

*Bound by the board, free across continents.*

# EGC 2026

Ankara

*25th July – 8th August 2026*

TÜRKİYE  
GO  
DERNEĞİ

 EUROPEAN GO  
FEDERATION



Where?

Ankara – Hacettepe University  
Tunalp zgen Congress and Cultural Center





# Why Ankara?

## Ankara as the Capital:

- Hosts critical government institutions and embassies, ensuring it remains one of Türkiye's **most secure and well-protected** cities.
- Ankara's history of hosting international conferences, cultural festivals, and sports events further highlights its reliability and experience as a **trusted venue for large-scale gatherings**.



# Ankara: The Birthplace and Hub of Go in Türkiye

The roots of Go in Türkiye trace back to the **1980s**, when the first Go players gathered at **Middle East Technical University** in **Ankara**.

Ankara is home to Türkiye's first Go club (1988) and the founding location of the **Türkiye Go Association** (1995), which still operates its headquarters in the city.

A vibrant go community holds regular weekend meetings in the city center, fostering a friendly, inclusive, and dynamic environment.





# Hacettepe University: A Leading Institution for Go in Türkiye

Home to one of Türkiye's first Go clubs: Hacettepe University Go Club (founded in 2000).

Many of Türkiye's top Go players began their journeys at the Hacettepe University Go Club.

Offers an official, academic-credit Go course for students.

## **Organizer and Local Host of Prestigious Go Events:**

- European Youth Go Championship (EYGC), 2023
- Alpar Kılınc Memorial Tournament, 2019
- Hacettepe Go Tournaments (held annually since 2006)

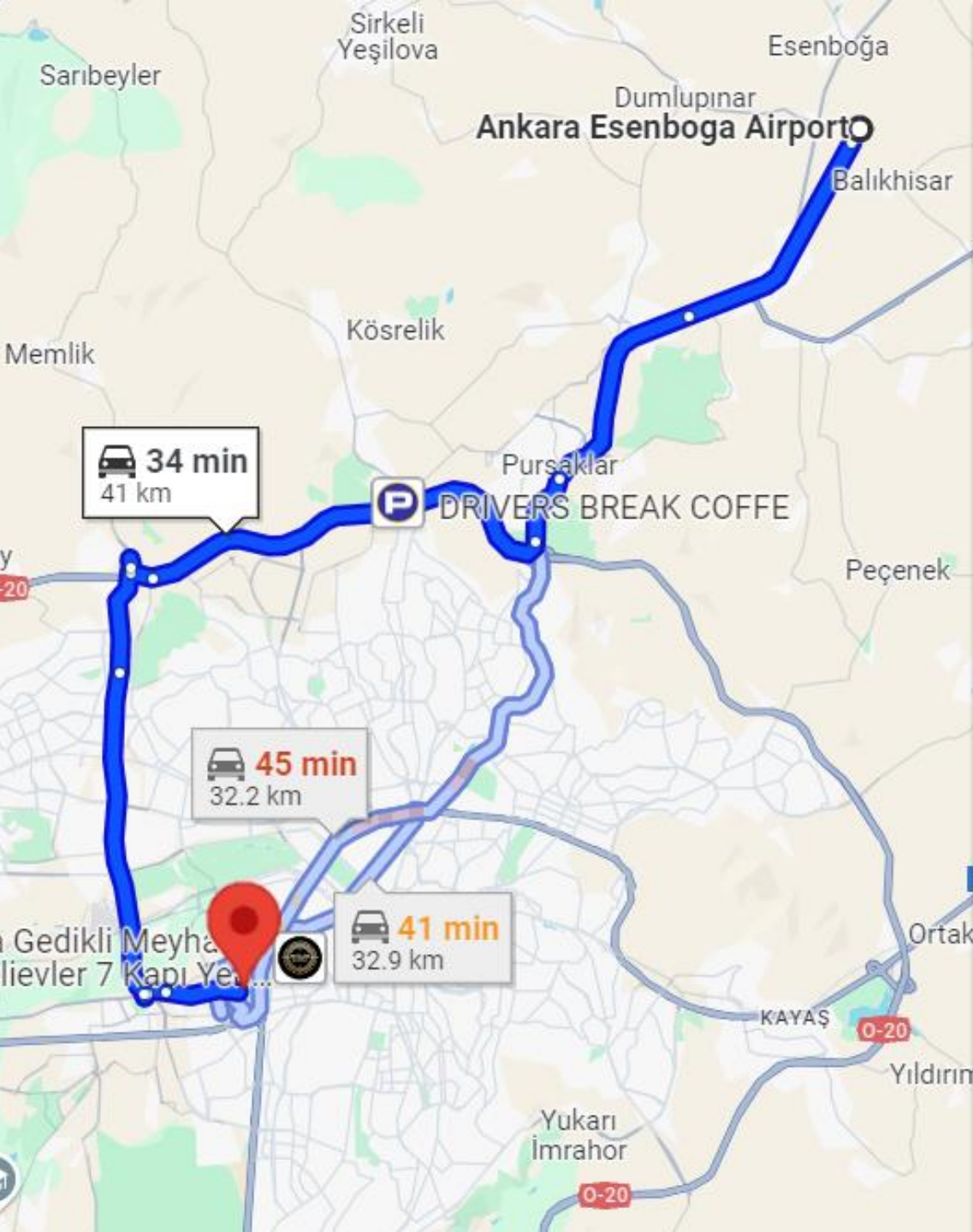


# Why Hacettepe?

Comfort, Convenience, and Credibility in One Place:

- Hacettepe University, a **highly reputable institution**, offers a self-contained campus with **excellent facilities**.
- The campus provides everything participants need, including **food, accommodation, and recreational areas**, ensuring comfort and convenience.





# Why Hacettepe?

## From Airport to Campus:

- Hacettepe University benefits from Ankara's modern infrastructure and transportation network, ensuring seamless access for all participants.
- With Esenboğa International Airport offering direct access to Ankara and organized shuttles to the campus, Hacettepe University is well-connected and ready to welcome international guests.



# The Venue

From EYGC 2023 to EGC 2026:

- Impressed by the success of the **28th European Youth Go Championship (EYGC)** 2023, the university's rector offered strong institutional support for hosting **EGC 2026**.
- **Hacettepe University's** commitment to supporting EGC 2026 ensures access to a premier venue, paving the way for its **success**.





# The Venue

## Where Functionality Meets Comfort:

- Tunçalp Özgen Congress and Cultural Center is equipped with the **latest technology** and **versatile spaces** for **large-scale events**.
- Its **adaptable** design ensures a seamless experience, meeting the **diverse** needs of participants and organizers.



# Tunalp zgen Congress and Cultural Center







# Tunçalp Özgen Congress and Cultural Center

## Capacity and Features:

### Main Spaces:

- **Great Hall:** Seats 1,550, perfect for large gatherings and ceremonies.
- **Ballroom:** Seats 1,000 with flexible arrangements for a variety of events.
- **Open Amphitheater:** Outdoor space with seating for 7,000 attendees.

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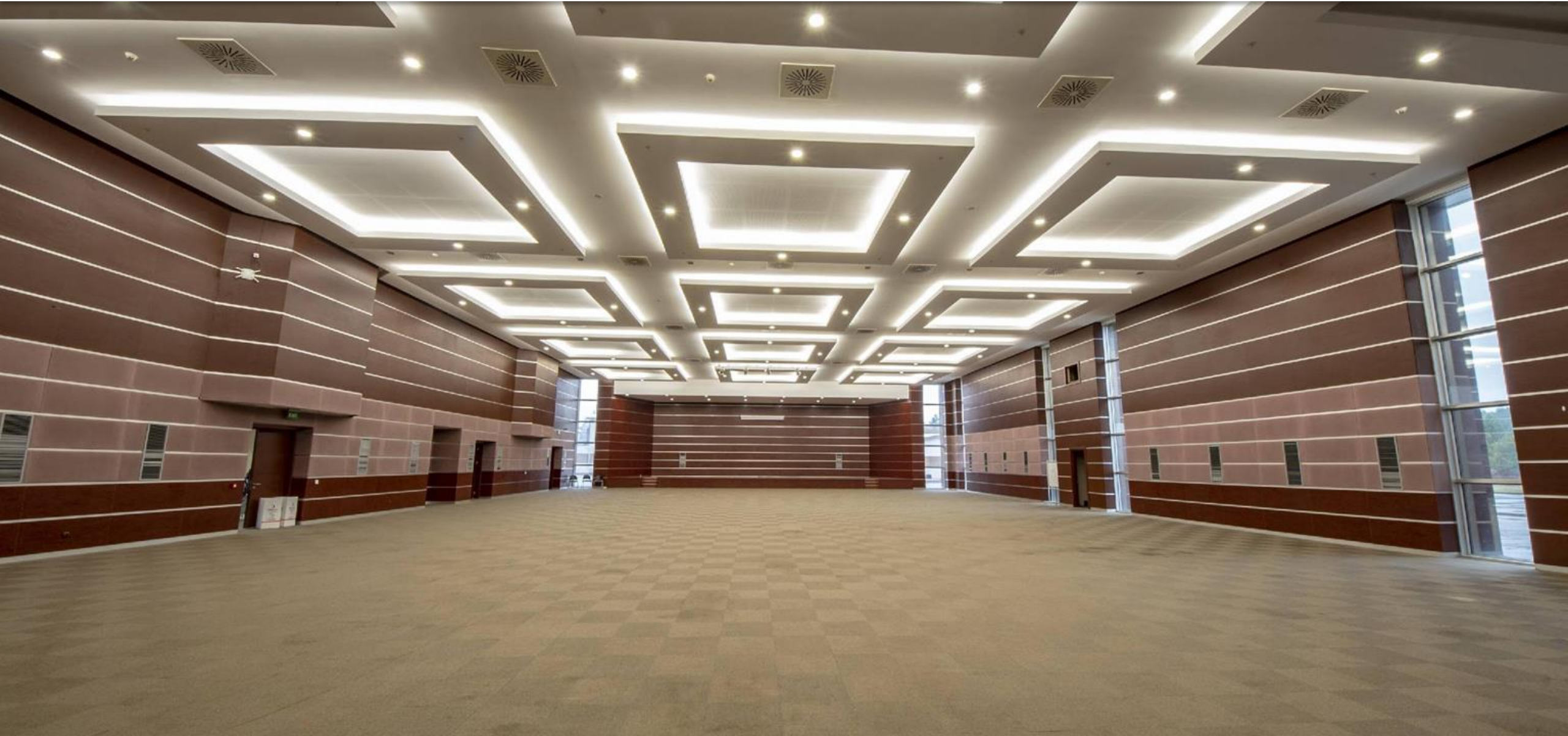


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Additional Halls and Rooms:

- **Six Multi-Purpose Halls:** Capacities range from 25 to 100 seats.
- **Two Workshop Rooms:** Flexible seating for up to 50 participants each.
- **VIP Rooms:** Two private rooms for executive use.



# Multi-Purpose Hall overview





# Tunçalp Özgen Congress and Cultural Center

## Event-Friendly Spaces:

- **Outdoor Areas:** Terrace and grass lawn for receptions and social events.
- **Spacious Foyers:** 1,775 m<sup>2</sup> lower foyer and 995 m<sup>2</sup> upper foyer, ideal for exhibitions and networking.



Lower Foyer: 1,775 m2





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# Outside





# Outside







# Accommodation

## Welcoming Participants with On-Campus Comfort:

- Accommodation plans include **dormitories, student houses, and guesthouses**, offering space for **approximately 750 participants** on campus.
- Negotiations are progressing positively with the university to finalize these arrangements.



# Beytepe Student Houses

Each room includes essential amenities: bed, desk, wardrobe, bookshelf, refrigerator, and a private bathroom, 24/7 hot water.





# Beytepe Student Houses

Open kitchen and dining areas on each floor.





# Beytepe Student Houses

Laundry facilities with washing machines, dryers, and ironing stations.





# Beytepe Student Houses

Reading and TV halls for relaxation.





# Beytepe Guest House

- **Single and double rooms with private bathrooms and 24-hour hot water.**
- Rooms equipped with a bed, wardrobe, desk, and mini fridge.





# Beytepe Campus Student Dormitory

- Standard rooms accommodate 4 people, with each occupant provided a bed, wardrobe, desk, bookshelf, and mini fridge.
- Bathrooms are located on each floor, offering 24/7 hot water.





# Dining Facilities

## Options for Every Budget:

- Dining facilities on campus offer breakfast, lunch, dinner, and takeaway options.
- Vegetarian menus and special occasion dishes are available.
- Numerous indoor and outdoor cafés and eateries provide additional choices.





# Beyaz Ev Restaurant (A La Carte)

Offers a variety of dishes from world cuisines, with daily surprises crafted by talented chefs.

Open Monday through Saturday:

Weekdays: 08:30 – 22:00

Weekends: 08:30 – 22:00





# Yeşil Vadi (Green Valley) Restaurant


Offering a cozy ambiance with a focus on quality and satisfaction.

Special dishes like 'Traditional Turkish Slow-Cooked Lamb' (Thursday afternoons) and weekend village-style breakfasts are highlights.

Open everyday: 08:00 – 16:00







# Tunçalp Özgen Congress and Cultural Center

## Recreational Options and Unique Advantages:

- Hacettepe University's serene campus offers more than just a venue—it's a retreat.
- Participants can enjoy the **gym**, **swimming pool**, and **green valley**, creating the perfect balance between focus and relaxation.



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# HacettepeAtletik - Gym





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# HacettepeAtletik – Table Tennis





# HacettepeAtletik – Pool





# HacettepeAtletik – Pool





# HacettepeAtletik – Pool Outside





# Hacettepe University Beytepe Campus Green Valley





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# Hacettepe University Beytepe Campus Green Valley





# Hacettepe University Beytepe Campus Deer Care





# Representative species from the fauna of Beytepe Campus



*a Pelophylax ridibundus*



*b Hyla orientalis*



# Representative species from the fauna of Beytepe Campus



*c Testudo graeca*



*d Ophisops elegans*



# Representative species from the fauna of Beytepe Campus



*e Phylloscopus collybita*



*f Asio otus*



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g *Crocidura suaveolens*



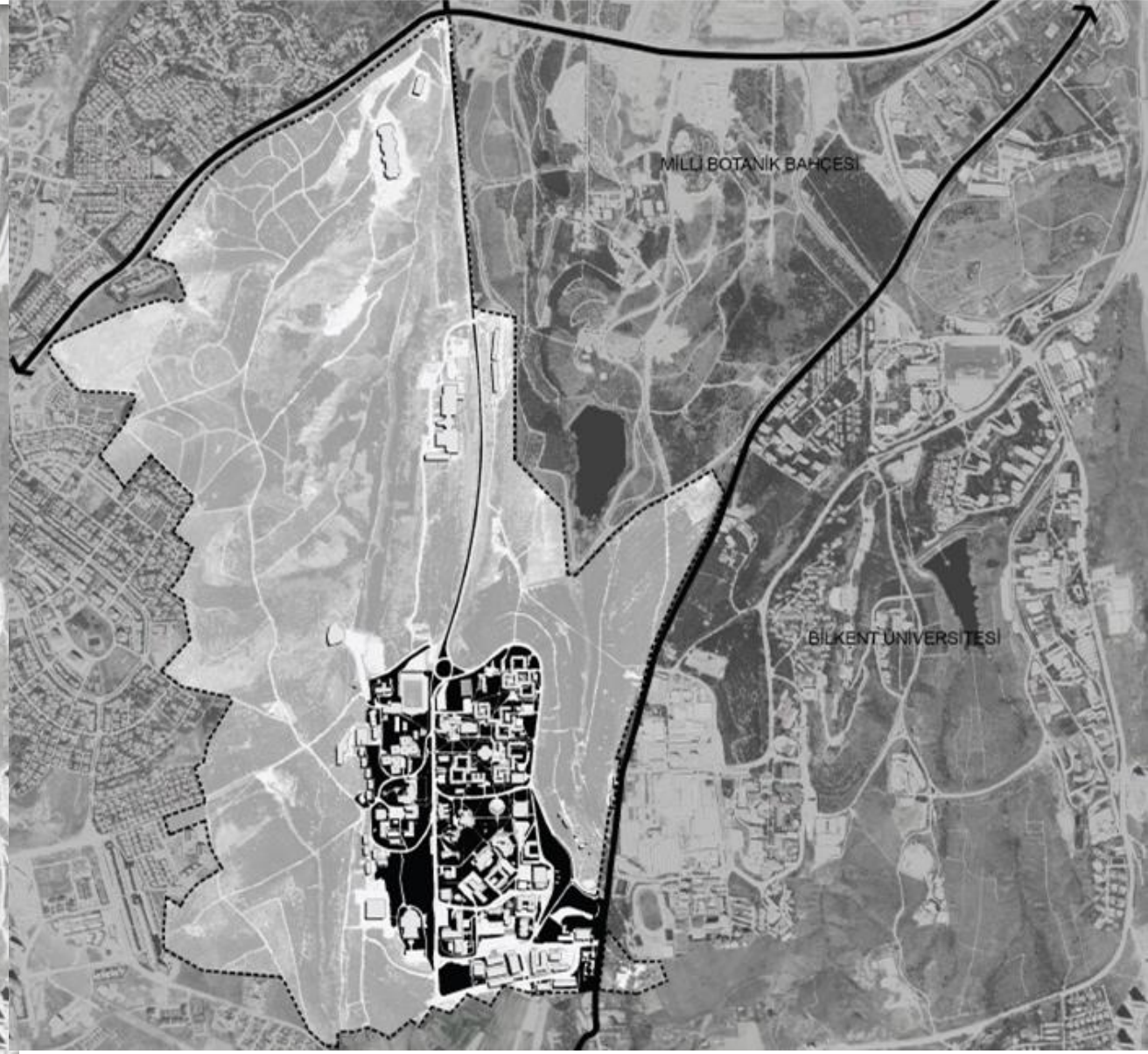
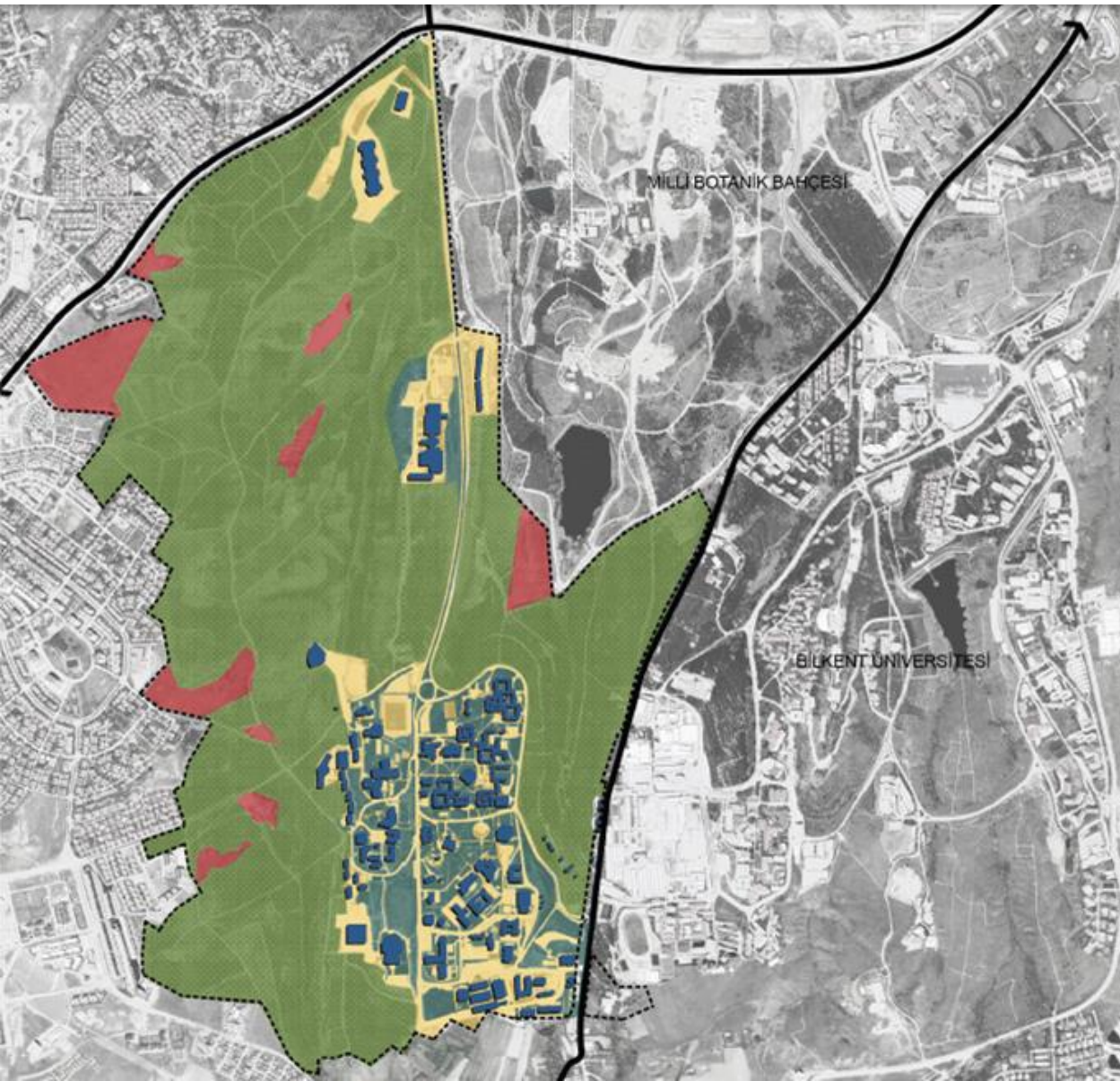
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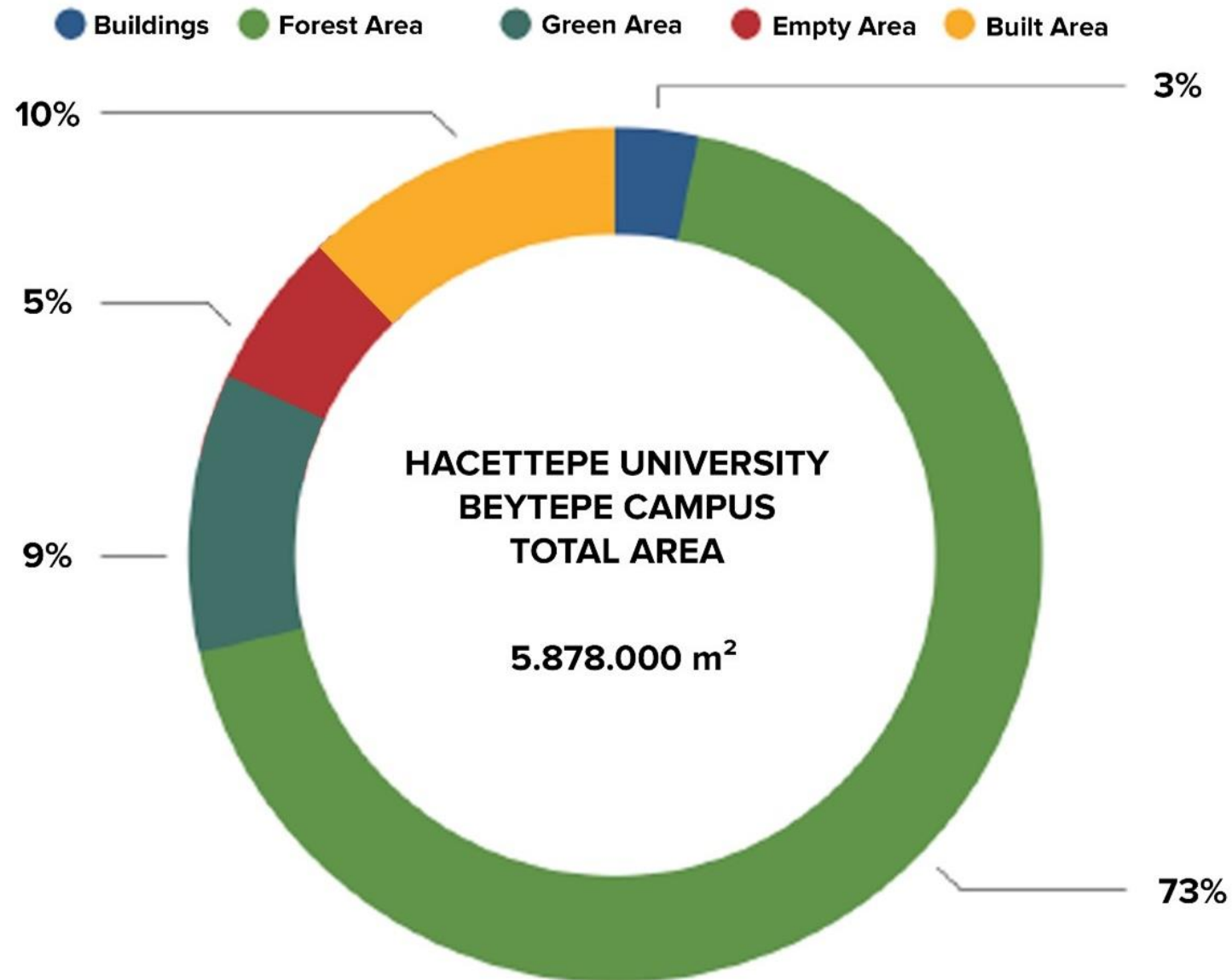


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# UNESCO World Heritage Sites nearby Ankara

Gordion



Cappadocia



Hattusa



Explore nearby UNESCO World Heritage Sites, each offering a journey through history and culture.

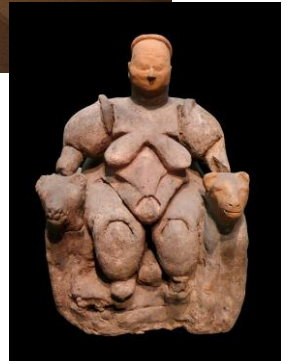


# Local landmarks in Ankara

Anıtkabir and Turkish  
Independence War Museum



Museum of Anatolian  
Civilizations





# Local landmarks in Ankara

## Ankara Castle & Its surroundings



## Roman Baths & Column of Julian





# Meet the Organization Team



**Eren  
Kurter**



**Esra Uzunali Alzafer**



**Gözde  
Taşkın**



**Altuğ  
Çalın**



**Çağatay  
Tavşanoğlu**



# Role: Local Organizer, EGC 2026



**Eren Kurter**

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Facilitating collaborations with national and international Go organizations
- Overseeing venue preparations, equipment setup, and logistical arrangements
- Ensuring all congress activities adhere to EGF guidelines and tournament rules.

## **Bio:**

Eren began his Go journey in 2005 at Hacettepe University Go Club. With an academic background in Physical Education and Sports Sciences, he completed his master's degree on Go and heart rate variability and works as a lecturer at Hacettepe University.

Eren has been an active member of the Türkiye Go Association since 2007 and has served as its president since 2018. As an experienced organiser, Ahmet has contributed to more than 150 Go tournaments, including 2023 European Youth Go Championship and the Alpar Kılınc Memorial Tournament.



# Role: Local Organizer and Academic Advisor, EGC 2026



**Çağatay  
Tavşanoğlu**

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Collaborating with Hacettepe University and local stakeholders to facilitate event logistics and venue preparations
- Supporting the planning and execution of tournaments to meet EGF standards.

## **Bio:**

Çağatay is a professor of ecology at Hacettepe University and a cornerstone of the Turkish Go community. He founded the Hacettepe University Go Club, one of the first Go clubs in Türkiye, and served on the executive committee of the Turkish Go Association from 2004 to 2007. With extensive experience organizing and officiating Go tournaments, Çağatay has been instrumental in events such as the Hacettepe Go Tournaments, Turkish Go Championships, and the 28th European Youth Go Championship (EYGC) in March 2023. As the academic advisor of the Hacettepe University Go Club, Çağatay is deeply involved in preparations for EGC 2026, leveraging his academic expertise and organizational skills to ensure a successful congress..



# Role: Director, EGC 2026



**Gözde Taşkın**

## Key Responsibilities:

- Directing the day-to-day execution of EGC 2026 organization
- Serving as the central liaison for the EGF, participants, and stakeholders
- Leading the Organization Team to align efforts
- Addressing unexpected challenges

## Bio:

Gözde is a Release Manager in the software development industry and a certified project manager. Like many Go players, her journey into the tech world was inspired by the impact of AlphaGo. Her passion for Go began in the summer of 2009 when she attended a Go camp simply because it was affordable but she returned deeply in love with the game.

Since then, Gözde has been an active player and organizer in the Go community. She served on the board of the Turkey Go Association for six years but is best known for co-organizing the legendary Turkey Summer Go Camps.



# Role: Volunteer Team Member, EGC 2026



**Esra Uzunali  
Alzafer**

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Building connections with potential sponsors and partners.
- Managing tasks that require effective communication and relationship-building.
- Assisting with organizational needs.

## **Bio:**

Esra is a physiotherapist who discovered the world of Go through her daughter, a young player participating in tournaments. Her dedication to supporting her child's journey has naturally extended to contributing to the Go community as a parent.

As a member of the volunteer team for the European Go Congress 2026 in Ankara, Esra brings her sense of responsibility and teamwork to help ensure the event's success. Her support and commitment make her a valued part of the team.



# Role: Volunteer Team Member, EGC 2026



**Altuğ Çalın**

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Managing logistical operations.
- Identifying and securing sponsorship opportunities.

## **Bio:**

Altuğ is an experienced organizer with a 4 kyu rank in Go and a strong background in managing national and international medical congresses. His logistical expertise and active involvement in the Turkish Go Association make him a valuable part of the EGC 2026 team.

Currently, Altuğ serves on the EGF Youth Commission's "Set Up Rules for EGYTC" working group.



# Thank You!

- We look forward to your support and collaboration in making the 2026 European Go Congress a memorable event!