

ULAKNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE

This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) sets forth the procedures and principles regarding the use of the National Academic Network (ULAKNET), operated by the National Academic Network and Information Center (ULAKBİM), an institute of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK).

ARTICLE 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all institutions and users utilizing ULAKNET.

ARTICLE 3. DEFINITIONS

ULAKBİM: The National Academic Network and Information Center affiliated with TÜBİTAK.

ULAKNET: The National Academic Network established to meet the electronic communication services and/or infrastructure needs of educational and research institutions, in accordance with Turkish law and TÜBİTAK regulations, under the mandate of Law No. 278 dated 17/07/1963.

ULAKNET Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) : This document.

Sub-Policies: Additional policies established by ULAKBİM to define the principles and rules for services provided via ULAKNET.

User Institution: Higher education institutions, TÜBİTAK units, public and private research organizations that have signed the AUP and have been approved by the ULAKBİM Management Board..

Users: Students, faculty, researchers, and/or other personnel authorized by the User Institution. Temporary/guest users who are authenticated and authorized during access are also included.

Signing Party: The senior executive who signs the AUP on behalf of the User Institution (e.g., Rector, General Manager).

ULAKNET Edge Management System (UUYS): A web-based system for managing User Institution information and communication with ULAKBİM.

UUYS Administrator: The individual appointed by the Signing Party to be responsible for UUYS operations.

TÜBİTAK EKUAL; The National Academic License for Electronic Resources, initiated in 2006 to provide access to specific bibliographic and full-text databases.

TRUBA: The Turkish National e-Science e-Infrastructure, enabling scientific research via high-performance, grid, cloud computing, and data storage systems.

OLTA; The Incident Tracking Service reporting security violations between ULAKNET and external networks, managed per the ULAKNET Incident Policy.

ULAKNET Network Operations Center (NOC): The ULAKBİM unit responsible for technical management of ULAKNET.

ULAKNET Mailing Lists: Email lists (e.g., ulak-y@ulakbim.gov.tr and ulakteknik@ulakbim.gov.tr) for administrative and technical communication.

Unwanted Traffic: Network traffic that disrupts or degrades service quality or prevents access to ULAKNET for others.

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

4.1. ULAKNET must be used in accordance with Turkish laws and regulations. Institutions are responsible for ensuring their users comply accordingly.

4.2. ULAKNET is to be used solely for education, teaching, scientific and technological research, and the dissemination or access to knowledge. Commercial use is prohibited.

4.3. ULAKNET is governed by this AUP and associated Sub-Policies.

4.4. Institutions must implement necessary technical and administrative arrangements and employ adequate technical staff to comply with the AUP.

4.5. Institutions are expected to create their own internal usage policies aligned with this AUP. Any disclaimers cannot override this AUP.

4.6. Institutions should support and promote the use of new services provided via ULAKNET.

4.7. Institutions must ensure system/network security and prevent Unwanted Traffic. Third-party access without ULAKBİM approval is prohibited.

4.8. Invalidity of any provision does not affect the remaining provisions.

ARTICLE 5. RIGHTS, AUTHORITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRACTICES

5.1. Institutions are responsible for ensuring their users comply with the AUP.

5.2. Institutions with global internet access must route outgoing internet traffic through ULAKNET.

5.3. Access to TÜBİTAK EKUAL services must be via ULAKNET for both directions.

5.4. Institutions must support researchers in using TRUBA and coordinate internal resources if included in TRUBA.

5.5. Institutions are responsible for timely, accurate reporting in the OLTA System.

5.6. Institutions must ensure accuracy and update UUYS data. Changes in UUYS Administrators must be reported officially to ULAKBİM.

5.7. Institutions must cooperate with ULAKBİM for ULAKNET operations. This includes:

a) The User Institution is responsible for following the ULAKNET Mailing Lists to which the administrative and technical contacts are subscribed, providing accurate and timely information requested by ULAKBİM, and promptly informing its users about faults or maintenance activities announced by ULAKBİM that may cause service interruptions.

b) *The User Institution should encourage participation in workshops, training sessions, and meetings organized by ULAKBİM that bring together ULAKNET administrative and technical representatives.*

c) All issues and fault reports related to ULAKNET must be submitted through the NOC by the authorized personnel designated by the UUYS Administrator of the User Institution. Communication with the NOC is conducted via the following channels: Email: noc@ulakbim.gov.tr; Phone: +90-312-298 93 88; Fax: +90-312-298 93 93.

ARTICLE 6. TERMINATION, ENFORCEMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS

6.1. ULAKBİM reserves the right to terminate some or all of the services provided to the User Institution if it determines that the AUP or any of its Sub-Policies have not been followed. Accordingly:

a) If the User Institution violates the AUP and fails to remedy the violation within ten (10) days following a written warning by ULAKBİM, access to ULAKNET will be suspended. This suspension will continue until all conditions causing the violation are resolved. In the event of a repeated violation for the same reason, the User Institution's connection will be terminated without the need for another written warning.

b) Cases of non-compliance with the Sub-Policies and the corresponding sanctions are determined within the Sub-Policies themselves.

6.2. The User Institution acknowledges that ULAKBİM may revise the AUP in consideration of legal and technological developments. The revised policy will be published on ULAKBİM's official website (<http://www.ulakbim.gov.tr>), announced via the ULAKNET Mailing Lists, and will take effect on the date it is signed by the User Institution and delivered to ULAKBİM. Until the new policy comes into force, the most recently signed version remains valid. If the new policy is not signed within three months of its announcement by ULAKBİM, the previous policy becomes invalid, and the services provided to the User Institution via ULAKNET will be suspended.

6.3. The Sub-Policies established by ULAKBİM shall enter into force following their publication on the ULAKBİM website and their announcement via the ULAKNET Mailing Lists.

6.4. The Signing Party acknowledges, understands, and agrees to fully comply with the AUP. Comprising six articles and five pages including its annexes, the AUP enters into force on the date it is signed by the Signing Party and delivered to ULAKBİM. Upon its entry into force, any previously signed “ULAKBİM Acceptable Use Policy” by the User Institution shall become null and void.