association and Economic Enterprise. Estimated revenues for the remainder of 2024 consist of program accreditation payments, membership entrance fees and dues remaining from 2023 and calculated at the new rate set for 2024. Estimated expenses consist of personnel salaries and social security premiums, taxes, general expenditures (transportation, meals, shipping, etc.), financial advisory and consulting fees, rent, equipment expenditures, graphic design expenditures for the bulletin, and bank fees.

The program accreditation payments indicated for 2025 include the application fees of programs estimated to apply under the 2026 calendar and the 1st and 2nd payments of all programs that applied under the 2025 calendar; this amount represents the revenue that will be generated if all programs complete the process. If any programs leave the process incomplete, some payments may be deferred or cancelled. The Finance Committee projected the 2025 annual membership due at 750 TL and membership at 100 persons; calculations were made accordingly.

Item	2023 Actual Total	2024 Actual (through end of September) and Estimated (Oct–Dec 2024) Total	2025 Estimated Total
Association and Economic Enterprise			
Donation Payments and Bank Refunds	₺250.00	₺0.00	₺0.00
Program Accreditation Payments	₺745,962.62	₺699,848.81	₺2,022,000.00
Interest Income from Time Deposit Account	₺0.00	₺17,878.61	₺60,660.00
Membership Dues Payments	₺19,050.00	₺47,470.00	₺75,000.00
INCOME	₺765,262.62	₺765,197.42	₺2,157,660.00
Balance Carried Forward from Previous Year	₺351,571.54	₺255,749.99	₺9,148.89
Bank EFT/Wire Transfer Commission Fees	-₺411.23	-₺547.22	-₺793.47
Newsletter – Graphic Design	-₺10,500.00	-₺15,750.00	-₺22,837.50
Association Equipment, Tariff Expenses – Invoice	₺0.00	-₺833.33	-₺1,208.33
Rent Expense	-₺15,975.00	-₺44,970.00	-₺36,250.00
Financial Advisory and Consulting Expenses	-₺68,395.00	-₺79,445.00	-₺115,195.25
Notary Expenses (<i>all expenses after 2024 are included here</i>)	-₺1,087.34	₺0.00	₺0.00
General Expenses (Transportation, Meals, Cargo, etc.)	-₺140,828.02	-₺53,686.46	-₺77,845.36
2024 General Assembly Expenses	—	-₺60,000.00	—
International Application Expenses (<i>expense budgeted for 2024 has been deferred to 2025</i>)	—	—	-₺150,000.00
MIAK Portal Expense (<i>expense budgeted for 2024 has been deferred to 2025</i>)	—	—	-₺300,000.00
Personnel Salaries and Severance Payments	-₺311,800.00	-₺466,465.64	-₺635,100.00
Employer Social Security Contributions	-₺112,838.18	-₺100,931.14	-₺146,350.15
Taxes (VAT + Income Tax + Withholding Tax)	-₺199,249.40	-₺189,169.73	-₺539,415.00
EXPENSES	-₺861,084.17	-₺1,011,798.52	-₺2,024,995.07
YEAR-END BALANCE	₺255,749.99	₺9,148.89	₺141,813.82

Notes

The estimated 2025 program accreditation income assumes that all programs complete their accreditation processes. Payments may be postponed or canceled if some programs do not complete the process.

The 2025 year-end inflation estimate has been assumed to be 45%.

Potential tax deductions have not been included in the table because deductible expenses could not be calculated precisely. Therefore, tax payments have been estimated at approximately 25%.

The Finance Committee has projected the 2025 membership fee to be TRY 750 and the number of members to reach 100.

Table 3. MiAK Association and MiAK Economic Enterprise 2023-2024-2025 Actual and Estimated Revenue-Expenditure Table

MiAK SERVICE FEE CALENDER / For Programs Applied to the 2025 Calendar	
2024, September	15.000 TL + VAT • APPLICATION PAYMENT / APPLICATION PHASE (It is invoiced after the LETTER OF INTENTION is approved.) <i>(Programs that will renew their accreditation will not pay an application fee, provided that they have not taken a break and are submitting their annual reports regularly and completely.)</i>
2025, January	66.000 TL + VAT • FIRST PAYMENT / SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT STAGE (It is invoiced after the SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT is submitted to MiAK.)
2025, May-June (anticipated date range for face-to-face Institution Visit)	84.000 TL + VAT • LAST PAYMENT / VISIT PHASE (Invoice after the INSTITUTION VISIT DATE Approval.) <i>(Important Note: The transportation, accommodation, and food/beverage expenses of the Visiting Team during the 3-day visit are not included in these fees and are covered by the program. The transportation, accommodation, food/beverage organization, invoicing, and payment of these expenses are made by the program. It is recommended that the approximate expenses be added to the program accreditation budget in advance.)</i>

MiAK SERVICE FEE CALENDER / For Programs Applied to the 2024 Calendar	
2023, October	13.000 TL + VAT • APPLICATION PAYMENT / APPLICATION PHASE (It is invoiced after the LETTER OF INTENTION is approved.) <i>(Programs that will renew their accreditation will not pay an application fee, provided that they have not taken a break and are submitting their annual reports regularly and completely.)</i>
2024, May	35.000 TL + VAT • FIRST PAYMENT / SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT STAGE (It is invoiced after the SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT is submitted to MiAK.)
2024, April (anticipated date range for face-to-face Institution Visit)	45.000 TL + VAT • LAST PAYMENT / VISIT PHASE (Invoice after the INSTITUTION VISIT DATE Approval.) <i>(Important Note: The transportation, accommodation, and food/beverage expenses of the Visiting Team during the 3-day visit are not included in these fees and are covered by the program. The transportation, accommodation, food/beverage organization, invoicing, and payment of these expenses are made by the program. It is recommended that the approximate expenses be added to the program accreditation budget in advance.)</i>

Table 4. Accreditation Fees and Payment Schedule for Programs Applying to the MiAK 2024 and 2025 Calendars

The estimated revenues for October-November-December 2024, indicated in Table 3, consist of the account balance expected to be carried over from 2023, donations, program accreditation payments, and membership entrance fees and dues remaining from 2023 to be calculated at the new rate to be set for 2024. Estimated expenses consist of tax and rental payments, financial advisory and consulting fees, personnel salaries and social security premiums, equipment expenditures, graphic design expenditures for the bulletin, general expenditures (transportation, meals, shipping, etc.), and bank transaction fees. In addition, expenditures for the general assembly meeting, payments that may be required for applications to international accreditation bodies, and the software fee for the planned MiAK portal have also been included as estimates in the 2024 budget.

4.e) Conclusion

After the Architecture Education Accreditation Association (MiAK) earned the right to receive a 2-Year Quality Assessment Registration Certificate on 17 November 2021, following its application to the Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK), the validity of the Registration Certificate was extended by two years until 17.11.2025 through the renewal application made in June 2023. MiAK will continue to contribute to

the improvement of education quality in the curricula of Architecture Departments at various universities in Turkey through accreditation, external quality assessment, and information activities.

5. ASSESSMENT

5.a Compliance of MiAK activities with regulations and directives on matters such as institutional structure, sustainability, continuous improvement, participation, standards, reliability, training, transparency, and archiving

- **Institutional Structure:** The General Assembly, the supreme decision-making body, consists of 84 members registered with MiAK as of 2023. The MiAK Association Board of Directors (7 members) and Auditing Board (3 members) are elected by the General Assembly. The Architecture Accreditation Board (MiAK-MAK) (7 members) has 5 members designated by MOBBİG and 2 by the Chamber of Architects Central Board of Directors.

MiAK-MAK Commissions (*Quality Assessment Unit; Document Update Commission; Education Commission*) and MiAK Committees (*Consistency Committee; Finance Committee; Appeals Committee*) each have three members. Most recently, in 2023, MiAK Working Groups (*International Affairs Working Group - 6 members; Press and Communications Working Group - 5 members*) were established.

Commission, committee, and working group members are selected from among volunteers who respond to calls made to academics and professionals who support MiAK-MAK's work, in addition to MiAK and MiAK-MAK Members.

Within the framework of the institutionalization activities that began with the formation of the association and continued with the establishment of the MiAK Economic Enterprise, the "Architecture Education Accreditation Association (MiAK) Accreditation Activities Agreement," which will enable institutions and MiAK to carry out their work under legal protection, was developed and completed.

- **Sustainability:** The 2-year "Quality Assessment Registration Certificate obtained by MiAK as an Association on 17.11.2021 was extended for two years until 17 May 2025, following assessor meetings, activities, and YÖKAK audits conducted after the application was submitted on 09.06.2023. It is observed that the task distribution within the commissions, committees, and working groups under the MiAK Board of Directors and MiAK-MAK, strategic planning activities, and program accreditations tied to the annual calendar, whose number is not decreasing, together with MiAK activities, are being carried out within the annual budget in compliance with regulations and directives.

- **Continuous Improvement:** The "Internal Quality Assurance Assessment Report," first prepared for 2022 and published on the Website, and also prepared for 2023, also serves the function of reflecting continuous improvements.

A "Thematic Analysis Report" was prepared and published on the Website, aimed at examining the assessments of programs whose MiAK-MAK accreditation evaluations and decisions were concluded in 2022 and announced on the Website, thematically through tables and charts to identify strengths and areas for development. Continuing this report annually can be expected to benefit all programs. The developed "Appeals Committee Directive" and "Complaint, Appeal and Information Request Form" have also been published on the Website.

The "International Working Group," one of the "MiAK Working Groups" that contributes to MiAK's institutionalization and development, is expected to contribute to internationalization. The application for membership in the "Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (CEENQA)" is an important step toward the goal of achieving international qualification for architecture programs in Turkey. The development and updating of the Website has also enabled it to be published both in English and in Turkish.

“MiAK Press and Communications Working Group” was established, and the “MiAK Bulletin” was planned and has begun to be published periodically in digital format. The MiAK Bulletin aims to provide continuous communication with architecture and architecture education, its environment, and its stakeholders. The bulletin is planned to feature news, announcements, short articles, statements, and analyses related to MiAK with all its bodies, MiAK-MAK, and the interactions of components in the architecture profession and education with MiAK.

- **Participation:** Presentations were made on behalf of MiAK at 3 meetings hosted by education and accreditation institutions that are MiAK stakeholders (“Architecture and Education Congress - XII” / İYTE, İzmir; “MOBBİG 55” - International Cyprus University, Nicosia; “MOBBİG 54” - Firat University, Elazığ) and MiAK participated by making presentations on its behalf.

New member admissions to MiAK are made by the Board of Directors decision. An announcement was made by MiAK-MAK in 2023 for evaluator and observer candidates with the aim of increasing the number of currently adequate program evaluators and observers for 2024 and future years; an online application is available through the Website.

- **Standards:** MiAK and MiAK-MAK continue to document and safeguard their independence and their own independent standards through the rapidly developing regulatory framework. It is understood that the regulatory framework must enable both MiAK’s own independence and programs to continue their self-evaluation activities while preserving their own distinctiveness.

There are also situations requiring compliance with external factors. Since MiAK accreditation processes span several terms and did not align with the ÖSYM calendar, the MiAK-MAK Accreditation Calendar was reorganized to align with the ÖSYM calendar, and applications for the 2024 MiAK-MAK Accreditation Calendar were accepted in September 2023.

- **Reliability:** The “Architecture Education Accreditation Association (MiAK) Code of Ethics Document,” adopted by the MiAK Board of Directors on 15.02.2021, contains sections on “Conflict of Interest,” “MiAK Code of Ethics,” and “MiAK Confidentiality and Ethics Declaration.” The “MiAK Confidentiality and Ethics Declaration” is signed by individuals who embrace an ethical approach and volunteer in program evaluations.

The establishment of the MiAK Consistency Committee, whose working procedures have been comprehensively defined through the MiAK Consistency Committee Directive (2024), is important for reliability in terms of enhancing the effectiveness of preventing potential inconsistencies among accreditation decisions.

- **Training:** “Program Information Workshops” and “Visiting Team Workshops” are held; in 2023, 2 “MiAK-MAK Program Information Workshops” and 2 “MiAK-MAK Visiting Team (*team members and observers*) Information Workshops” were held. In 2024, 1 “MiAK-MAK Visiting Team (*team members and observers*) Information Workshop” and 1 “MiAK-MAK Program Information Workshop” were held. Because the MiAK-MAK Accreditation Calendar applications were accepted in September 2023, more than 20 programs participated in the “Information Workshop” held on 16 December 2023 in response to the open call for programs wishing to apply to MiAK in future periods.

- **Transparency:** It is observed that the principle of conducting all activities openly through written documents to stakeholders and the public is given importance and is adhered to.

- **Archiving:** Documents and reports pertaining to all of MiAK’s activities, including accreditation processes and outcomes, are archived in accordance with the procedures set out in the “MiAK Archiving Directive.”

5.b Strengths and Areas for Development

Strengths:

- a) Being an independent, impartial, and well-established accreditation body resulting from the collaborative work of architecture educators;
- b) Encouraging architecture departments to undergo external peer review for quality culture and quality assurance;
- c) Having the capacity to meet the increasing external peer review requests and applications from architecture programs for accreditation;
- d) Being able to currently provide a sufficient number of trained evaluators from various architecture schools for program accreditation processes;
- e) MiAK bodies being managed by experienced and impartial personnel;
- f) Having strong communication and cooperation with the “Chamber of Architects” and the “Architecture Schools Department Chairs Communication Group (MOBBİG)” representing all architecture departments;
- g) The authorization to conduct accreditation activities has been extended by YÖKAK for a second time, for two years from 17.11.2023 to 17.05.2025.

Areas for Development:

- a) Work can be undertaken to evaluate the experiences to date regarding student participation in accreditation processes and address areas open to development and/or improvement.
- b) Considering the increasing number of future applications, the question of compensating the efforts of the evaluators who receive training and serve in the intensive architecture education accreditation site visit work currently carried out on a voluntary basis is a matter to be considered.
- c) It is understood that thematic analysis reports will continue to be developed for the benefit of all architecture education programs.
- d) The application for membership in the “Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (CEENQA)” is a step taken in line with MiAK’s internationalization goal as well as the goal of achieving international qualification for architecture programs in Turkey.
- e) The revenues of the MiAK Association and MiAK Economic Enterprise are limited to membership entrance fees and annual dues, and program accreditation payments. It may be possible to sustain existing activities and developments through increases possible under current economic conditions; however, new developments may require new economic resources.

5.c Improvement activities regarding previously identified areas for development

a) Absence of a strategic plan and performance indicators:

The 2022-2026 Strategic Plan was prepared, and 2022-2023 data was collected; it was published on the Website in 2024.

b) Absence of thematic analyses:

The “Thematic Analysis Report 2022 and 2023” was prepared and published on the Website. Evaluations will be conducted in thematic areas for programs whose accreditation decisions were concluded in 2022 and 2023.

c) Lack of transparency in the complaint mechanism:

“Appeals Committee Directive” was approved by the MiAK Board of Directors and published on the Website. The “Complaint, Appeal and Information Request Form” has been added to the Website.

d) Inability to efficiently obtain feedback from visiting teams regarding the process:

In the 2023 update to the MiAK-MAK Accreditation Processes Document, ANNEX D: MiAK-MAK Program Accreditation Process Evaluation Form -1 and ANNEX E: MiAK-MAK Visiting Team Accreditation Process Evaluation Form -2, to be completed by the program after the visit, were added.

e) Weakness of processes for increasing student participation, informing students prior to visits, and strengthening inter-student communication - It would be appropriate to encourage student observer candidates to participate in evaluation processes and to work toward their active participation in visiting teams.:

Instead of student observers selected from among Chamber of Architects student representatives, who were evaluated as not participating actively enough, students identified through open calls to accredited institutions and trained at workshops now participate in evaluation processes. In future periods, it is planned to spread accreditation awareness starting from students through open-call workshops at inviting institutions.

5.d Assessment and Recommendations:

Upon evaluating the Architecture Education Accreditation Association (MiAK) 2nd Term Board of Directors 2024 Annual Activity Report, MiAK's **activities are observed to comply with regulations and directives on matters such as institutional structure, sustainability, continuous improvement, participation, standards, reliability, training, transparency, and archiving, and MiAK is seen to have carried out improvement activities particularly in the areas previously identified as open to development.**

Among the recommendations for the upcoming period are, in particular, the development of student participation in accreditation processes, compensating the efforts of evaluators who receive training and serve in accreditation site visits, accelerating activities aimed at international qualification, and strengthening economic resources to ensure financial sustainability.

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