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Geçmiş Olsun Türkiye

The recent wildfires across Türkiye have caused significant loss and disruption. Dozens of people, including rescue personnel, have lost their lives; thousands have been displaced; wildlife and biodiversity has been severely affected; and local authorities continue to operate under intense pressure.

We extend our condolences to the people affected and express our respect for the firefighters, municipal teams, and emergency responders working tirelessly under extreme conditions.

These events are a stark reminder of the increasing severity and frequency of climate-related disasters. For municipalities, the challenge is no longer only about mitigation—it is about adapting in real time to rapidly evolving risks.

At MLGP4Climate, we remain committed to supporting local governments in this work—by providing access to resources, facilitating peer exchange, and helping strengthen technical and financial capacities.

As the recovery begins, we will continue to engage with municipalities and other stakeholders to ensure that climate resilience remains at the center of local planning and decision-making.

We wish for the immediate resolution of the emergency situation.
Geçmiş olsun, Türkiye.

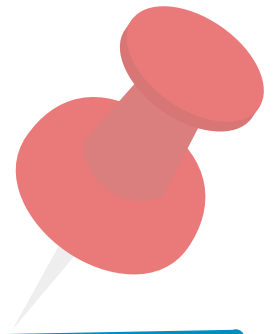


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Here's what you'll find in this month's bulletin:

1. **A Historic Step for Türkiye:** Highlights from the country's newly adopted Climate Law and what it means for local governments.
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July Focus



Strengthening the Foundation for Local Climate Action

July 2025 marked an important transition point for the MLGP4Climate platform. With the conclusion of the EU4Energy Transition project in June, this month was dedicated to building the platform's next phase—**quietly but decisively**.

Rather than slowing down, the focus shifted toward **strengthening the tools, strategies, and partnerships** that will carry MLGP4Climate forward.

We also took time to **evaluate the platform's current structure and future needs**. Internal consultations and targeted planning sessions helped align our next steps with the evolving challenges faced by local governments.

At the same time, our **presence at the International Cities4Youth Symposium** in Sakarya highlighted the importance of youth engagement and municipal leadership in shaping a climate-resilient future. **New municipalities** joined both the MLGP4Climate platform and the Global Covenant of Mayors—an encouraging sign of growing local commitment.

As forest fires broke out again across Türkiye, the urgency of what we do hit close to home. That urgency will shape our priorities in the months ahead.

**Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.**

Henry Ford



**Congrats Türkiye
for a significant milestone for green
and sustainable development!**

OFFICIAL GAZETTE

9 July 2025 No: 32951

Turkey's New Climate Law Ushers in Sweeping Changes for Businesses and Investors

On July 9, 2025, Turkey published the much-anticipated Climate Law No. 7552, marking a significant milestone in the country's environmental policy and business landscape.



A significant step forward: Türkiye's New Climate Law

On 2 July 2025, Türkiye's Grand National Assembly passed the country's first Climate Law (Law No. 7552), marking a significant step forward in aligning national policy with global climate objectives and Türkiye's 2053 Net Zero Emissions target. As MLGP4Climate, we congratulate all institutions and stakeholders involved in this historic achievement.

What the Law Does

The Climate Law lays out the rules for how Türkiye will manage its greenhouse gas emissions and climate risks. It includes:

- The creation of a national Emissions Trading System (ETS) and support for voluntary carbon markets;
- Stronger roles for the Climate Change Presidency and a new Carbon Market Board;
- Planning obligations at national, sectoral, and local levels, including mandatory Local Climate Action Plans by 2027;
- New financial mechanisms, including a green taxonomy and tools to steer investments toward climate-friendly solutions;
- Long-term support for clean technologies, circular economy models, and climate adaptation in sectors like agriculture, energy, and water.

For local governments, this law is not only a national obligation—it's an **opportunity**. It offers clearer mandates, stronger coordination structures, and financial and technical tools to support action at the local level. MLGP4Climate sees this as a **moment to strengthen collaboration between national and local actors**—and to ensure that every municipality, regardless of size, can take part in the climate transition.

Anamur Municipality

ANAMUR IS TÜRKİYE'S SOUTHERNMOST DISTRICT, SITUATED ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST IN MERSIN PROVINCE. KNOWN FOR ITS BANANA PLANTATIONS AND THE HISTORICAL SITE OF ANEMURIUM, ANAMUR MUNICIPALITY COMBINES AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE WITH GROWING COMMITMENTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, COASTAL RESILIENCE, AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION.



Congratulations, Anamur Municipality New Member of the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM)!

This month, **Anamur municipality**, a coastal district of Mersin province, has joined the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, bringing its own story of resilience and ambition into the GCoM fold. Known for its pristine beaches, and the ancient port of Anemurium, this municipality is embedding its development within a highly climate-vulnerable Mediterranean setting.

Anamur has been vocal about building a people-centered and ecosystem-respecting city, one where planning and participation go hand in hand. Its commitment to green growth and nature-based resilience made it a natural fit for the global climate alliance.

As a GCoM signatory, Anamur now commits to developing a Sustainable Climate and Energy Action Plan (SECAP) in line with global standards, tracking emissions and enhancing resilience across agriculture, water, coasts, and heritage sites like Mamure Castle and local fisheries, and strengthening community awareness and mobilization around climate preparedness.

We at MLGP4Climate warmly welcome Anamur's membership. We look forward to supporting its journey!

Congratulation Gülnar Municipality

GÜLNAR IS A MOUNTAINOUS DISTRICT IN MERSIN PROVINCE, LOCATED IN THE TAURUS RANGE WITH A STRONG RURAL CHARACTER. KNOWN FOR ITS VINEYARDS, FORESTS, AND COOL HIGHLAND CLIMATE, GÜLNAR MUNICIPALITY IS FOCUSED ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, ECO-TOURISM, AND RURAL RESILIENCE.



Congratulations G lnar Municipality New Member of the MLGP4Climate Platform

G lnar Municipality is increasingly focusing on climate resilience and sustainable rural development as key components of its local governance strategy.

Within this scope, the primary areas of interest of the municipality include:

- Development of a local SECAP
- Implementation of waste separation systems at source
- Public awareness campaigns on waste reduction
- Engaging in national and international funding mechanisms
- Collaboration with regional and European municipalities.

G lnar Municipality is currently in the process of joining the GCoM initiative and is planning to start the preparation of its SECAP (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan) as of September 2025. Although it is small municipality in terms of population and staffing capacity, municipality serve a geographically vast area covering 50 neighborhoods, many of which are remote and dispersed rural settlements.



Congratulation Ödemiş Municipality

ÖDEMiŞ IS A HISTORIC DISTRICT IN İZMiR PROVINCE, RENOWNED FOR ITS AGRICULTURE, LOCAL MARKETS, AND THE UNESCO TENTATIVE SITE OF BİRGİ. LOCATED AT THE FOOT OF BOZDAĞ MOUNTAINS, ÖDEMiŞ MUNICIPALITY COMBINES CULTURAL HERITAGE WITH COMMITMENTS TO SUSTAINABLE FARMING, COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT, AND CLIMATE ACTION.



ÖDEMiŞ BELEDİYESİ



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Congratulations Ödemiş Municipality! New Member of the MLGP4Climate Platform

Located east of Bozdağ in the Küçük Menderes Delta, Ödemiş is the largest district of İzmir and ranks as the fifth most developed in the province. With a population of 132,942 and spanning 1,082 km², the district comprises 99 neighbourhoods—74 of which are classified as rural. Ödemiş stands out for its rich cultural heritage and valuable natural resources. Ödemiş aims to be an innovative, participatory, and accountable municipality that draws inspiration from its historical legacy. Its strategic vision focuses on enhancing quality of life in all 99 neighbourhoods, while driving sustainable urban, economic, and social development.

Key Focus Areas

- Creating a sustainable and safe built environment in line with the net-zero carbon target by optimizing the use of resources
- Promoting digitalization (reducing paper use and carbon emissions)
- Conducting SECAP studies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support climate adaptation
- Carbon footprint measurement and evaluation
- Installation of electric vehicle charging stations
- Renewable Energy (Solar): All permits and approvals for the 960 kWe ground-mounted solar power plant project have been obtained from national institutions. The project is currently awaiting the tender process for installation.

By joining the MLGP4Climate platform, municipalities will now gain access to a growing network of local governments working to strengthen climate resilience across Türkiye. As part of MLGP4Climate, Gülnar and Ödemiş will be able to further develop their local strategies in line with Türkiye's national climate goals, while also shaping climate solutions that reflect the needs and assets of their communities. **We are excited to support their progress and to learn from their experiences!**



Congratulations Gaučė ir Ko New Member of the MLGP4Climate Platform



Gaučė ir Ko

Gaučė ir Ko is a professional company with over 20 years of experience, combining expertise from academia, the public sector, and international project management. It operates on shared values and a unified vision of cities as living environments designed to ensure high-quality, healthy urban life while reducing carbon emissions and environmental impact. With a strategic focus **on sustainable urban mobility and transportation**, develops solutions that enable greener, more resilient, and human-centred cities.



Gaučė ir Ko

International Cities4Youth Symposium in Sakarya 11 July 2025

11 July 2025
SAKARYA



On 11 July 2025, MLGP4Climate member took part in the Cities4Youth International Symposium held in Sakarya under the theme “Resilient Cities and Sustainable Future”. The symposium was organized by the Governorship of Sakarya and supported by the Erasmus+ Programme, bringing together over 150 participants, including youth representatives, academics, local officials, NGOs, and international partners.

Representing MLGP4Climate, Mr. Fuat Özcan from Karatay Municipality contributed academically. Together with Prof. Dr. Zeki Bayramoğlu (Selçuk University) and Daiva Matonienė (Vilnius University), he co-authored a study on: “Legal structures in supply chains and their role in risk resilience: Companies vs. Cooperatives”. 📄

The event showed the power of meaningful youth participation —demonstrating that young people are not only concerned with the future of cities but are ready to help shape it. **MLGP4Climate is proud to have contributed to this exchange and will continue to support mechanisms that elevate youth voices in climate and urban governance!**







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MLGP4Climate Reaches 3,000 Followers on LinkedIn!

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In July, the MLGP4Climate community on LinkedIn passed **3,000 followers**—a great moment to thank everyone who's been part of it. Over the past months, the platform has become a trusted space for municipalities, experts, and engaged citizens to follow what's happening in local climate action.

To keep things engaging, we recently launched our new “**Question of the Day**” feature. It's a small but meaningful step to make the page more interactive and learn from each other's experiences. We're also continuing to share important updates, news, and tools that support the work of local governments across Türkiye.

In the past month alone, our posts reached **over 25,000 impressions**—up by nearly **19%**. Reactions grew by **15%**, comments jumped by over **260%**, and reposts **doubled**. That kind of engagement tells us the content matters—and that the conversation is growing.



**EU 4 Energy Transition:
Covenant of Mayors in
Western Balkans and
Türkiye**



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New on LinkedIn: The Question of the Day!

In July, we launched our **new “Question of the Day”** feature on LinkedIn to spark more interactive discussion across the MLGP4Climate community. Our first two questions generated thoughtful contributions from experts, municipal staff, and practitioners—revealing both shared concerns and diverse perspectives on local climate action.

QotD #1: Mitigation or Adaptation: What Should Come First?

The majority of responses favored **adaptation** as the more urgent priority for local governments with limited resources. Contributors stressed that the effects of climate change—droughts, floods, and extreme weather—are already here, and adaptation delivers immediate, visible results for communities. Still, many noted that **mitigation and adaptation must go hand in hand**, with long-term emission reduction remaining essential. Several voices also underlined the need for action over planning and called for moving **from strategies to concrete implementation**.

QotD #2: What’s really holding back the energy transition?

Our second “Question of the Day” sparked a wide range of responses. While all options were selected, most participants pointed to **a combination of political inertia, entrenched fossil fuel interests, and financing barriers** as the main bottlenecks. Several respondents emphasized that long procedural delays and bureaucratic hurdles—especially in public-private partnerships—often make access to finance unnecessarily difficult. Others highlighted the lack of local implementation capacity and called for clearer frameworks that empower municipalities to act decisively.





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Portugal Fires, July 2025 © REUTERS/Miguel Pereira

Climate Change and Wildfires



Izmir Wildfires 2025 © Reuters



Bursa Wildfires 2025 © CNN

The frequency and intensity of wildfires are **increasing globally**—and climate change is a major driver behind this trend. Rising temperatures, prolonged droughts, shifting precipitation patterns, and earlier snowmelt all create drier conditions that fuel wildfire outbreaks and extend fire seasons.

Below, we have specified the connections between global climate change and wildfires based on the latest scientific studies and recent publications.



Wildfires are increasing - globally

Multiple lines of evidence indicate that wildfires are **worsening globally**. Satellite-based analyses show that the most extreme wildfire events have more than doubled in frequency in the last 20 years. Fires are on average **larger and more destructive** than before. Consistent with these observations, the World Resources Institute reported that forest fires worldwide now burn **over twice as much tree cover each year as they did two decades ago**. In fact, 2024 was the worst wildfire year on record globally. ([Geographical UK, 2025](#))

Another worrying indicator of intensifying fires is the **impact on emissions**. Wildfires have become a **major source of greenhouse gases**. A 2023 analysis found that global carbon dioxide emissions from forest fires increased by 60% between 2001 and 2023. ([NASA, 2023](#).)

The Latest Data Confirms: Forest Fires Are Getting Worse

July 21, 2025 By James MacCarthy, Jessica Richter, Sasha Tyukavina and Nancy Harris Cover Image by: Donny Sophandi/Shutterstock

Extreme wildfire activity has more than doubled worldwide.

NASA's Terra and Aqua satellites detect active wildfires twice each day. Scientists studied this data over a 21-year span and found that extreme wildfires have become more frequent, more intense, and larger. The **largest**

Climate change influences wildfires through multiple interconnected mechanisms. Key factors linking a warming climate to more frequent and intense fires include:



Higher Temperatures and Heat Waves

Rising temperatures and more frequent heatwaves dry out vegetation, making it more flammable. Warmer nights also allow fires to burn longer and more intensely.

Drought and Reduced Precipitation

Climate change causes longer dry spells and droughts, turning plants into fuel. Türkiye, like many regions, is becoming more arid, increasing fire risk.



Lower Humidity

Warmer air holds more moisture, but if rainfall doesn't keep up, humidity drops. This dries vegetation faster, making fires more likely.

Intensified Wind Patterns

Climate-driven changes in wind patterns, like foehn or sirocco winds, dry out landscapes and rapidly spread fires—as seen in Türkiye's 2021 wildfires.



Vegetation Changes and Fuel Accumulation

Warmer climates and pests increase dead biomass, while past fire suppression has led to fuel build-up. This leads to more severe fires under dry conditions.

All these factors create a **feedback loop**: climate change leads to more fires, and those fires release large amounts of carbon and destroy forests that normally absorb CO₂, thereby further exacerbating climate warming. Without intervention, wildfires and climate change will continue to reinforce one another.

Addressing the Growing Threat of Wildfires: What Local Actors Can Do

As climate change accelerates the frequency and intensity of wildfires, both adaptation and mitigation measures have become essential for local authorities and climate actors.

Below is a preliminary list of actions municipalities can take to reduce wildfire risks and protect communities, ecosystems, and infrastructure:

Integrate Wildfire Risk into Local Climate Strategies

Include wildfire vulnerability assessments and response planning in Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) and local adaptation strategies.

Create and Maintain Fire-Resilient Landscapes

Invest in strategic vegetation management, buffer zones, firebreaks, and green infrastructure that reduce fuel loads without harming biodiversity.

Support Nature-Based Solutions

Restore degraded forests and wetlands, promote agroforestry, and plant native fire-resistant species to create natural fire barriers.

Educate and Mobilise Communities

Conduct public awareness campaigns and community fire drills, and support local volunteer brigades with training and equipment.

Adopt Climate-Smart Agriculture

Work with farmers to shift to drought-resilient crops and regenerative practices that reduce land flammability.

Harness Digital and Drone Technologies

Deploy drones for early fire detection, damage assessments, and rapid containment support in difficult terrain.

Recent Articles

European Forest Institute (2024): **Wildfire Prevention, Best-practice cases of fire prevention in the Mediterranean**

European Commission, Horizon Magazine (22 July 2025): **Fighting fire with innovation: a pan-European push to tackle extreme wildfires**

Geographical UK, 28 July 2025: **What are the innovative solutions for tackling wildfires?**



Collaborate for Sustainable Future

We are committed to empowering the Covenant of Mayors municipalities in Türkiye and wider partner...

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A book is a gift you can open again and again
Garrison Keillor




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MLGP4Climate Library is growing

The MLGP4Climate Library continues to grow as a central hub for municipalities and organisations working toward climate resilience and sustainable development. **In July 2025, we added 30 new resources—bringing the total number of entries to 1,087.**

This month's additions (entries #1057 to #1087) deepens our focus on climate finance, net zero strategies, and the energy transition, with a strong emphasis on municipal relevance and global good practice. It also includes the **Annual 2024 Climate Action Report (#1087), updates on SDG 7 progress, and the New Energy Outlook 2025**—key materials for municipalities planning their next steps in mitigation and adaptation.

Whether you are preparing a climate action strategy, applying for project funding, or looking for peer examples from other regions, the MLGP4Climate Library offers a growing repository of knowledge designed with municipalities in mind.

With each addition, the MLGP4Climate Library becomes a stronger tool for municipal staff, planners, and decision-makers across Türkiye. Explore the latest resources and filter by theme, language, or document type at <https://mlgp4climate.com/mlgp-library> 

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1081	Tracking SDG 7. The energy progress report 2025	2025-07-27
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Shaping the Future of MLGP4Climate Together

THE MLGP NEEDS ASSESSMENT JULY 2025

In July 2025, we invited you to share your current needs and visions for the MLGP4Climate platform. 36 institutions responded, offering important contributions into the challenges and priorities shaping local climate action today.

Thank you to all platform members who contributed to the MLGP4Climate Needs Assessment this July. Your input highlighted key areas to focus on—from financial and technical constraints to the need for stronger coordination, visibility, and implementation capacity

We heard your call for:

- ✓ **Targeted support for SECAP development and execution**
- ✓ **Easier access to climate finance and proposal assistance**
- ✓ **Stronger technical, institutional, and peer-learning mechanisms**

At MLGP4Climate, we believe in shaping solutions together—with respect, collaboration, and collective purpose. This input will inform the platform's next phase: more practical, more connected, and more attuned to your needs.

Missed the survey? We always welcome your thoughts at mlgp4climate@gmail.com

Find a snapshot of your feedback below.



MLGP4Climate Geçiş Dönemi İhtiyaç Değerlendirmesi // MLGP4Climate Transition Period Needs Assessment

Sayın MLGP4Climate platformu üyeleri, EU4ETTR projesinin tamamlanmasının ardından MLGP4Climate platformu yeni bir aşamaya girerken, bu kısa ama önemli anket için değerli görüşlerinizi rica ediyoruz. Bu yeni aşamayı birlikte şekillendirmek için, önümüzdeki dönemde belediye/niz/kurumunuzun MLGP4Climate platformuna ilişkin ihtiyaçları hakkında geri bildirimlerinizi almak istiyoruz. Platformun geleceğine ilişkin beklentileriniz, ihtiyaçlarınız, önerileriniz ve vizyonunuz dahil olmak üzere.

Lütfen bu kısa anketi doldurmak için kısa zaman ayırın. Cevaplarınızın derinliğine bağlı olarak 10 dakikadan fazla sürmemelidir.

Saygılarımızla,

MLGP4Climate Ekibi



What are the most urgent needs or challenges your institution faces in relation to local climate and energy action? (QUESTION 2)



1. Financial Constraints – 25 mentions → 71.4%

Includes: Budget insufficiency, Difficulty accessing funds or grants, Ineligibility due to tax debts, High infrastructure and investment costs, Need for climate finance and financing for green infrastructure or sectoral mitigation



2. Lack of Technical Capacity & Support – 16 mentions → 45.7%

Includes: Insufficient technical staff or tools; Technical support for project implementation; Need for data-based risk analysis; SECAP monitoring software and Energy Desk support



3. Institutional Capacity & Coordination Weaknesses – 13 mentions → 37.1%

Includes: Inadequate internal capacity; Weak implementation ability; Need to establish relevant teams/units; Poor coordination across departments or institutions



4. Data and Monitoring Issues – 9 mentions → 25.7%

Includes: Difficulty in accessing or analyzing data Lack of monitoring tools Demand for data-driven decision-making Climate and energy data access issues

5. Public Awareness and Citizen Participation Challenges – 6 mentions → 17.1%

•Includes: Lack of public awareness or citizen engagement, Challenges in promoting climate literacy, Difficulty gaining local support

6. Regulatory and Bureaucratic Barriers – 4 mentions → 11.4%

•Includes: Bureaucratic/legal hurdles, Jurisdictional limitations of district municipalities, Mevzuatsal (regulatory) obstacles

7. Environmental Threats and Climate Risks – 5 mentions → 14.3%

•Includes: Drought, floods, and extreme heat, Forest fires, Emissions from transport, housing, and industry, Pesticide-related challenges

8. Lack of Strategic Planning Tools – 3 mentions → 8.6%

•Includes: Need to prepare SECAPs, Waste Management Plans, or regional action plans

9. Lack of Knowledge or Experience – 3 mentions → 8.6%

•Includes: Gaps in institutional knowledge, Inexperience in climate planning and SECAP processes

10. Feeling Isolated in Action / Need for Peer Learning – 2 mentions → 5.7%

•Includes: Feeling alone in climate efforts, Desire for peer-learning and best practice sharing

11. Lack of Space or Physical Constraints – 2 mentions → 5.7%

•Includes: Limited public spaces, Agricultural limitations due to pesticide use



How can the MLGP4Climate Platform assist with these needs?

(QUESTION 3)



1. Access to Funding and Climate Finance – 18 mentions → 56%

- Includes: Helping access climate funds or grants, Diversifying funding sources, Developing municipality-specific climate finance roadmaps, Supporting EU applications, grant training, financial matchmaking

2. Technical Support – 17 mentions → 53%

- Includes: Greenhouse gas calculations, SECAP implementation, risk analysis, Project implementation support, Energy desk setup and monitoring tools, Providing consultants or forming project teams, Data standardization and infrastructure tools

3. Capacity Building and Trainings – 12 mentions → 38%

- Includes: Face-to-face and awareness trainings, Trainings on SECAP, monitoring tools, climate adaptation, Targeted support to regional unions (e.g., GABB), Capacity-building through small pilot projects or practical guidance

4. Project Development and Implementation Support – 11 mentions → 34%

- Includes: Help with project writing, Project-based support, Developing pilot projects, Moving from guidance to implementation acceleration

5. Networking and Matchmaking – 9 mentions → 28%

- Includes: City-to-city learning and twinning, Connecting with startups, technology providers, and potential partners, Facilitating national and international cooperation

6. Policy and Strategy Support – 4 mentions → 13%

- Includes: Leading in policy development, Supporting creation of regional/local climate policies, Becoming a local voice in climate diplomacy

7. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Tools – 5 mentions → 16%

- Includes: Monitoring tool creation or connection to free tools, Objective assessment of efforts, Software-based tracking of SECAP implementation





Is there any specific training topic that would currently be specifically beneficial for you/your institution?

1. Proposal Writing & Grant Application Support – 20 mentions → 62.5%

- Includes: Proposal writing training Support for grant applications Writing and implementing EU projects Accessing climate finance through better proposals

2. BEI (Baseline Emission Inventory) Preparation / Update – 11 mentions → 34.4%

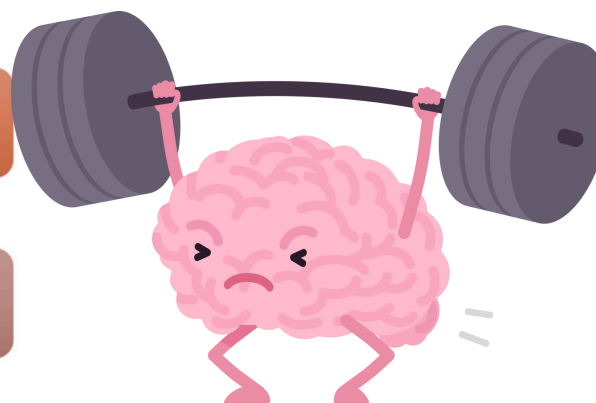
- Includes: Initial BEI preparation BEI update processes Sectoral emissions analysis and follow-up

3. RVA (Risk and Vulnerability Assessment) Preparation – 11 mentions → 34.4%

- Includes: Preparing RVA assessments Applying RVA results to spatial and climate planning RVA as a priority for alignment with project monitoring

4. Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting of Climate Actions – 6 mentions → 18.8%

- Includes: Tracking performance indicators Evaluation and measurement of mitigation/adaptation SECAP implementation monitoring and reporting



5. Climate Risk, Adaptation & Strategic Planning – 6 mentions → 18.8%

- Includes: Spatial integration of climate risk Climate adaptation strategy development Sustainable urban mobility and green city planning

6. Project Development & Implementation Support – 5 mentions → 15.6%

- Includes: Support in project design and execution Training expert staff for project management Implementation of energy and climate actions

7. Technical Topics (Energy Desk, GHG, Recycling, etc.) – 5 mentions → 15.6%

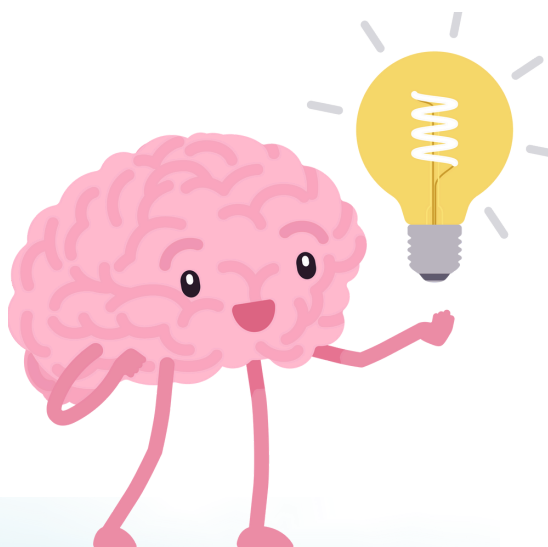
- Includes: Energy desk establishment GHG calculation methods Recycling and waste management planning

8. SECAP Preparation / Implementation – 5 mentions → 15.6%

- Includes: Support for preparing SECAPs Writing SECAP reports Technical assistance for planning processes

9. Climate-Resilient Agriculture / Land Use – 2 mentions → 6.3%

- Includes: Training on climate-resilient crops Adapting agriculture to changing climates





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Do you have any other suggestions, ideas or comments for further improving the MLGP4Climate Platform?



1. Facilitate Access to Funding & Finance – 7 mentions → 30.4%

Includes: Matchmaking with the right funding sources, Sharing open grant calls and application calendars, More trainings on grant writing, A comprehensive “climate finance guide”



2. Increase Inter-Municipal Collaboration & Peer Learning – 7 mentions → 30.4%

Includes: Experience sharing between municipalities, Peer-learning sessions, Mentorship or pilot municipality models, Volunteer support from experienced municipalities, Regional working groups and moderated forums



3. Develop Interactive & Practical Tools – 6 mentions → 26.1%

Includes: Interactive dashboards to track BEI/RVA/SECAP status, Matchmaking and expert contact panels, Digital mapping tools (e.g., drought or flood risk modules), User panels for tracking technical support requests

4. Shift from Knowledge Sharing to Implementation Support – 5 mentions → 21.7%

- Includes: Evolving into an “implementation facilitator”, Following up on funded projects, Supporting project development and execution, Ensuring timeliness and continuity of support

5. Provide More Training & Resources – 4 mentions → 17.4%

- Includes: More frequent trainings (especially on grant writing), Provision of project templates and successful application examples, Better access to expert networks

6. Platform Maintenance & General Praise – 4 mentions → 17.4%

- Includes: Continue updating the platform, Appreciation for library and information efforts, “No suggestions, it's already doing great”, Thanks and encouragement

7. Organize High-Profile Events – 1 mention → 4.3%

- Suggestion to organize a climate summit

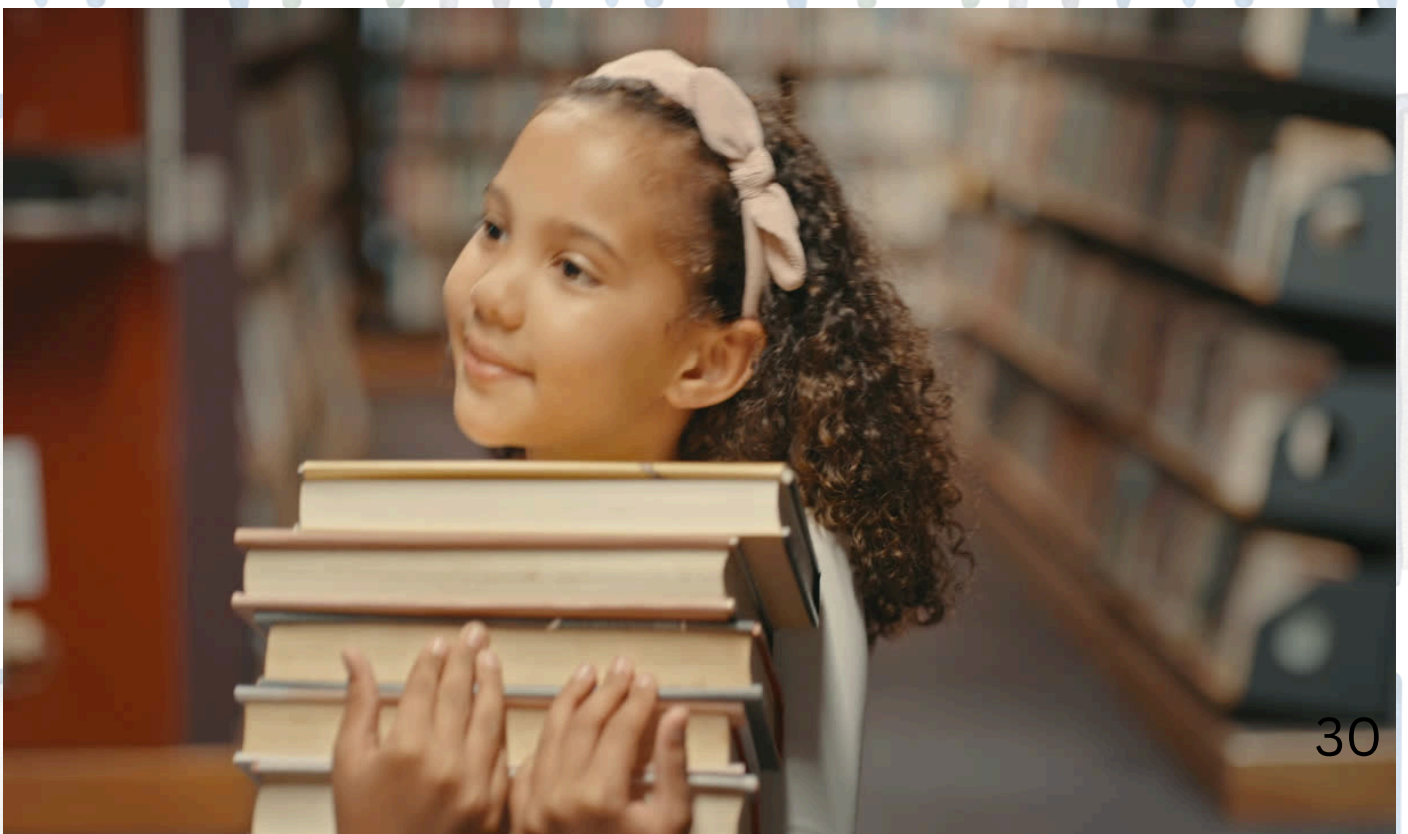


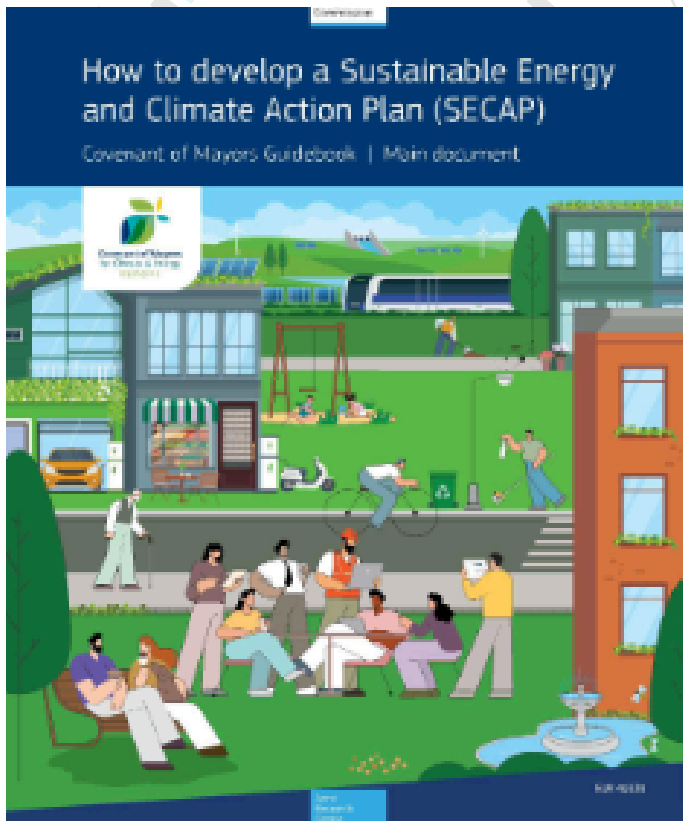


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JULY RECOMMENDATIONS





European Commission: Joint Research Center (2025): SECAP guidelines

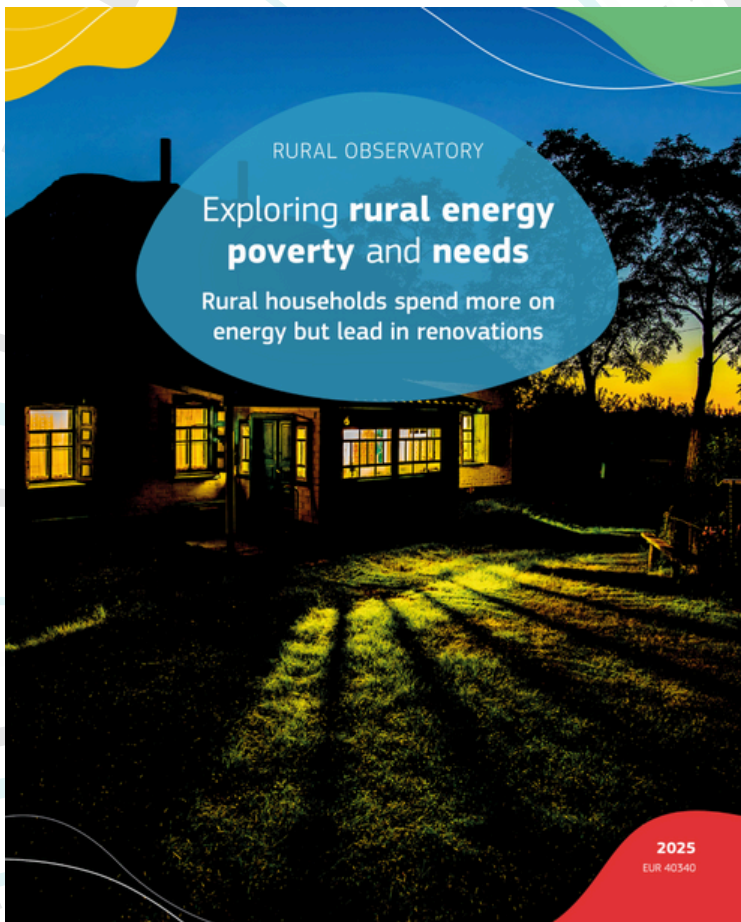
The Joint Research Centre (JRC) published the 2025 edition of the Covenant of Mayors Guidebook “How to develop a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) – Main Document”.

Released in June 2025, this update offers structured guidance to help Covenant signatories across Europe reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance climate resilience, and address energy poverty at the local level. This latest edition maintains methodological continuity with the original 2011 guidebook and the updated 2018 version, while integrating emerging best practices in local climate governance.

The new edition reflects the growing ambition of EU climate policy, as set out in the **European Green Deal and the European Climate Law**. In this context, Covenant signatories commit to achieving climate neutrality by 2050, while also addressing climate risks and ensuring energy justice within their territories.



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European Commission: Joint Research Center (2025): **Rural Observatory - Exploring rural energy poverty and needs**

- The article explores energy poverty and energy needs in rural areas across the EU, highlighting how rural households face higher energy costs and structural inefficiencies in their homes.
- It analyses EU-wide data on household energy spending, renovation rates, building types, and energy sources, offering a territorial breakdown (rural vs. urban).
- The report shows that **rural areas, while more vulnerable, lead in home renovations and have strong potential for rooftop solar energy due to higher ownership and available space.**
- It offers evidence-based insights to support targeted, local energy transition policies—especially useful for municipalities planning climate and renovation strategies.



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The 2028-2034 EU budget for a stronger Europe

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On 16 July 2025, the Commission presented its proposal for an ambitious and dynamic Multiannual Financial Framework ("MFF") amounting to almost EUR 2 trillion (or 1.26% of the EU's gross national income on average between 2028 and 2034). This framework will equip Europe with a long-term investment budget matching its ambitions to be an independent, prosperous, secure and thriving society and economy over the coming decade.

European Commission (16.07.2025): The 2028–2034 EU budget for a stronger Europe

The European Commission has unveiled its proposal for the 2028–2034 EU budget, totalling nearly €2 trillion and **aiming to boost Europe's green transition, competitiveness, and resilience**. It introduces simplified, locally tailored funding via National and Regional Partnership Plans, prioritising investments in **decarbonisation, crisis preparedness, digitalisation, and social inclusion**. The proposal offers good insight into future EU priorities, funding logic, and strategic directions relevant for municipalities and partners engaging with EU-aligned climate and energy action.



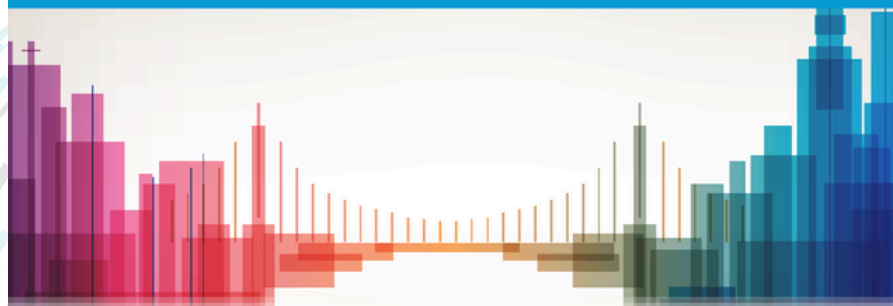
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United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC, 2025): Guidelines for cities to achieve carbon Net Zero through digital transformation

This guide outlines how cities can reach carbon Net Zero by integrating digital solutions such as smart grids, AI, and IoT. It offers actionable steps—from using digital twins and EV-sharing to promoting citizen engagement through e-governance and mobile apps. With real-world case studies from Geneva, Seoul, and Copenhagen, it serves as a practical reference for local governments. It also highlights funding options and collaborative models, including EU initiatives like the “100 Climate-Neutral Cities by 2030.”



Guidelines for cities to achieve carbon Net Zero through digital transformation



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A Growing Platform In July, our MLGP4Climate Instagram page saw steady growth, with **over 40 posts** shared throughout the month and a community of **900+ followers** by the end of July. **Thank you for engaging with us—your support helps amplify climate action at the local level!**





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Our Note:

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July has reminded us that resilience is built not only through planning and policies, but also through connection, care, and shared purpose. We were reminded why local climate leadership matters—and why the work we do together must continue with renewed urgency.

In this spirit, MLGP4Climate focused on strengthening its foundations: expanding the community, deepening resources, and supporting those who carry the weight of climate action at the local level.

Thanks that you are.
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