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# **EU4Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors In the Western Balkans and Türkiye**

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# EU4 ENERGY TRANSITION: COVENANT OF MAYORS



IN THE WESTERN BALKANS  
AND TÜRKİYE

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**June 2025** has been marked by impactful engagements and milestone events in the field of **local energy transition**. This month's highlights include strategic dialogues to enhance the role of municipalities in climate governance, as well as the closing chapter of a significant multi-year EU-supported initiative. From high-level discussions **with key partners to the Final Conference of the EU4Energy Transition project in Türkiye**, June has underscored the importance of collaboration, policy alignment, and local action in accelerating the green transition. Dive into this edition to explore how these developments are **shaping the regional energy landscape**.

### 2. HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE 2025

- **FINALIZATION OF THE PROJECT**

1. EU4ETTR Discussion with **UCLG-MEWA, Marmara municipalities Union (MMU), Union of Municipalities of Türkiye (UMT) for Strengthening Local Authorities' Role in Climate Action**, 11 June 2025, 25 June 2025 and 26 June 2025
2. **8<sup>th</sup> Local Steering Committee Meeting**,
3. **Final Project Conference of the EU4Energy Transition Project** in Türkiye, 13 June 2025)

### 3. Key ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE EU4ETTR PROJECT

4. **MLGP4Climate library with New Articles reached 1056 sources!**



# EU4 ENERGY TRANSITION: COVENANT OF MAYORS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TÜRKİYE

## JUNE Focus:

*“Great changes may not happen right away, but with effort even the difficult can become easy.” – Bill Blackman*

**June 2025** has been a month of meaningful progress and forward-looking engagement in the realm of local energy transition. Rather than a conclusion, it has represented a pivotal juncture—where past efforts converged with future aspirations.

Key moments this month included dynamic exchanges on strengthening municipal leadership in climate action, and the **Final Conference of the EU4Energy Transition project in Türkiye**—an event that not only celebrated the achievements of a multi-year journey but also sparked new reflections on what lies ahead. The conversations held and connections forged have set the tone for **deeper, more coordinated action in the years to come.**

This phase may mark the formal closure of a project, but its influence is far from over. **The insights gained, networks built, and policy momentum generated will continue to ripple across the region. ] We invite you to explore this edition and witness how June’s highlights are not just moments in time, but building blocks of a more resilient, inclusive, and climate-smart future.**



# Covenant of Mayors Türkiye

## June 2025



1. Adana Metropolitan Municipality
2. Alaçam Municipality (Samsun)
3. Amasya Municipality
4. Ankara Metropolitan Municipality
5. Antalya Metropolitan Municipality
6. Ardahan Municipality
7. Ataşehir Municipality
8. Avcılar Municipality
9. Bağcılar Municipality
10. Bakırköy Municipality
11. Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality
12. Bandırma Municipality
13. Bayındır Municipality
14. Bayraklı Municipality
15. Beşiktaş Municipality
16. Beylikdüzü Municipality
17. Beyağaç Municipality
18. Beyoğlu Municipality
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20. Bergama Municipality
21. Bodrum Municipality
22. Bolu Municipality
23. Bornova Municipality
24. Bozcaada Municipality
25. Buca Municipality
26. Bursa Metropolitan Municipality
27. Büyükçekmece Municipality
28. Çankaya Municipality
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33. Çukurova Municipality
34. Denizli Municipality
35. Didim Municipality
36. Diyarbakır Municipality
37. Dörtdivan Municipality
38. Edirne Municipality
39. Efeler Municipality
40. Elmalı Municipality
41. Erzurum Metropolitan Municipality
42. Esenler Municipality
43. Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality
44. Eskişehir-Tepebaşı Municipality
45. Fındıklı Municipality
46. Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality
47. Gaziemir Municipality
48. Geyve Municipality
49. Germencik Municipality
50. Gördes Municipality
51. Gölyaka Municipality
52. Hopa Municipality
53. İncirliova Municipality
54. İnegöl Municipality
55. İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality
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58. Kadıköy Municipality
59. Karabağlar Municipality (İzmir)
60. Karaburun Municipality
61. Karaköprü Municipality
62. Karatay Municipality
63. Karşıyaka Municipality (İzmir)
64. Karşıyaka Municipality (Erdek - Balıkesir)
65. Kartal Municipality
66. Kırklareli Municipality
67. Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality
68. Konak Municipality
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75. Marmaris Municipality
76. Melikgazi Municipality (Kayseri)
77. Menderes Municipality
78. Menteşe Municipality
79. Mersin Metropolitan Municipality
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81. Muğla Metropolitan Municipality
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83. Narlıdere Municipality
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89. Pendik Municipality
90. Safranbolu Municipality
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93. Seferihisar Municipality
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111. Yenimahalle Municipality
112. Yenışehir Municipality (Mersin)
113. Yunus Emre Municipality
114. Zile Municipality





# **NEW COMERS**





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# CONGRATULATIONS BAYRAKLI MUNICIPALITY NEW MEMBER OF MLGP & GCOM



**Bayraklı Municipality proudly became a member of the MLGP (Municipal Leaders for Global Platform) and the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM).**

This milestone is more than a signature—it's a bold statement of intent. With vision, courage, and action, Bayraklı is rising as a national model, showing that real leadership means more than promises—it means progress.

**By joining both platforms** while delivering concrete actions, Bayraklı emerges as a role model for municipalities across Türkiye.

A municipality that doesn't wait for the future—but builds it.

**Together for a climate-resilient future!**



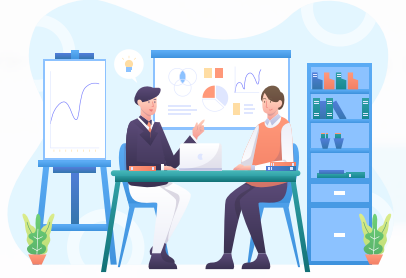




# **SECAP CONSULTANCY**



# SECAP CONSULTANCIES WITH MUNICIPALITIES



🗨️ In June 2025, we had the pleasure of holding productive SECAP meetings with the municipalities of Balıkesir, Nusaybin, Ataşehir, and Ödemiş.

From **kick-off discussions** to **technical progress reviews**, each meeting showed the dedication of our local partners to **sustainable and climate-resilient urban development**. 🌱

We're proud to walk this path together and excited for the next steps. Together, we shape the future. 💚

## JUNE SECAP CONSULTANCY HIGHLIGHTS

**03rd June 2025** Progress Meeting with Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality

**03th June 2025** Kick-Off Meeting with Nusaybin Municipality

**04th June 2025** Progress Meeting with Ataşehir Municipality

**10th June 2025** Progress Meeting with Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality

**12th June 2025** Progress Meeting with Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality

**16th June 2025** Progress Meeting with Ödemiş Municipality

**18th June 2025** Progress Meeting with Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality



BALIKESİR  
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BELEDİYESİ



ÖDEMiŞ BELEDİYESİ



# UPDATED SECAP PREPARATION GUIDANCE

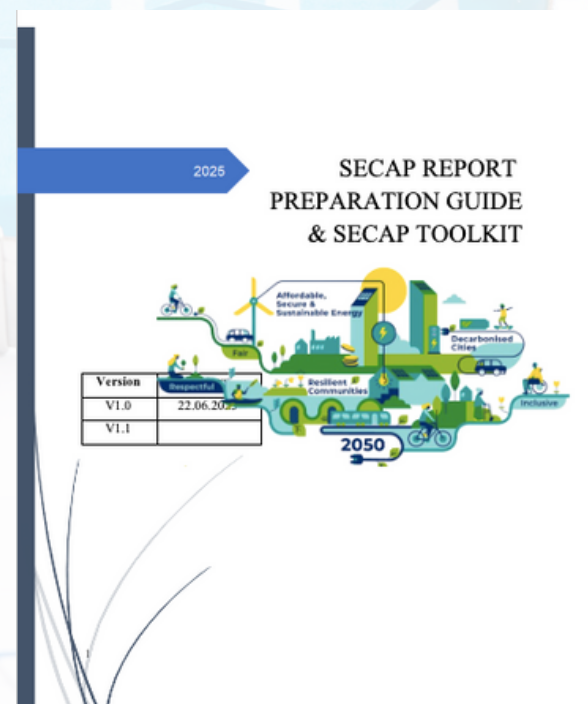
**The SECAP Report Preparation Guide has been launched to support municipalities in navigating the complexities of climate planning under the Covenant of Mayors framework!**

Tailored especially for small and medium-sized local authorities, this comprehensive handbook provides **step-by-step guidance on emission inventories, climate risk and vulnerability analysis, energy poverty assessments, and climate action planning.**

## **What can you find in the Toolkit?**

The Toolkit offers user-friendly templates and technical materials including:

- Standardized GHG inventory calculators (CIRIS-compatible),
- Emission factor datasets,
- Climate risk assessment matrices,
- Sector-specific stakeholder engagement forms,
- Ready-to-use action planning tables,
- A pre-structured SECAP report template,
- Tools for identifying and prioritizing mitigation, adaptation, and energy poverty actions.



 Additionally, **each resource is explained through contextual examples and use cases drawn from Turkish municipalities**, making the guidance highly applicable and locally grounded.

 **Explore the Toolkit and take confident, well-informed steps toward building a climate-resilient future for your municipality.**

# SECAP PREPARATION GUIDANCE

Supported by the European Union, the **SECAP Report Preparation Guidance & Toolkit** has been released to help local governments strengthen their capacity in responding to the climate crisis. The guide offers a step-by-step roadmap for municipalities to build greenhouse gas inventories, analyze climate risks, and develop actionable climate plans.

## What Makes This Guide Essential?

✓ How to calculate carbon emissions?

A clear and example-based method is provided for accurate emission inventories.

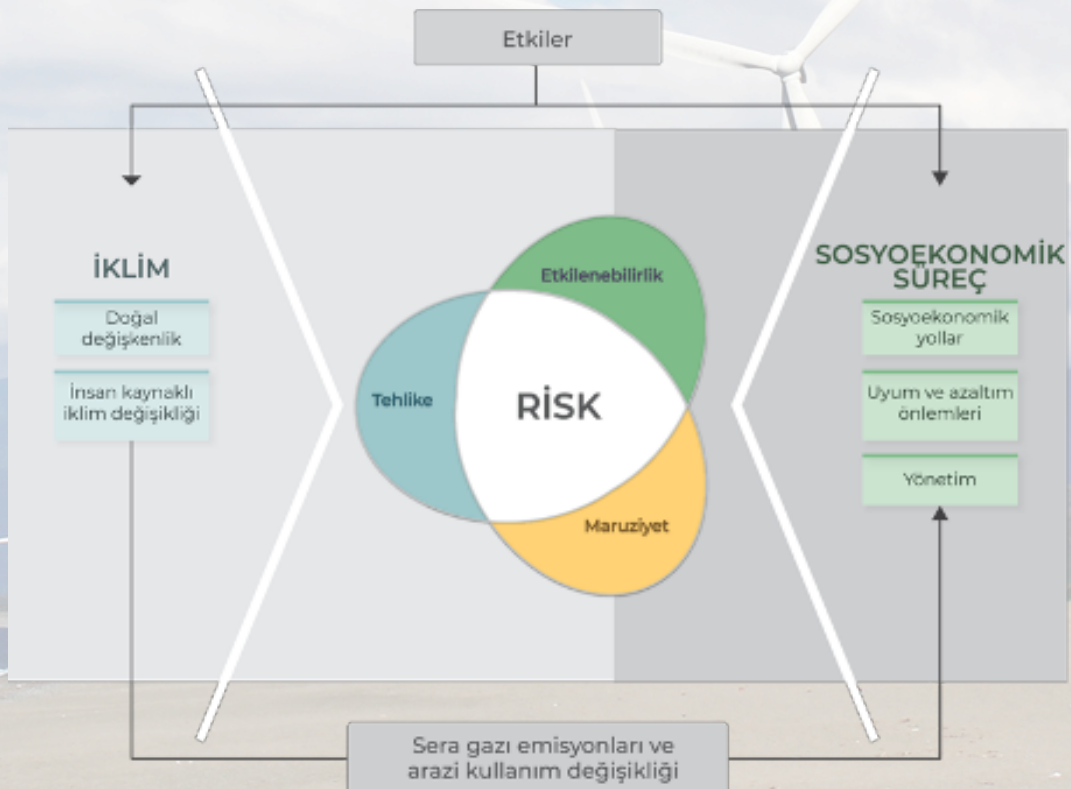
✓ How can a city become resilient to climate risks?

A matrix-based tool helps conduct detailed sectoral vulnerability assessments.

✓ How to tackle energy poverty?

Equity-centered strategies and actions are proposed to protect vulnerable groups.

✓ Plans that move beyond theory.







# SECAP REPORT PREPERATION GUIDANCE

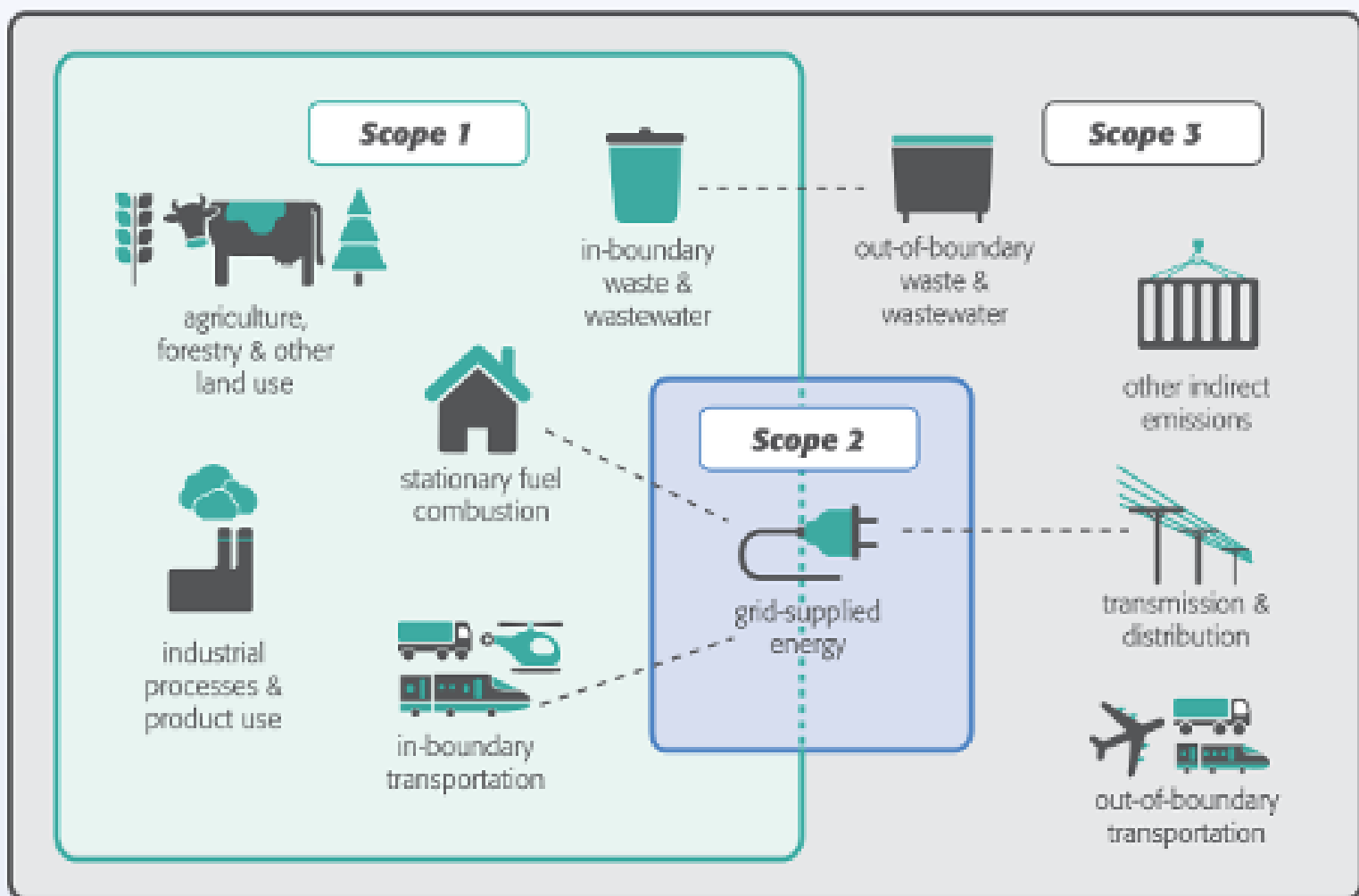
Each action includes **timelines, budget estimates, responsible units, and expected impact for real implementation.**

This guide is not just for environmental units – **it speaks directly to all municipal departments, from transport and social services to data governance and infrastructure.** Ready-to-use Excel tools, official letter templates, and video tutorials accelerate internal coordination and decision-making.

**Access the guide:**

<https://mlgp4climate.com/tr/turkiye-municipalities-secaps>

**Figure 1** Sources and boundaries of city GHG emissions







# TURKISH MUNICIPALITIES ROADMAPS FOR GREEN FINANCING

From **Istanbul** and **Antalya** to **Bağcılar**, **Bandırma**, **Küçükçekmece**, and **Mersin Yenişehir**, pioneering municipalities across Türkiye are accelerating their climate transition by aligning with the EU Green Deal through ambitious **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs)**.

## ☀️ Deep Transformation in Buildings, Mobility, and Waste

From **rooftop solar on public buildings** and **deep retrofits to smart energy monitoring systems** and electric vehicle infrastructure, cities are launching bold initiatives. **Mersin Yenişehir is piloting energy upgrades across 500–1,000 buildings**, while **Istanbul prepares an 8.6 MWp solar installation on its metro system**.

Meanwhile, **Antalya is setting up a public-facing “Energy Desk” to offer advisory services to citizens**.





# TURKISH MUNICIPALITIES TAKE BOLD CLIMATE ACTION WITH GREEN FINANCING



## Access to Billions in Climate Finance

To fund these initiatives, municipalities are strategically preparing proposals for major international and EU-level funding programs. Among the most frequently targeted instruments:

- **ELENA (European Investment Bank):** Covers up to 90% of preparation costs for energy efficiency projects over €30 million.
- **World Bank – ECARES:** A \$1 billion facility supporting solar and storage pilots in Türkiye's public buildings.
- **EBRD – TurSEFF / GEF Türkiye:** Offers concessional loans via local banks for municipal energy upgrades.
- **LIFE CET Programme:** Grants up to 95% for citizen engagement, training, and clean energy transition actions.



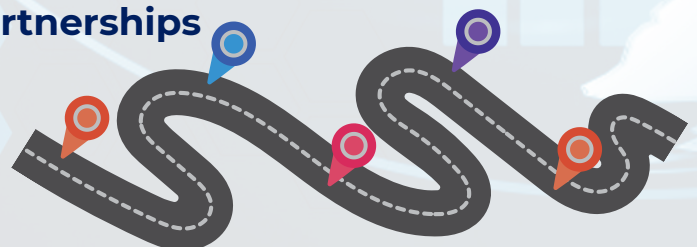
## Scalable and Participatory Models

The projects place strong emphasis on citizen involvement, local education, and community-based energy transformation. **Antalya and Mersin's models include school workshops, digital monitoring platforms, and mechanisms to support energy-poor households.** Küçükçekmece's roadmap features interactive educational infrastructure **targeting 10,000 students.**



## Roadmaps Ready for Launch

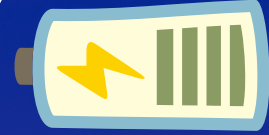
Each municipality has developed step-by-step roadmaps from fund applications and stakeholder engagement to procurement, pilot rollout, and impact evaluation. **With the 2025 EU funding calls approaching, cities are already preparing concept notes and building strong international partnerships**







# REMOTED ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

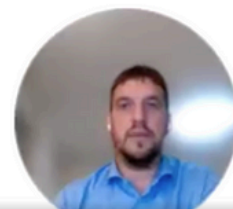
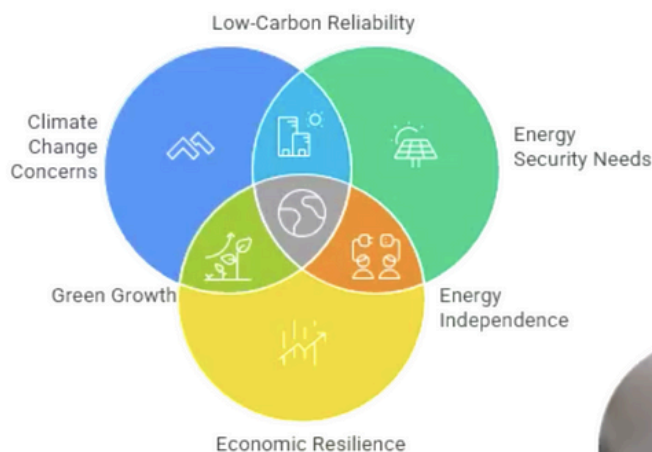


**Renewable energy is more than just an environmentally friendly choice;** for countries like Türkiye with broad geographic diversity, it offers an inclusive, scalable, and cost-effective energy model. Strong solar resources and widespread wind potential make Türkiye a natural candidate for distributed and **remotely managed energy systems**.

Thanks to **advanced remote monitoring, maintenance, and control technologies**, it is now possible to deliver clean, reliable, and stable energy **even to rural and underserved regions**. This model not only reduces carbon emissions but also enhances energy accessibility, supports local development, and strengthens system **resilience through technological independence**. Lithuania's renewable energy transformation—driven by clear targets and integrated implementation plans—demonstrates the key components of success in this field.

**Türkiye's ability to align its natural advantages with similarly forward-looking strategies will be essential for ensuring long-term energy sustainability.**

## Importance of Renewable Energy







# **Major Events & Collaborations with Municipalities and Organizations**

**“LOCAL ACTION IS THE FOUNDATION OF GLOBAL PROGRESS.”  
— KOFI ANNAN**



## 8<sup>TH</sup> LOCAL STEERING COMMITTEE 13 June 2025

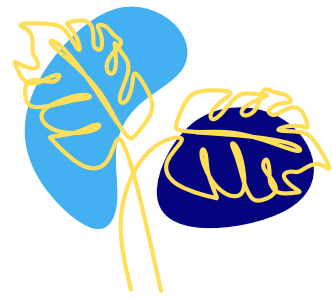


The “EU4Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Türkiye” project, **implemented through cooperation between the European Union and municipalities in Türkiye**, reached a significant milestone with the **8th Steering Committee Meeting** held in İstanbul. In his opening speech, Mr. Christian Ballero, Programme Officer for Energy, **Environment and Climate Change at the EU Delegation to Türkiye**, expressed pride in celebrating local climate leadership.



He emphasized that the project is not just marking an end, but **celebrating a powerful movement driven by the leadership of Turkish municipalities**. Noting achievements in local solutions, energy efficiency, citizen engagement, and international cooperation, **Mr. Ballero highlighted the project as a model for sustainability**. Looking ahead, the platform is **expected to expand to include more municipalities, align with the national climate strategy**, and foster the development of sustainable financing mechanisms.





## 8<sup>TH</sup> LOCAL STEERING COMMITTEE 13 June 2025

On June 13, 2025, Istanbul hosted a meaningful gathering that showcased the progress Türkiye has made in local climate action and offered a glimpse into a hopeful future. **The Final Conference of the EU-funded EU4Energy Transition: Energy Efficiency in Municipalities in Türkiye (EU4ETTR)** project brought together mayors, public institutions, diplomatic representatives, civil society, and experts under one roof. The day began with the **8th Local Steering Committee Meeting**—an essential coordination body of the project—where participants focused on the sustainability of the **MLGP4Climate platform**.



# FINAL PROJECT EVENT FROM PLANS TO ACTION: CELEBRATING LOCAL CLIMATE LEADERSHIP IN TÜRKİYE 13 June 2025

The official opening featured compelling speeches from representatives of the **EU Delegation to Türkiye, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Environment, CPMA, and the Embassy of Lithuania**. Throughout the day, the project's achievements were celebrated through a specially prepared film and inspiring presentations from municipalities. **From Çorlu to Karatay, Tepebaşı to Bandırma and Melikgazi**, local governments shared concrete actions and lessons learned from the field.





## FINAL PROJECT EVENT From Plans to Action: Celebrating Local Climate Leadership in Türkiye 13 June 2025



The day concluded with a **Recognition Ceremony** that honored **outstanding leadership, innovation, and commitment at the local level**. Participants also received the newly published **Türkiye Casebook**, which captures the four-year journey of the project through **success stories and milestones**. While the EU4ETTR project officially comes to a close, the partnerships and platforms it helped establish are set to usher in a **new chapter of strengthened local climate leadership across Türkiye**.

# MLGP4CLIMATE LIBRARY REACHED 1056 SOURCES

The MLGP4Climate Platform is delighted to celebrate a major achievement in advancing climate action at the local level: our resource library has now **reached 1056 reports, and guidelines. You can look some of the articles below!**

**Annual carbon reduction reports, open financial call announcements for municipalities, roadmaps, and more** — all available in the MLGP4Climate library!

**You can find some of the articles from here:**

**Multi-Level Governance Systems**

Euro Mobility

Context Of Mobility

**Low Carbon Evaluation**

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Through our ongoing efforts to expand this knowledge hub, **we empower local governments to take bold steps toward meaningful climate transformation.** In partnership, we're creating a future defined by resilience and sustainability







**INTERESTING TO  
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Financial  
Calls, AI Integration,  
programs and  
opportunities**







# INTERESTING TO LEARN: NEW GREEN FINANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUNICIPALITIES!

The long-standing climate finance gap for developing countries is taking a new turn with the **Inter-American Development Bank's (IADB) recently announced Green Loans Plan**. Unveiled in **June 2025**, the plan introduces a public guarantee-backed loan mechanism aimed at attracting private investment into renewable energy sectors.

Under this model, **loans to high-performing green projects are de-risked through public funding**, making them more attractive to private investors. The goal isn't just to mobilize funds, but to create a circular finance system where returns can be reinvested into **new climate projects**.

The plan holds major potential: it could bring the Global South significantly closer to its **\$1.3 trillion climate finance target by 2035**. As **COP30** approaches, this move could not only unlock new investments but also strengthen the voice of developing nations in global negotiations.

In short, **IADB's initiative is more than just a financial tool – it represents a new hope for climate equity**.

🔍 **For more details on how the Green Loans Plan works and its potential global impact, visit:**

👉 <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2025/jun/16/public-money-green-loans-climate-finance>





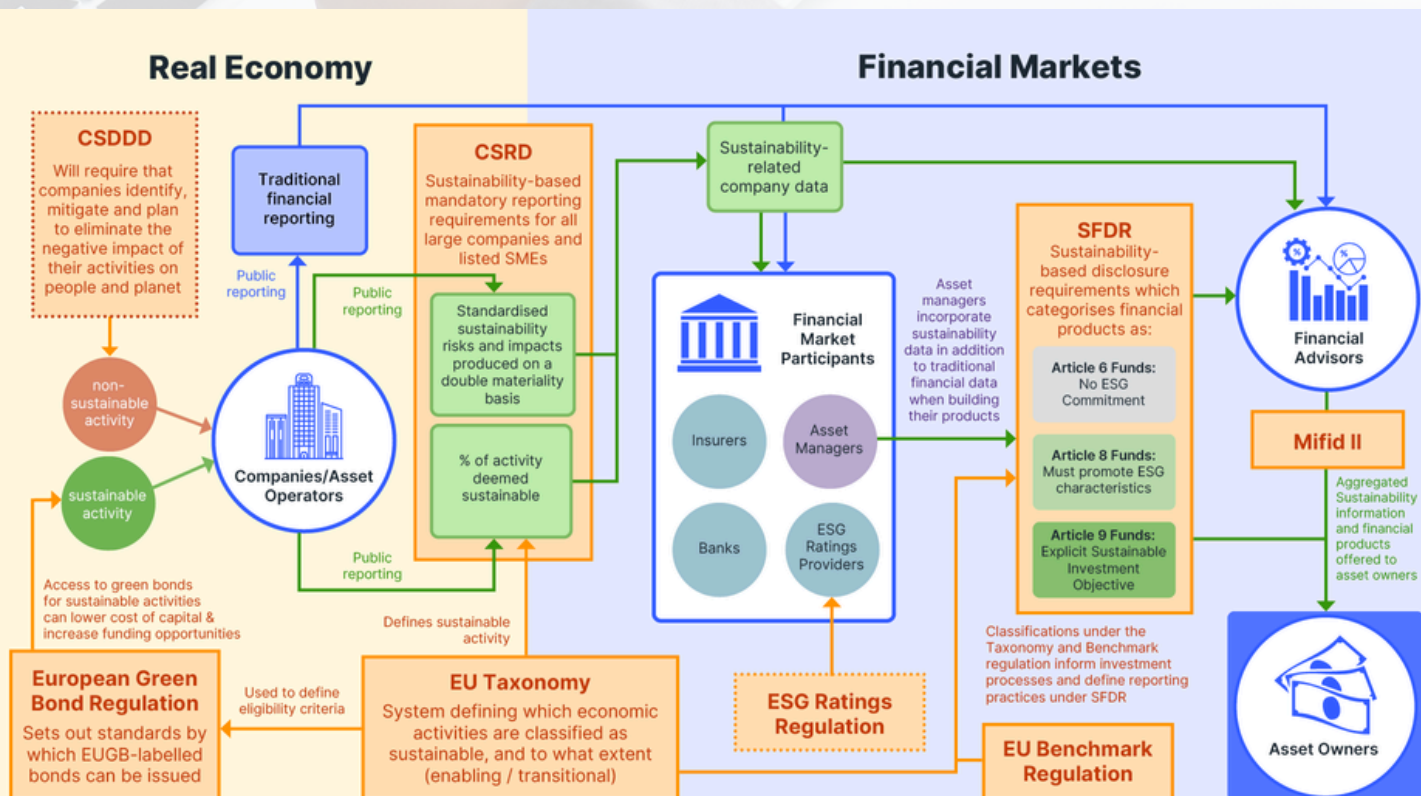


# INTERESTING TO LEARN: EU FINANCIAL CALL: INVESTING IN A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

**The European Union** is reinforcing its sustainable finance rules to accelerate the green transition in the financial sector, launching a new **€630 million call through public-private partnerships**. This initiative aims to support investments in both renewable energy and sustainable cooling systems. **Financial products are being aligned with SFDR, CSRD, and the EU Taxonomy** to enhance transparency and reduce the risk of greenwashing.

In line with **the Paris Agreement targets**, the call seeks to channel private capital towards the EU's ambition of becoming a climate-neutral continent by 2050. According to the European Commission, an additional **€350 billion per year is needed this decade for energy system transformation** – and this financial call is designed to help bridge that gap.

👉 **For more climate finance opportunities, visit [mlgp4climate.com](https://mlgp4climate.com)**





## INTERESTING TO LEARN: AI-POWERED CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING GAINS GROUND IN TÜRKİYE

As climate challenges intensify, Türkiye's municipalities are turning to **artificial intelligence (AI) to strengthen their Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs)**. The new AI in SECAP training module—developed under the EU4ETTR project—shows how AI can transform local planning.

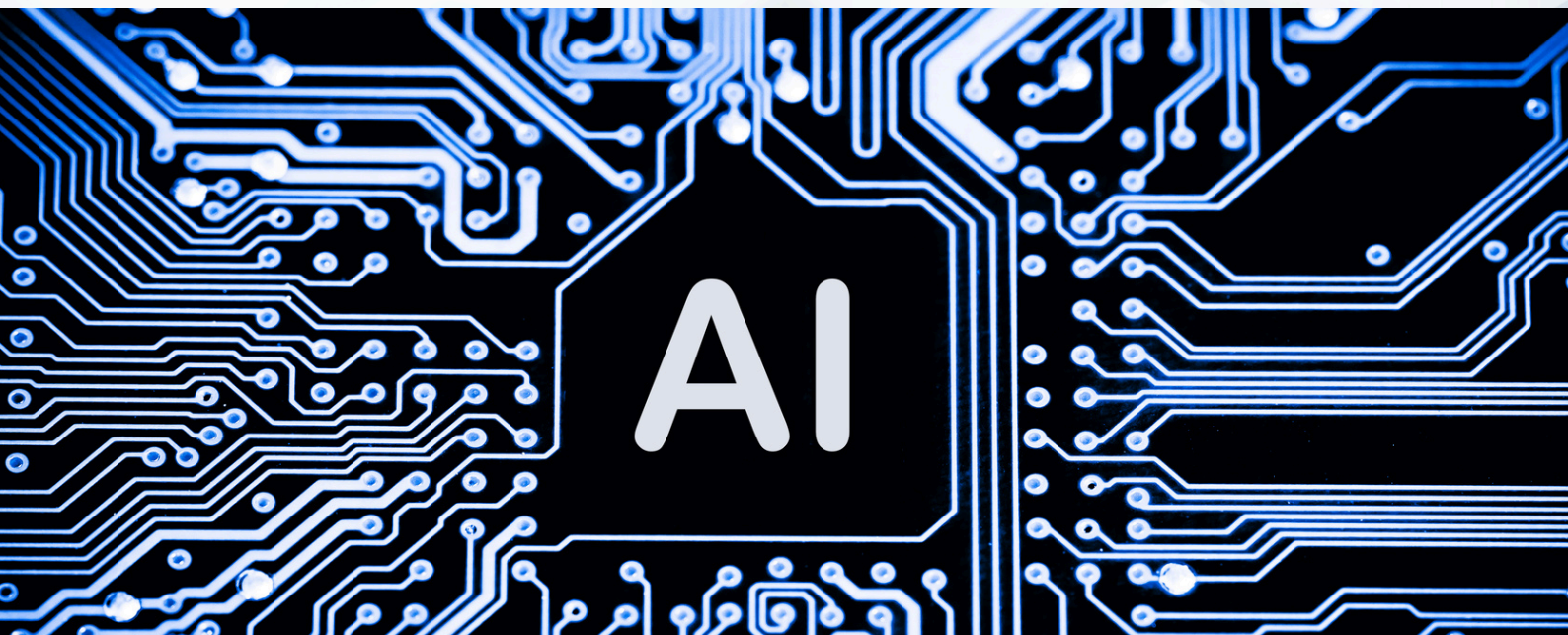
**AI accelerates climate data analysis, enables real-time risk mapping, and enhances citizen engagement.** For instance, Konya uses AI to monitor drought risks and optimize irrigation. In Rize, landslide early warning systems use sensor data to identify high-risk zones. Meanwhile, Istanbul's AI-supported traffic and flood systems reduce emissions and improve urban resilience.

One standout feature is the **use of digital twins—virtual models of cities that allow local governments to simulate climate scenarios and test adaptation measures before implementation.**

The guide also promotes AI-driven chatbots that provide 24/7 information and gather feedback from residents, making SECAPs more transparent and participatory.

By adopting AI, cities across Türkiye—from Gaziantep to Izmir—are preparing smarter, **more responsive climate strategies**. This digital shift marks a crucial step toward Türkiye's 2053 net-zero vision.

 **Access the full guide at: [\[mlgp4climate.com\]](https://mlgp4climate.com)**







# INTERESTING TO LEARN: ADAPTATION MOMENTUM ACROSS TÜRKIYE'S SEVEN REGIONS



EU-supported **regional action plans** are now in force, each tailored to **local climate threats**:

**Central Anatolia** – Smart irrigation and drought-resistant crop rotation combat chronic water stress.

**Eastern Anatolia** – Basin-wide water management and early-warning systems address snow-melt floods and summer dry spells.

**Black Sea** – Landslide and coastal-erosion alerts, climate-smart forestry and expanded crop insurance shield communities.

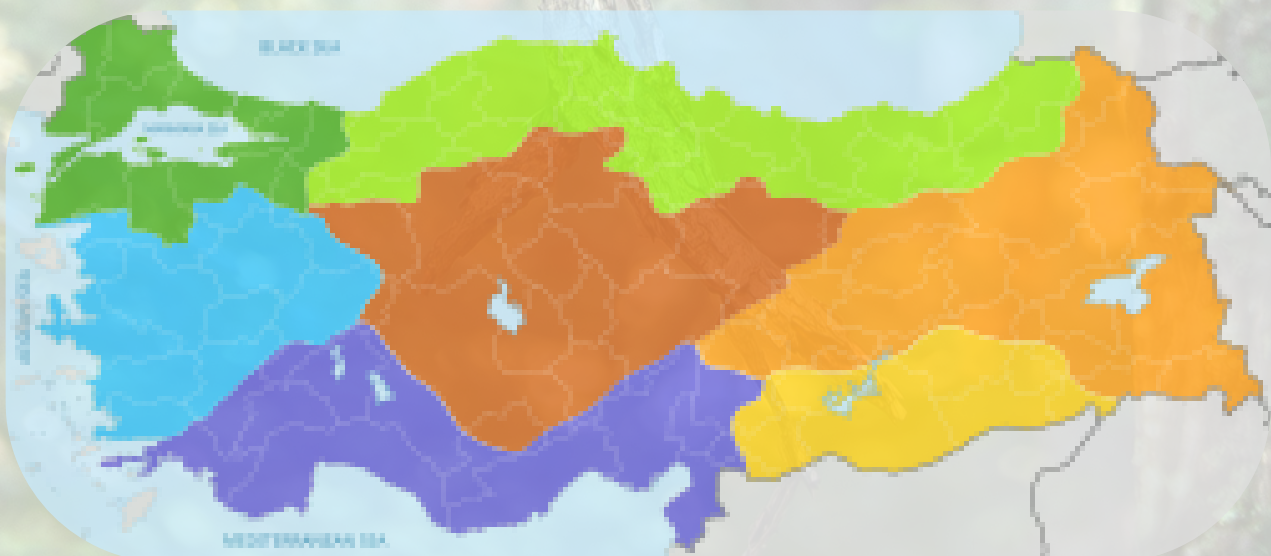
**Marmara** – Green infrastructure, flood-proof urban design and public-health heat measures boost big-city resilience.

**Mediterranean** – Rapid wildfire response, cool-roof programmes and nature-based cooling tackle rising heat and fire risk.

**Southeastern Anatolia** – Permeable-surface rules, neighbourhood evacuation maps and detailed flood-risk zoning protect fast-growing towns.

**Aegean** – Hybrid sea walls plus restored dunes and wetlands curb sea-level rise and coastal erosion.

Coordinated by national ministries, **AFAD, DSİ, local governments and universities**, these initiatives aim to deliver a climate-resilient, liveable **Türkiye by 2050**.





# CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND ACTION PLAN FOR TÜRKIYE'S MEDITERRANEAN REGION

## Why This Plan Matters!

The Mediterranean Region of Türkiye is experiencing climate change faster than the global average. Rising temperatures, decreasing rainfall, more intense droughts, wildfires, sea level rise, and extreme weather are already impacting the region's environment, economy, and public health. This plan aims to protect communities, sustain natural resources, and build a climate-resilient future.

Key Climate Risks	Key Adaptation and Mitigation Actions	How You Can Contribute
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# CLIMATE RESILIENCE FOR MARMARA REGION

## Long-Term Adaptation and Implementation Strategy

### Facing the Climate Crisis in Marmara

**The Marmara Region, home to over 25 million people and the economic heart of Türkiye, is already feeling the impact of climate change:**

- **Heatwaves intensified by the urban heat island effect**
- **Floods and flash floods from more intense rainfall**
- **Sea level rise threatening coastal cities like Istanbul**
- **Increased risks to public health, transport, and waste systems**

Priority Areas and  
Actions

Methodology at a Glance

Call to Action





# BLACK SEA REGION CLIMATE ADAPTATION

## Facing the Climate Challenge in the Black Sea Region

The Black Sea Region of Türkiye is one of the most ecologically diverse areas of the country. However, this richness is under growing threat from climate change. Rising temperatures, changing rainfall patterns, more frequent floods and landslides, and threats to marine and forest ecosystems are already being observed.

The region's hilly terrain, dense settlements along valleys and coasts, and reliance on agriculture and fisheries make it especially vulnerable. Local governments and public institutions must take proactive measures to build climate resilience.

Key Climate Risks in the  
Black Sea Region

Adaptation Priorities &  
Actions

Implementation  
Approach



# EASTERN ANATOLIA CLIMATE ADAPTATION

**Eastern Anatolia is facing significant climate-related challenges including rising temperatures, droughts, irregular precipitation, and increased flood risks. The region requires a proactive, integrated response to adapt to these changes and build resilience across all sectors.**

Key Climate Risks

Adaptation Priorities &  
Actions

Co-benefits of  
Adaptation





# ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE AEGEAN REGION OF TÜRKİYE

The Aegean Region, with its rich natural ecosystems, agricultural productivity, historical heritage, and growing urban areas, faces severe challenges from climate change. Rising temperatures, prolonged droughts, intense rainfall, and sea level rise threaten not only biodiversity but also human health and regional economies.

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Key Climate Risks in the  
Aegean Region

Priority Sectors for  
Adaptation

Adaptation Actions  
(Examples)



# **Key ACHIEVEMENTS OF EU4ETTR PROJECT**

***“SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL, FAILURE IS NOT FATAL: IT IS  
THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT COUNTS.”  
— WINSTON CHURCHILL***







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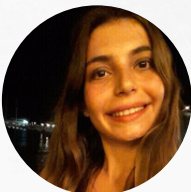
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# ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE EU4ETTR PROJECT

**MUNICIPALITIES ARE EMPOWERED  
THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN  
MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE  
PLATFORM**

1



- A functional multi-level governance model was established in Türkiye through the MLGP4Climate platform, with nearly 200 institutions becoming part of the platform by June 2025.
- 37 women's cooperatives were engaged to join the platform to support SECAP implementation and local climate action.
- The platform brought together 86 CoM signatories from Türkiye, 10 municipalities from the Western Balkans, and 10 other municipal associations.
- A dedicated IT tool and a bilingual digital library with over 1,000 resources were developed to support local planning and learning.
- The MLGP4Climate network extended across more than 10 countries, primarily from the EU and neighboring regions.

# 2

## STRENGTHENED REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Active participation in key international and regional events, including the UCLG-MEWA Executive Bureau Meeting, Konak Climate Summit, Karatay Climate Finance Workshop, COP28, WUF12, TAIEX TRATOLOW Workshop, and the Cities Meet Cities programme. Two study visits to Lithuania (July & December 2024) were conducted.
- A Financial Instruments Workshop was organized with the GAP Fund, alongside participation in IRENEC 2024 and 2025. The MLGP4Climate
- Declaration was launched, introducing formal cooperation frameworks with the CoM Mediterranean and the GCoM network.







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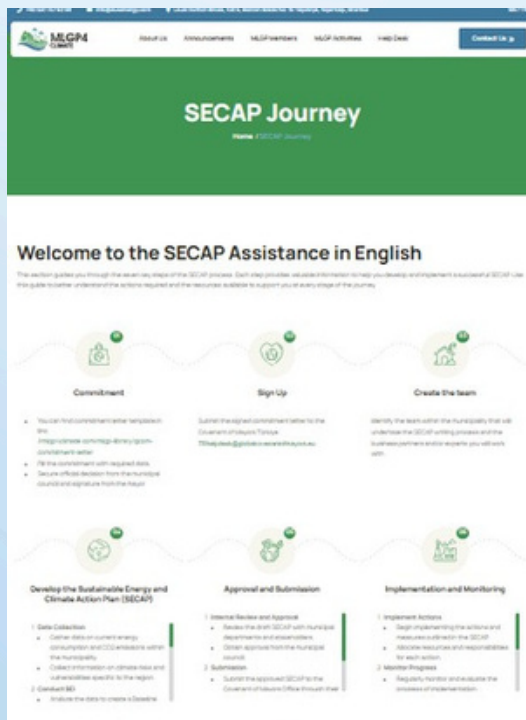


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# 3

## SECAP PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATED



- 40+ municipalities received technical support for their SECAP preparation
- 32 municipalities completed and submitted their SECAP reports
- A 7-step SECAP guideline and implementation tools were published
- Bağcılar Municipality: 2.88 million MWh energy savings target (53% in first 3 years)
- IMM: 617,000 tCO<sub>2</sub> reduction commitment; 1.9 million MWh savings in first 3 years

# Sustainability

<https://mlgp4climate.com/secap-journey>





# IMPLEMENTATION OF GRANT PILOT SECAP PROJECTS

# 4



- €395,570 in EU grants supported SECAP pilot projects.
- The three pilot municipalities set annual CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets as follows: Melikgazi – 120.93 tonnes, Çorlu – 107.2 tonnes, and Bağcılar – 100.32 tonnes.
- €2M in external funding mobilized (2023–2024).
- €40M project pipeline in development.





# SECAP MONITORING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

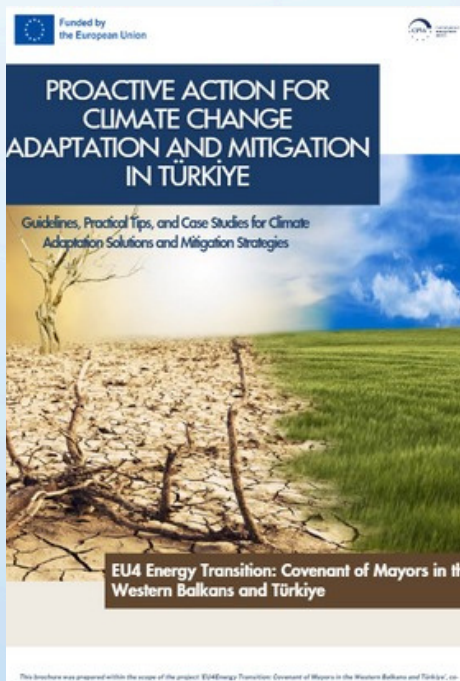
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- An IT SECAP monitoring tool was developed for IMM that is adaptable to all municipalities.
- A SECAP Monitoring Workshop was organised with JRC, alongside the creation of a strategic and regular knowledge exchange structure.
- A project monitoring template was created and shared for SECAP action tracking.
- Capacity-building sessions reached CoM municipalities; over 200 participants received mentoring and tailored support for monitoring SECAPs.
- Climate risk assessments and consulting were provided to 10+ municipalities.



# TÜRKİYE'S GCOM HELP DESK IS FUNCTIONAL

# 6



- The Türkiye CoM Help-Desk is fully operational; needs assessment conducted with 46 CoM municipalities.
- 50+ trainings held between 2021–2025, with 1,600+ officials trained;
- An impactful 12-week SECAP Masterclass in 2025 drew an average of 199 participants.
- The developed materials include 12 training documents and 12 instructional videos, AI-supported SECAP training content, informative brochures on energy poverty and nature-based solutions, as well as a SECAP Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI) toolkit, a climate finance guide, and an adaptation manual.



**MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP  
MASTERCLASS 2025**



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# Key ACHIEVEMENTS OF EU4ETTR PROJECT



**The EU4ETTR project, co-funded by the EU and the German government, has empowered over 200 institutions in Türkiye and the Western Balkans through a multilevel climate governance model.**

**With 114 Turkish and 10 Balkan municipalities engaged, the platform fostered strong regional collaboration, involved women's cooperatives, and created a bilingual digital library of 1,000+ resources.**

**SECAP planning accelerated with 32 municipalities finalizing climate action plans, while cities like Istanbul and Bağcılar committed to significant energy savings and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets. International visibility expanded via COP28, WUF12, and UCLG events, while €395,000 in EU grants and €2M in complementary funding supported pilot initiatives.**

**A digital monitoring tool, AI-supported training content, and 1,600+ trained officials boosted local capacity. A fully functional Help Desk and strategic cooperation with GCoM further reinforced impact.**

**We extend our heartfelt thanks to all project partners, municipal leaders, civil society actors, and dedicated team members whose commitment and collaboration made these achievements possible. Together, we are building resilient communities and setting a precedent for inclusive, multilevel climate governance. Thank you for being part of this journey!**







# Key ACHIEVEMENTS OF EU4ETTR PROJECT







# EU4ETTR PROJECT'S ACHIEVEMENTS- EVENTS GALLERY



The End of SECAP Capacity Building Training Ceremony



UCLG-MEWA Executive Bureau Meeting



# EU4ETTR PROJECT'S ACHIEVEMENTS- EVENT GALLERY



Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality SECAP Disclosure Event,  
İstanbul, Nov 2023





# EU4ETTR PROJECT'S ACHIEVEMENTS- EVENT GALLERY

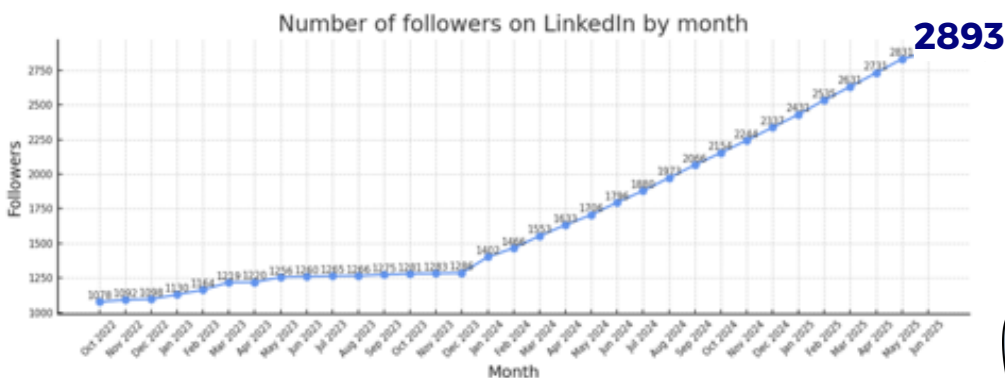
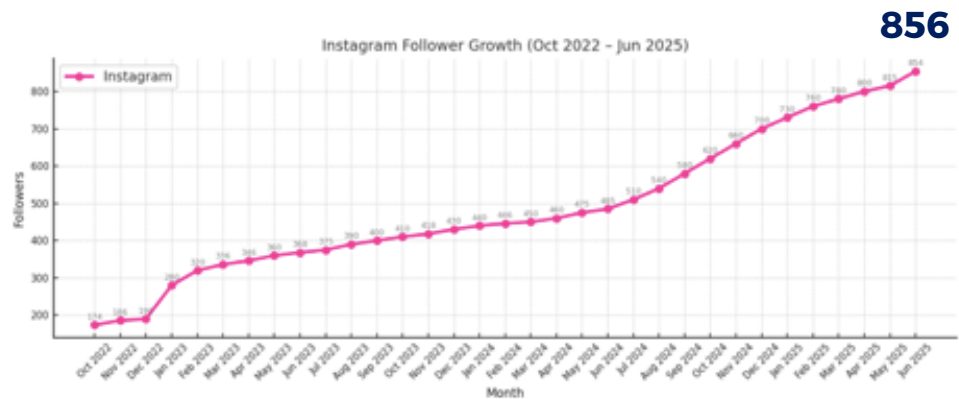
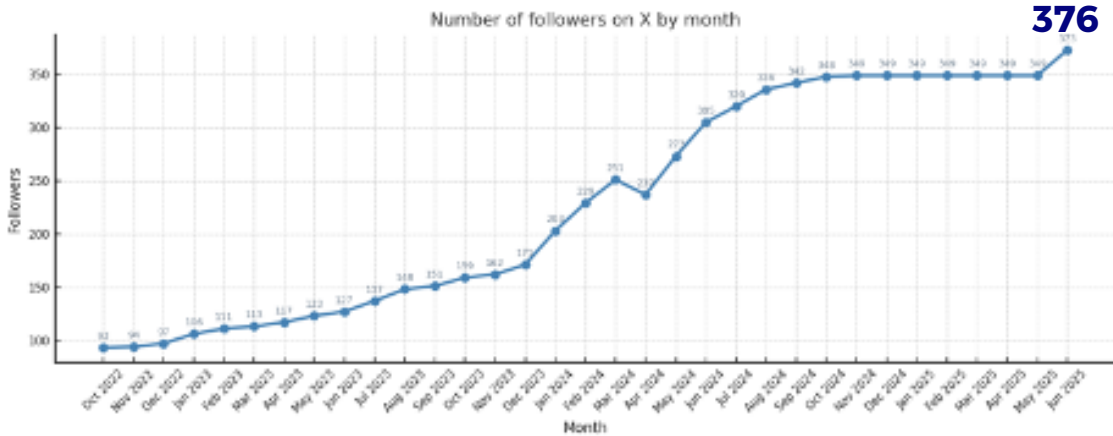


Ardahan Climate Change Panel, Feb 2022



Multistakeholder Partnerships for Climate Resilient Cities Panel  
organized in İzmir Wenergy Clean Energy Technologies Fair,  
İzmir,Türkiye, Dec 2023

# Followers Growth by years for climate actions:



Thanks to strategic content planning and awareness campaigns, the follower base has grown steadily over the years. The year-over-year increase in followers clearly demonstrates the rapid expansion of digital awareness around climate actions.



# Visibility for climate actions:

Climate Change and Climate Action News:

Important Days:



The project has successfully disseminated essential knowledge through a wide range of communication tools, including news bulletins, public announcements, and practical guidebooks. With the invaluable collaboration of national and international partners—such as the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), the Covenant of Mayors (CoM), and other strategic stakeholders—we have effectively reached and engaged a broad spectrum of audiences with timely, relevant, and impactful content.





# EU4ETTR ANNOUNCEMENTS



The **MLGP4Climate platform will continue to operate** beyond the project's formal end, serving as a vital resource for municipalities and stakeholders across Türkiye and the Western Balkans. Its **tools, networks, and digital library remain accessible** to support ongoing and future climate action efforts in the region.

For continued **collaboration, guidance, or technical support**, please feel free to reach out to us at:

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**Together, we can keep the momentum going and advance climate resilience at the local level!**



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# EU4 ENERGY TRANSITION: COVENANT OF MAYORS

IN THE WESTERN BALKANS  
AND TÜRKİYE

## Our Note:

“

**THE END IS JUST ANOTHER NAME FOR A NEW  
BEGINNING.  
– T.S. ELIOT**

”

**A well-built system learns to move on its own – and as it moves, it draws new paths. Some structures are designed not to end, but to evolve.**

**We extend our gratitude to those who joined, questioned, built, challenged, shaped.**

**This is not a farewell. It's a threshold – where the process quietly expands its own logic and keeps moving forward.**