

Is metu.edu.tr legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

metu.edu.tr

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

metu.edu.tr appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official-looking university homepage for Middle East Technical University (METU) with comprehensive navigation for academics, services, research, and campus information. No evident phishing, financial solicitations, or credential-harvesting elements in the captured content.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

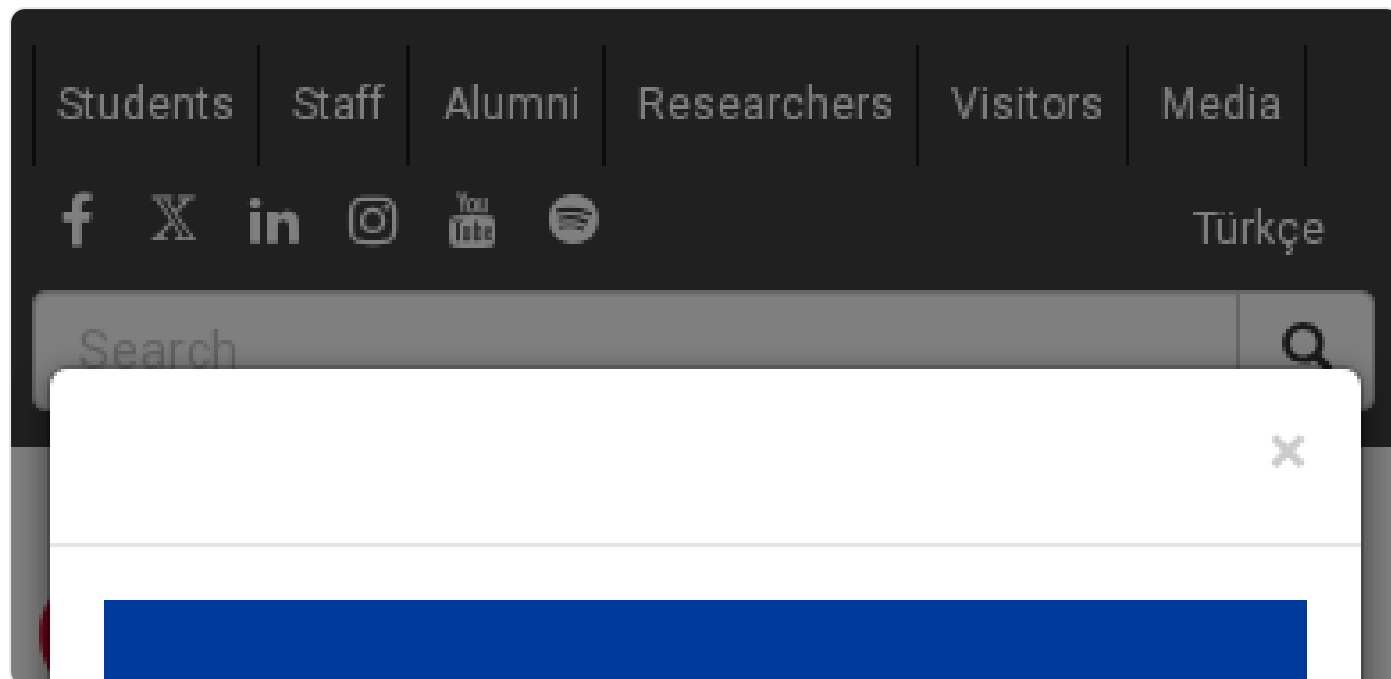
At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	23 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1997 4130 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1	NOTED

The page as captured

https://www.metu.edu.tr/



What metu.edu.tr served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1997.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

What this website presents is the official-looking public information portal of Middle East Technical University (METU), providing visitors with institutional information, academic programs, admissions resources, research services, student and campus information, and related university services. Its apparent business model is that of a public university information service, supported indirectly through education, research funding, grants, and donations rather than direct sales or investment activity.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No phishing, credential-harvesting, malicious solicitation, or other confirmed identity contradiction was observed. The homepage presents a coherent university structure, including academic faculties, programs, administration, research services, student resources, and institutional information. A similarity indicator referencing “t.me” is not corroborated by the page content or by any confirmed impersonation finding, while behavioral testing found hidden forms but no login form, external password form, wallet connection, or wallet-draining behavior. The available evidence therefore supports a low scam and impersonation risk, while the real-world operator identity remains apparently established rather than independently proven.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies “METU - Middle East Technical University” and provides university-specific navigation for academics, administration, research, students, and visitors.
- The domain was registered on 2003-03-11 and is recorded as approximately 23.45 years old; archival records show 4,130 snapshots spanning 1997–2026, covering 30 years with a maximum gap of 1 year.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and no confirmed phishing or blacklist finding for the site.
- Behavioral testing recorded 2 hidden forms across 2 runs, but 0 password-external-form events, 0 wallet-connect runs, and 0 wallet-drainer runs.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site's identity and legal-information navigation is consistent with an academic institution: it exposes pages covering METU's history, mission, administration, organizational structure, code of ethics, strategic planning, academic programs, and information services. No financial-services license is claimed, which is consistent with the stated educational purpose; the captured content does not independently establish a regulatory registration or a legally verified operator identity. The absence of a broker-dataset match is a neutral contextual signal, not a licensing determination. Overall, the disclosure posture is suitable for an institutional information portal but should not be treated as independent proof of legal identity or regulatory status.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage navigation includes “About METU,” “History,” “Mission & Vision,” “University Administration,” “Organization Chart,” “Code of Ethics & Core Values,” and “Right to Information Unit.”
- The site is hosted on AS1967, METU-NET - Middle East Technical University, TR.
- The transport certificate is OV-validated, issued by GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1, names ORTA DOĞU TEKNİK ÜNİVERSİTESİ as the subject organization, and is valid to 2027-02-15.
- The admissions, student-portal, academic, and donation references describe institutional services rather than a financial-investment offering.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an organization should independently confirm that the intended service is being accessed through the institution's established communications and that any transaction recipient corresponds to the institution. For admissions or donations, payment-protection terms, refund or return conditions where applicable, and the final destination of any linked service should be checked through an independently sourced institutional channel rather than relying solely on the captured page.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage directs visitors to admissions, online applications, student services, and donations.
- The captured homepage contains no sensitive form and no untrusted form destination.
- The site identifies its institutional purpose through extensive academic, administrative, research, and campus-service content.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust** and consistent with an established, apparently legitimate academic website. Converging historical, substantive content, transport-security, and external-reputation signals support normal informational use, while the remaining uncertainty concerns independent confirmation of the real-world operator rather than observed scam or impersonation behavior.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is directly hosted within METU's university network, with one resolved address and no detected CDN or WAF edge layer. This direct institutional hosting arrangement provides useful attribution context, although hosting architecture alone is a mitigating technical signal and does not independently prove legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary browsing is proportionate to the assessed posture; before submitting credentials or making payments, the institution, applicable service terms, and payment protections should be confirmed through an independently sourced official channel.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of metu.edu.tr.

- The request stayed on metu.edu.tr. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by 144.170 2001:a98:30:cc::4:ad02. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-03-10. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1997-05-22. CLEAR
- It is hosted on METU-NET, from a server in TR. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	METU-NET - Middle East Technical University, TR
Country	TR

Server IP	144.122.145.153
Name servers	ns1.metu.edu.tr 144.122.144.171 2001:a98:30:cc::4:ad01 ns2.metu.edu.tr 144.122.144.170 2001:a98:30:cc::4:ad02
SSL issuer	GeoTrust TLS RSA CA G1
SSL expiry	2027-02-15
Domain age	23.45 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-03-10
Archive first seen	1997-05-22
Archive snapshots	4130
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about metu.edu.tr at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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