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August Focus

MLGP4Climate Declaration



"We believe that through united actions, we can achieve our shared goals for a sustainable and resilient future."

This month we have reached a pivotal moment in strengthening cooperation and action on climate change. On August 28, 2024, during MLGP4Climate Advisory and Steering Committee meeting held in Istanbul, esteemed representatives from various municipalities and ministries came together to sign the Multi-Level Governance Platform for Climate Actions (MLGP4Climate) Declaration. This moment represents much more than just signing a document; it embodies a collective sense of hope and determination.

The Declaration symbolizes our commitment to act together on energy transition and climate change. By emphasizing the need for collaboration among local governments and other stakeholders, this document lays the groundwork for the steps needed to build a sustainable future.

With this declaration, we aim to strengthen a multi-level governance approach, implement sustainable energy plans, and foster more effective communication among all stakeholders. We are committed to sharing these plans and practices with other cities, inspiring each other with every step, and creating meaningful change together.

This historic moment is just the beginning of our fight against climate change. Together, with our determination and collective effort, we have taken an important step towards a greener and more livable world. Every contribution and collaboration in this process adds great value to shaping our future. In our shared struggle against the climate crisis, every step we take is significant. With our resolve to work together, we are building a hopeful future for a better world.



Konya, an agricultural and cultural hub in Central Anatolia that signed the Covenant of Mayors in 2022, is a key player in sustainability efforts and plans to complete its SECAP and implement its actions.



KONYA METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY MEETING

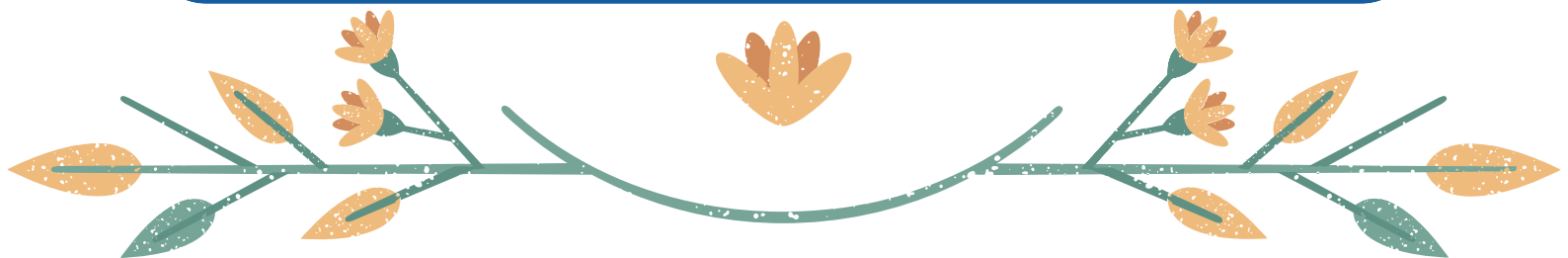
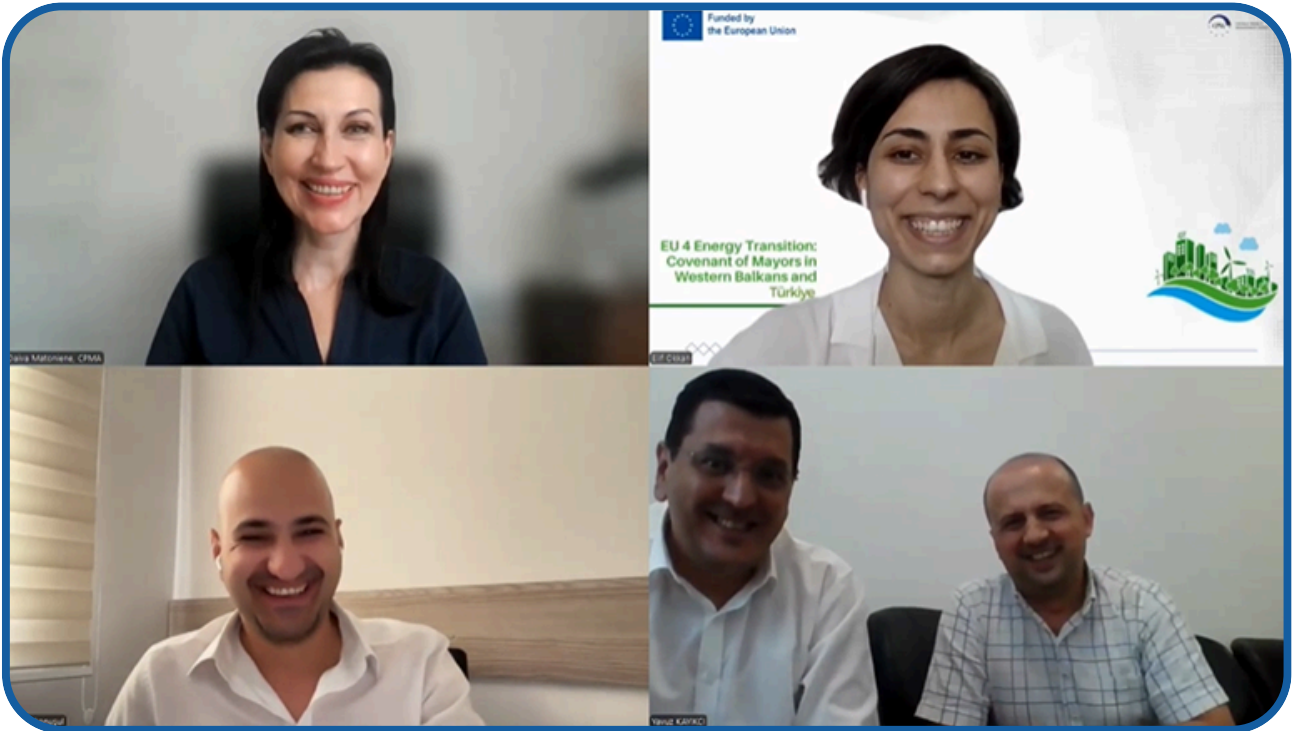
02 August 2024

EU4ETTR held its first meeting with the new member of the MLG Platform, Konya Metropolitan Municipality



Konya Metropolitan Municipality, which is about to complete the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP), is very determined to make the city sustainable with its strong and dynamic team. Moreover, the city's strategies to combat climate change are crucial for efforts to reduce regional environmental impacts and achieve sustainable development goals.

EU4ETTR Project team Leader in Türkiye Ms. Daiva Matoniene, discussed innovative ideas and alternative financial opportunities in the fight against climate change. We believe that this new cooperation will continue to strengthen and lead to fruitful projects.



The importance of Amasya in combating climate change is linked to the need to protect agricultural and water resources and the risk of impact on regional ecosystems



AMASYA MUNICIPALITY MEETING

06 August 2024

EU4ETTR held a meeting with the municipality of Amasya, which signed the CoM in 2023. The meeting focused on the climate action undertaken by the municipality, the challenges it faces and how to establish cooperation with MLGP4Climate.



Amasya Municipality is motivated to prepare their SECAP, develop the sustainability of the city, which is affected by the heat island effect and air pollution, and strengthen their work on climate action. Urgent action is needed to protect the beauty of the city.



Bodrum Municipality is an active member of the Covenant of Mayors initiative, playing a crucial role in tourism and coastal ecosystems, and is central to combating climate change



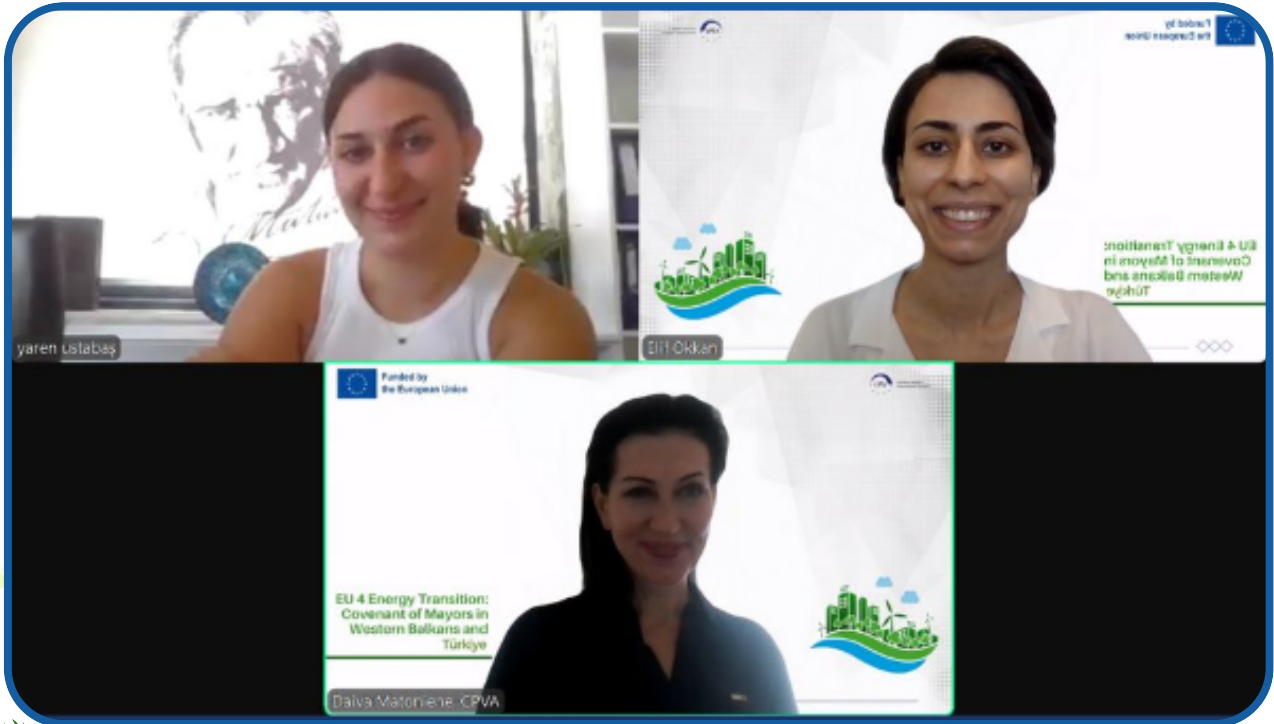
BODRUM MUNICIPALITY MEETING

08 August 2024

EU4ETTR held a meeting with Bodrum Municipality, which faces challenges such as heatwaves and water issues, Bodrum is highly vulnerable to climate change due to its location.



Bodrum Municipality demonstrated its determination to prepare the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP), a crucial step in combating climate change. EU4ETTR will support Bodrum Municipality in the preparation of SECAP with its experts, aiding their active participation in climate action.



PENDİK MUNICIPALITY MEETING

09 August 2024



EU4ETTR held a meeting with Pendik Municipality, focusing on the municipality's status in preparing its SECAP, and the role of the MLG Platform in supporting municipalities in their climate change efforts.



İklim Eylemleri için Çok Seviyeli Yönetişim Platformu
Sürdürülebilir Gelecek için İşbirliği

HAKKINDA

Türkiye İklim Eylemleri Çok Seviyeli Yönetişim Platformu (MLGP4Climate), EU4 Enerji Dönüşümü projesi* kapsamında Litvanya Merkezi Proje Yönetim Ajansı tarafından Türkiye Belediyeler Birliği ve Marmara Belediyeler Birliği işbirliğiyle kuruldu.

MLGP4Climate, Türkiye'de sürdürülebilir enerji ve iklim eylemlerini desteklemek amacıyla kurulmuş yenilikçi bir girişimdir. Bu platform, farklı düzeylerdeki paydaşları bir araya getirmeyi ve etkili sonuçlara ulaşmak için karar alma süreçlerinde iş birliğini teşvik etmeyi amaçlamaktadır.

*Bu Çevre Enerji Sistemi, Avrupa Birliği ve Alman Federal Ekonomi İşbirliği ve Kalkınma Bakanlığı tarafından ortaklaşa finanse edilmekte ve Birleşik Krallık'ta G20 ve Türkiye'de Litvanya Merkezi Proje Yönetim Ajansı (CPMA) tarafından uygulanmaktadır.

ANA HEDEF

Bu platformun temel amacı, yerel, ulusal ve uluslararası paydaş katılımı, stratejik ortaklıklar ve bilgi alışverişi yoluyla karbonları azaltmak, iklimi dirençli ve enerji verimli belediyelere geçişi kolaylaştırmak, böylece halk sağlığını iyileştirmek, sürdürülebilir ekonomik etkiyi artırmak ve küresel iklim değişikliğiyle mücadelede katkıda bulunmaktır.

YAPI

Danışma Komitesi

FAYDALAR

- Uzun vadeli, daha geniş ve güçlendirilmiş yerel eylem
- Ağ Oluşturma ve Ortaklık
- Yardım Masası Faaliyetleri ve Kütüphane
- Eğitimler ve Çalıştaylar
- Finansman fırsatlarına ve yenilikçi çözümlere erişim

Üyeler:

- Türkiye
- Avusturya
- Kanada
- Estonya
- Almanya
- Bulgaristan
- Litvanya
- Hollanda
- Slovenya
- İsveç
- Stratejik Analitik

Üyeler:

- Litvanya Merkezi Proje Yönetim Ajansı (CPMA)
- Türkiye Belediyeler Birliği/Marmara Belediyeler Birliği
- GCoM / CoM imzası Türk belediyeleri
- Çevre, Şehircilik ve İklim Değişikliği Bakanlığı, Enerji Bakanlığı, Türkiye Enerji ve Tabii Kaynaklar Bakanlığı
- Küresel Belediye Başkanları Sözleşmesi (GCoM), Gap Fonu
- UCLG-MEWA
- Avrupa Birliği Türkiye Delegasyonu
- KIMO, JD Global Sustainability Associates Inc., NDC Partnership
- Litvanya Yerel Yönetimler Birliği, Letonya Yerel Yönetimler Birliği
- Bilimsel kurumlar, Teesside Üniversitesi, Türkiye Su Enstitüsü
- Kent-Lab, Çevre Dostu Yeşil Binalar Derneği (ÇEDBBK), Çevreci Enerji Derneği (ÇED)
- T.C. Enerji Bakanlığı
- İş Dünyası Temsilcileri
- Ve dahası...

The Municipality, with its Environmental Protection and Control Department team, is ready to take the fight against climate change seriously. The MLG Platform's resources and expertise will be crucial in guiding Pendik Municipality through the SECAP preparation process. Together, these efforts aim to create a more resilient and environmentally-friendly community.



MEETING WITH ASKİ

12 August 2024



ASKİ is responsible for managing water and wastewater services in Ankara. It oversees a broad range of services, including water supply, treatment, and wastewater collection and processing. ASKİ aims to manage water resources effectively and sustainably while developing projects to address water and infrastructure issues in the city. ASKİ plays a crucial role in protecting Ankara's water resources and enhancing service quality.

EU4ETTR Project Team held a meeting with ASKİ (Ankara Water and Sewerage Administration). During the meeting joint efforts in water management and sustainability through the MLGP4Climate platform were discussed, and significant steps were taken to strengthen the collaboration.



MEETING WITH THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

13 August 2024



EU4ETTR Project Team held a valuable meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Türkiye and comprehensive discussions were held on combating climate change, sustainable energy solutions, and projects that will contribute to Türkiye's green transition process. Opportunities for collaboration on energy efficiency, the use of renewable energy sources, and emission reduction were also explored in line with shared goals.



The Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Türkiye is the primary governmental body responsible for setting and implementing the country's energy policies. It prioritizes the effective management of energy resources, ensuring energy security, and promoting renewable energy projects.

The Ministry also develops various strategies aimed at energy efficiency and sustainability. Through regulations and investments in the energy sector, it seeks to support economic growth and reduce environmental impacts. Additionally, the Ministry collaborates with both local and international partners to achieve Türkiye's energy vision.



MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC OVERSIGHT, ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING STANDARDS

AUTHORITY

13 August 2024



EU4ETTR Project Team held a meeting with the Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority (POA) of Türkiye. The meeting focused on the importance of sustainability in climate actions and the implementation of SECAPs.



The Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority (POA) of Turkey oversees and regulates accounting and auditing practices to ensure transparency and reliability in financial reporting. One of its key objectives is to set and enforce standards that align with international practices, supporting the integrity of financial markets. POA also focuses on enhancing sustainability by promoting practices that integrate environmental and social considerations into financial reporting. The Authority provides guidance and training to improve the quality of financial services and ensures that standards reflect sustainable business practices. POA aims to protect public interest and support a sustainable and transparent financial environment.



KONAK CLIMATE SUMMIT

22-23 August 2024



EU4ETTR Türkiye Project Team Leader Ms. Daiva Matoniene introduced MLGP4Climate at the 'Climate Summit' hosted by Konak Municipality on 22-23 August at İzmir Architecture Centre. The summit brought together municipalities from Türkiye and European cities such as Hamm, Saluzzo, Gulbene, Nice, Barcelona, Vilnius, Manresa, Ljubljana, and Ptuj and municipalities shared their climate crisis strategies, sustainable urban planning, and environmentally friendly projects.



Various municipalities presented their innovative projects, ranging from reducing greenhouse gas emissions to implementing nature-based solutions and increasing the use of electric vehicles. Environmental practices such as waste recycling, the expansion of green spaces, and the promotion of renewable energy sources were highlighted. Municipalities also introduced educational programs and awareness projects aimed at increasing environmental consciousness and encouraging community involvement.

KONAK CLIMATE SUMMIT

22-23 August 2024

In the event urgency of taking immediate action against the climate crisis was emphasized. Additionally, the need to develop resilient and sustainable solutions to urban environmental issues was discussed. Participants agreed that nature-compatible living strategies are crucial for the future of cities. Municipalities expressed their commitment to enhancing efforts to adapt to climate change and involve local communities in this process.



EU4ETTR Türkiye Project Team met with the Mayor of Konak, Ms. Nilüfer Çınarlı Mutlu, and discussed alternative financing opportunities, energy efficiency in renewable energy and urban transformation projects, and supporting municipalities in project calls.

We sincerely congratulate Konak Municipality for hosting such an important summit and for its leading role in the fight against the climate crisis. This successful event provided a platform for sharing environmentally conscious projects and fostering strong collaboration between municipalities. Konak Municipality's commitment to a sustainable future and its sense of responsibility toward the environment inspire us all.



MLGP4CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

28 August 2024

EU4ETTR hosted an important meeting of the Steering and Advisory Committee of the Multi-Level Governance Platform for Climate Action (MLGP4Climate) on Wednesday, 28 August 2024, with over 50 participants, focusing on energy transition and climate change, including representatives from ministries, municipalities, and international organizations.



MLGP4CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

28 August 2024



The meeting was opened by speeches from Ms. Jūratė Lepardinienė, Deputy Director of the Lithuanian Central Project Management Agency, and Mr. Ertuğrul Şafak, Head of the Projects and Financing Department of the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye.



MLGP4CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

28 August 2024

Ms. Daiva Matoniene, EU4ETTR Project Team Leader in Türkiye, introduced the objectives and achievements of MLGP4Climate through the MLGP4Climate portal and platform partners.



Prof. Ayşen Erdinçler, Head of Environmental Protection and Control Department, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, presented the best practice: IMM SECAP and talked about 100 Net-Zero Mission City.





MLGP4CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

28 August 2024

Ms. Svetlana ŽILIONIENĖ, Head of the Strategic Planning and Investments Department of Trakai Municipality, Lithuania presented climate and energy projects.



The Lithuanian capital has been chosen as the European Green Capital for 2025 due to its strong commitment to sustainability and its realistic, down-to-earth approach. Vilnius's motto for its European Green Capital title year is: "Vilnius - the Greenest City in the Making." An impressive film about this is presented.



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28 August 2024

In the high-level interactive discussion session, the Mayor of Safranbolu, Ms. Elif Köse, the Mayor of Nilüfer, Mr. Şadi Özdemir, the Mayor of Kartal, Mr. Gökhan Yüksel, the Mayor of Çorlu, Mr. Ahmet Sarıkurt, and the Vice Mayor of Akmene Inga Vismantiene gave speeches on their municipal vision and practices in the fight against climate change.



This session also delved into valuable discussions, such as how the platform can advocate for attracting more financing, enhance cooperation between municipalities and international partners to achieve climate goals, develop joint projects, and secure additional funding. Additionally, the discussion focused on ways the MLGP4Climate platform can be more beneficial to municipalities, ensuring it better meets their needs.

MLGP4CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

28 August 2024

Mr. Hasan Özçelik, President of Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority, Mr. Ertuğrul Selçuk Güldüler, Deputy Mayor of Bagcilar Municipality, shared importance insights on the project and MLGP4Climate.

The meeting concluded with discussions on energy poverty, the importance of agriculture in the fight against climate change and Slido questions, where participants shared their ideas about the event.

Recognising the urgent need for coordinated and sustained efforts to address the global climate crisis, and acknowledging the critical role of local governments in achieving climate goals, participants at the MLGP Steering and Advisory Committee meeting pledged to work together for a sustainable future and signed the MLGP4Climate Declaration during the meeting.





Declaration of Commitment to Multi-Level Cooperation for Climate Actions and Energy Transition

28 August 2024 | İstanbul, Türkiye



Preamble:

Recognizing the urgent need for coordinated and sustained efforts to address the global climate crisis and acknowledging the critical role of local governments in achieving climate goals, we, the participants of the Multi-Level Governance Platform for Climate Actions in Türkiye, hereby declare our commitment to collaborate towards a sustainable future.

Declaration:

We, the undersigned, representing various levels of government, municipalities, associations, NGO and business, commit to the following:

1.Strengthen Collaboration:

Via MLGP4Climate platform we will work together to strengthen of the Multi-Level Governance dialogue to bring all stakeholders together, fostering better cooperation and synergy in our climate actions, energy transition and finance attraction.

2.Promote Strategic Document SECAP Implementation:

We will ensure a better understanding of the importance of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) implementation and the critical engagement of municipal leadership and key partners involvement.

3.Facilitate Stronger Communication:

We agree to strengthen communication and negotiations between all levels of stakeholders, including municipalities, ministries, and international organizations, financial partners and donors, to promote strategic climate action and energy transition.

4.Share Best Practices:

We commit to sharing successful practices and experiences from our cities to inspire and guide other municipalities in their climate action efforts.

Conclusion:

We are fully committed to taking a more proactive approach in addressing the pressing challenges of climate change and advancing the energy transition. We believe that through united actions, we can achieve our shared goals for a sustainable and resilient future.

**Thanks for all partners who attended the MLGP
Steering and Advisory Committee meeting.**

**Let's be proactive in climate actions!
Together, we can achieve!**



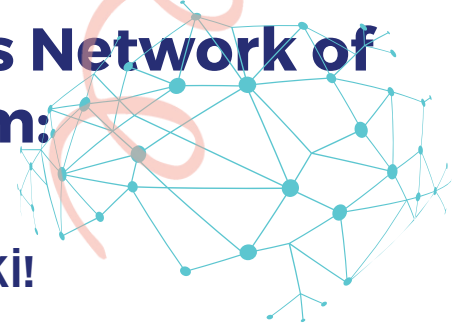


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Congratulations to new comers Network of Multi Level Governance Platform:



Beşiktaş Municipality, Yenice Municipality, ASKİ!

Welcome on board!



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Visibility:

Climate Change and Climate Action News:



Important Days:



The project has actively disseminated valuable knowledge through various channels, including news, announcements, and guidebooks. With significant contributions from both national and international partners such as the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), the Covenant of Mayors (CoM), and other resources, we have successfully shared essential information and updates widely.





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Our Note:

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This month, the MLGP4Climate Steering and Advisory Committee held an amazing meeting with 50 participants. Our collective efforts, as outlined in the recently signed MLGP4Climate Declaration, are crucial in combating climate change. Strong collaboration is essential for developing sustainable solutions and making impactful strides. Thank you for your valuable contributions and support. Together, we are building a resilient and sustainable future.

EU4ETTR Project Team

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Announcements from EU4ETTR Side:

UPCOMING EVENTS



MLGP4Climate Challenges and Solutions WG-1 Meeting

September 2024

The 2024 Innovate4Cities Conference (#I4C24)

September 10-12, 2024, Montreal, Canada



Co-hosted by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) and UN-Habitat, this conference will bring together leaders from academia, government, civil society, and industry to explore urban climate challenges and opportunities.

Register for the event online at:

[https://events.humanitix.com/innovate4cities-conference-2024-9n6vua3u/tickets?](https://events.humanitix.com/innovate4cities-conference-2024-9n6vua3u/tickets?_gl=1*1gsuhoc*_gcl_au*MTU0NTUzNTE2Ni4xNzE1NzQyNTky*_ga*Nzk0ODcyNDUuMTcxNTc0MjU5Mg..*_ga_LHKW5FR9N6*MTcxODc2NTE5NS42My4xLjE3MTg3NjUyMTguMzcuMC4w)

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