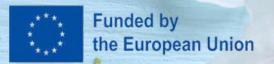


EU4Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors In the Western Balkans and Türkiye

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EU4 ENERGY TRANSITION: COVENANT OF MAYORS

IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TÜRKİYE

May Focus:

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." — Mahatma Gandhi

As we embrace the spirit of May, the heart of spring, the **MLGP4Climate Platform continues to grow stronger** in its mission for a sustainable future. This month, we proudly welcomed new members, expanding our network of change-makers.

Key milestones were reached this month: 15 municipalities joined, 37 women's cooperatives became part of the network, and a this month 8 SECAPs consultancies provided by technical consultancy.

The MLGP4Climate Library has reached a significant milestone, with 786 articles now available for knowledge sharing along with the new materials. In addition, nine events were successfully held, especially: Empowering Women through Women's Cooperatives and Other Initiatives for SECAP Implementation, and

the Natural Cities Union EU Mayors Agreement Mass Signing Ceremony, IRENEC Conference

With every step, our collaboration with municipalities builds momentum, driving us closer to a resilient and sustainable future for all.









Covenant of Mayors Türkiye May 2025



- 1. Adana Metropolitan Municipality
- 2. Alaçam Municipality (Samsun)
- 3. Amasya Municipality
- 4. Ankara Metropolitan Municipality
- 5. Antalya Metropolitan Municipality
- 6. Ardahan Municipality
- 7. Atasehir 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
- 19. Beypazarı Municipality
- 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
- 29. Çeşme Municipality
- 30. Çine Municipality
- 31. Çiğli Municipality
- 32. Çorlu Municipality
- 33. Çukurova Municipality
- 34. Denizli Municipality
- 35. Didim Municipality
- 36. Diyarbakır Municipality 37. Dörtdivan Municipality
- 38. Edirne Municipaity
- 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. Incirliova Municipality
- 54. İnegöl Municipality
- 55. Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality
- 56. İzmir Metropolitan Municipality
- 57. Izmit Municipality
- 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
- 69. Konya Municipality
- 70. Kula Municipality
- 71. Kuşadası Municipality
- 72. Küçükçekmece Municipality
- 73. Kütahya Municipality
- 74. Maltepe Municipality
- 75. Marmaris Municipality
- 77. Menderes Municipality

76. Melikgazi Municipality (Kayseri)

- 78. Menteşe Municipality
- 79. Mersin Metropolitan Municipality
- 80. Mezitli Municipality
- 81. Muğla Metropolitan Municipality
- 82. Muratpaşa Municipality
- 83. Narlidere Municipality
- 84. Nilüfer Municipality
- 85. Nusaybin Municipality
- 86. Oğuzlar Municipality
- 87. Osmangazi Municipality
- 88. Ödemiş Municipality
- 89. Pendik Municipality
- 90. Safranbolu Municipality
- 91. Sakarya Metropolitan Municipality
- 92. Samsun Metropolitan Municipality
- 93. Seferihisar Municipality
- 94. Selçuklu Municipality
- 95. Serdivan Municipality
- 96. Seyhan Municipality
- 97. Silivri Municipality
- 98. Simav Municipality
- 99. Sinding Municipality
- 100. Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality
- 101. Şişli Municipality
- 102. Sultanbeyli Municipality
- 103. Suluova Municipality
- 104. Tekirdağ Metropolitan Municipality
- 105. Trabzon Ortahisar Municipality
- 106. Üsküdar Municipality
- 107. Uzunköprü Municipality
- 108. Van Metropolitan Municipality
- 109. Yalova Municipality
- 110. Yenice Municipality
- 111. Yenimahalle Municipality
- 112. Yenişehir Municipality (Mersin)
- 113. Yunus Emre Municipality 114. Zile Municipality

NEW COMERS

MLGP PLATFORM GROWS WITH 37 WOMEN'S COOPERATIVES AND 15 NEW MUNICIPALITIES

15 newly joined municipalities have also become signatories of the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), while 37 women's cooperatives have been integrated into the MLGP Platform network.









GROWING STRONGER: 37 WOMEN'S COOPERATIVES JOINED MLGP4CLIMATE TO SUPPORT IN CLIMATE ACTIONS

Each cooperative brings unique strength, creativity, and a shared commitment to building a more inclusive and sustainable future. Together, a meaningful impact will be created, **amplify women's voices, and support community-driven change.**

Women's participation is vital in shaping fair climate and energy policies. In SECAP, their leadership fosters inclusive decisions and resilient, lasting solutions.

Collaboration on impactful initiatives rooted in solidarity, resilience, and innovation is highly anticipated.

Women cooperatives are great partners for sustainable development. Welcome on board!













GROWING STRONGER: 37 WOMEN'S COOPERATIVES NOW PART OF MLGP4CLIMATE

Exciting event on May 7, 2025, in Istanbul brought together 37 women cooperatives to strengthen women's role in SECAP implementation. New inspiring initiatives joined our network, adding energy, innovation, and local commitment for sustainable climate action. Together, we build a stronger community where women lead lasting change.



















- Ahtamara Women's Agricultural Cooperative
- Alaşehir Women's Cooperative
- Anamur Women's Initiative Cooperative
- Ankazen Women's Cooperative
- Arapgir Tourism Development Cooperative
- Ayancık Women's Initiative Production and Business Cooperative
- Beykoz Cumhuriyet Neighborhood Women
 Farmers Agricultural Development Cooperative
- BİLSEK Cooperative
- Bozkır's Initiative Production and Business
 Cooperative







GROWING STRONGER: 37 WOMEN'S COOPERATIVES NOW PART OF MLGP4CLIMATE

























- Kooperatif Ordusu Women's Cooperative
- Domaniç Women's Initiative Production and Business Cooperative
- Ece Women's Initiative Production and Business Cooperative
- Gastronomy Sultans Cooperative
- Güzel Ordu Initiative Production and Business Cooperative
- Gülgönen Agricultural Development Cooperative
- Hanım Çanağı Çanakkale Cooperative
- Happy Nutrition Cooperative
- Kabuk Cooperative
- Komşu Food Business Solidarity
 Cooperative
- Kuluncak Women's Cooperative
- Mahmudiye Women's Cooperative
- Ipsala Women's Cooperative







GROWING STRONGER: 37 WOMEN'S COOPERATIVES NOW PART OF MLGP4CLIMATE























- Ortaca Hand-in-Hand Women's Initiative Production and Business Cooperative
- Osmaniye Initiative Production and Business Cooperative
- Pamukova Women's Initiative
 Production and Business
 Cooperative
- Salihli Women's Cooperative
- Sarıkamış Women's Cooperative
- Siverek Women's DevelopmentCooperative
- Social Trace Women's Initiative
 Cooperative
- Kıvılcım Women's Cooperative
- Suluova Producing Hands Women's
 Initiative Cooperative
- Tomurcuk Kadıneli Agricultural
 Development Cooperative
- Eşme Women's Cooperative
- Akyazı Tıbbi Çiftçiler Women'sCooperative
- Trakya Working Women's Cooperative







LEADING THE WAY: NEW MUNICIPALITIES JOIN GCOM AND MLGP PLATFORMS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

- 1. CESME MUNICIPALITY
- 2. NUSAYBIN MUNICIPALITY
- 3. SINDIRGI MUNICIPALITY
- 4. BEYAĞAÇ MUNICIPALITY
- 5. GÖRDES MUNICIPALITY
- 6. SIMAV MUNICIPALITÝ
- 7. GEYVE MUNICIPALITY





























9. BEYPAZARI MUNICIPALITY

10. ELMALI MUNICIPALITY

11. GERMENCIK MUNICIPALITY

12. INCIRLIOVA MUNICIPALITY

13. EFELER MUNICIPALITY

14. DIDIM MUNICIPALITY

15. ÖDEMIŞ MUNICIPALITY













CONGRATULATIONS CESME MUNICIPALITY NEW MEMBER OF MLGP & GCOM

On Friday, May 16, Çeşme Municipality officially joined the MLGP and GCoM platforms!

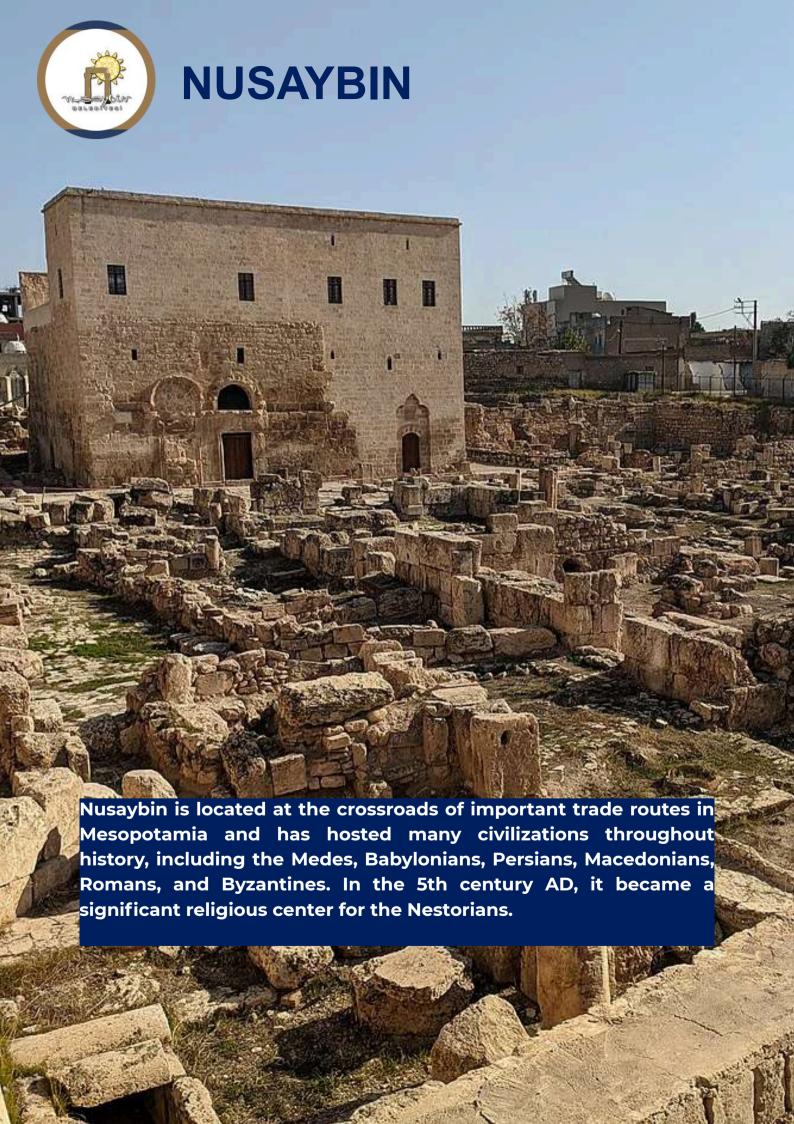
The signing ceremony took place at the Çeşme Municipality building, with the participation of Mayor Lâl Denizli, Project Leader Daiva Matonienė, and Project Expert Arif Kunarlı.

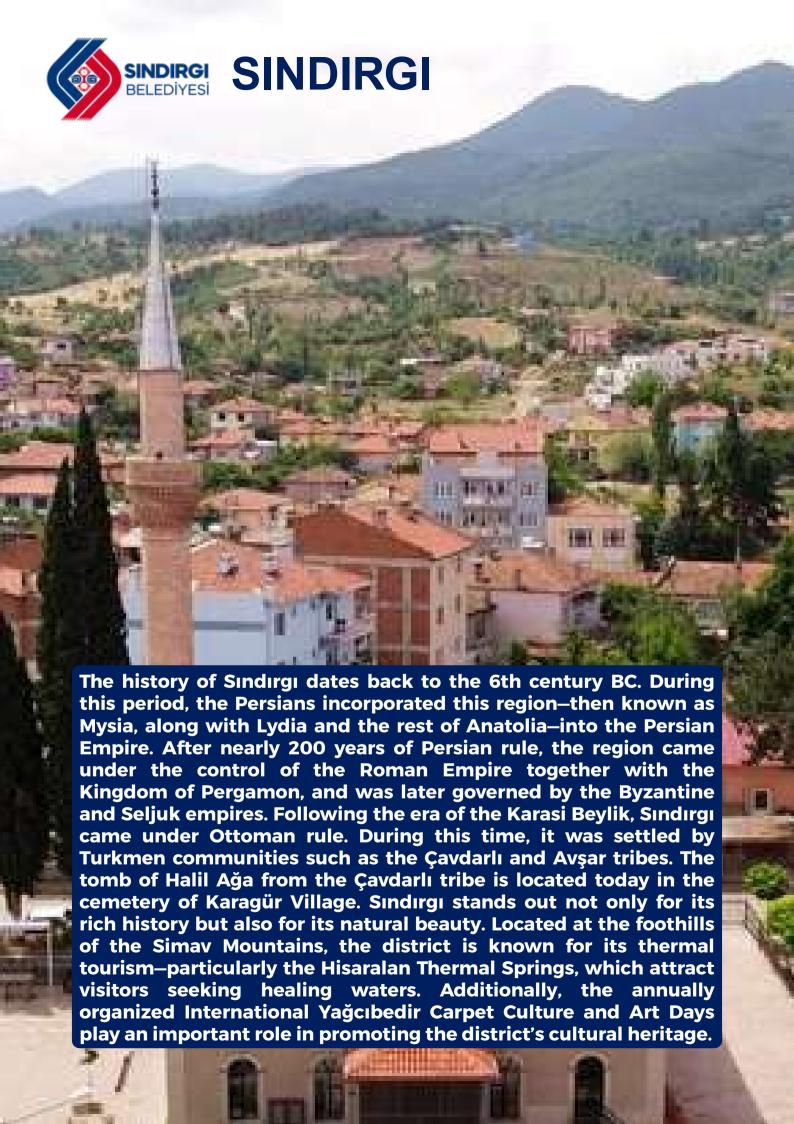
What makes this moment even more remarkable is that Çeşme has successfully completed its **SECAP** (Sustainable Energy Action Plan) —demonstrating strong commitment, strategic planning, and visionary leadership in the fight against climate change.

Çeşme sets a leading example for other municipalities by combining membership with concrete climate action.





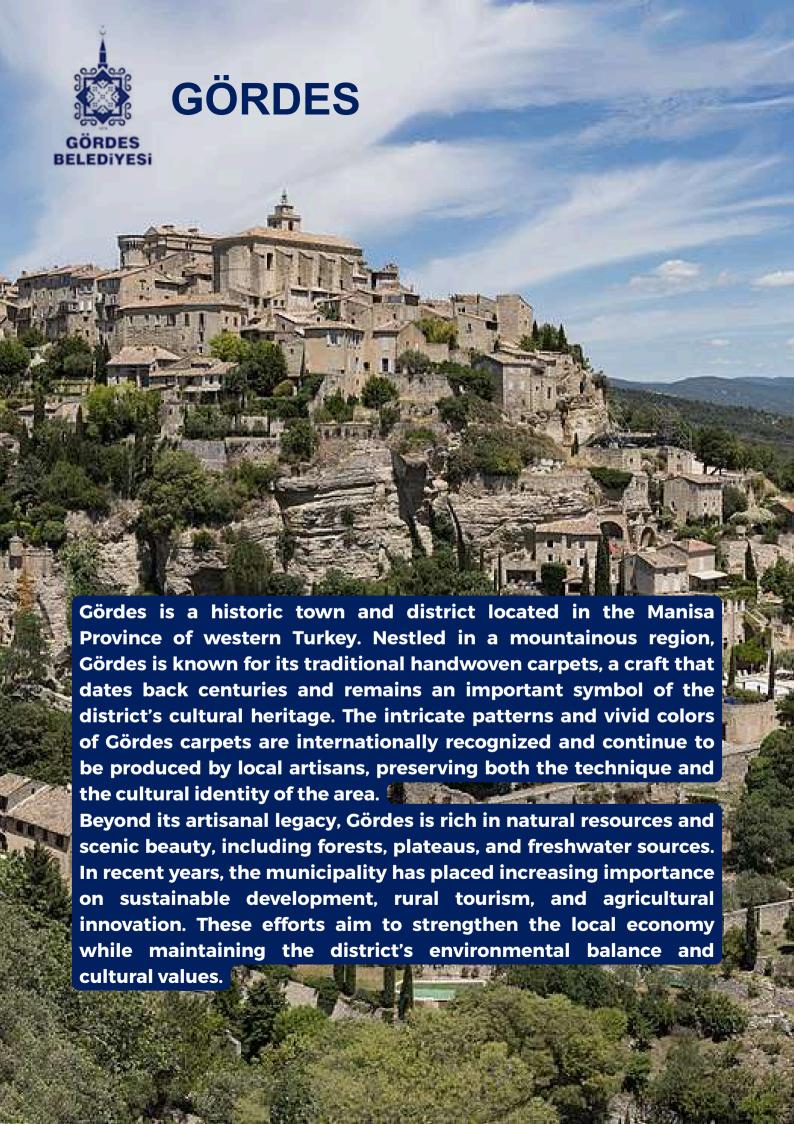






Beyağaç is a small but ecologically rich district located in the southwestern part of Denizli Province, Turkey. Nestled near the foothills of the Sandras Mountains, Beyağaç is widely recognized for its pristine nature and endemic plant species. The region is home to the ancient Black Pine forests of Topuklu Plateau, which are protected due to their ecological significance and impressive biodiversity.

In recent years, Beyağaç has emphasized sustainable tourism and environmental conservation, aiming to preserve its untouched natural landscapes. The district is also known for its traditional lifestyle, local agricultural practices, and cultural events that reflect the harmony between nature and community.







Simav is a district located in Kütahya Province, western Turkey, renowned for its rich thermal waters and natural landscapes. The area has long attracted visitors seeking the therapeutic benefits of its hot springs, which contribute significantly to local tourism. Simav also features fertile agricultural land, producing a variety of crops that support the district's economy. Historically, Simav has been a crossroads of civilizations, reflected in its cultural heritage and archaeological sites.

In recent years, Simav Municipality has focused on sustainable development, balancing tourism growth with environmental protection. Investments in infrastructure and community services aim to improve quality of life while preserving the district's natural and historical assets.



Geyve is a district situated in Sakarya Province, northwestern Turkey, known for its rich agricultural heritage and scenic beauty along the Sakarya River valley. Geyve boasts fertile lands, producing a wide range of fruits and vegetables, especially renowned for its apricots and peaches. The district's natural environment features mountains, forests, and rivers, offering opportunities for eco-tourism and outdoor activities.

With a deep-rooted history, Geyve has been an important settlement area since ancient times, contributing to the cultural mosaic of the region. The municipality actively promotes sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation to ensure long-term prosperity and ecological balance for its community.



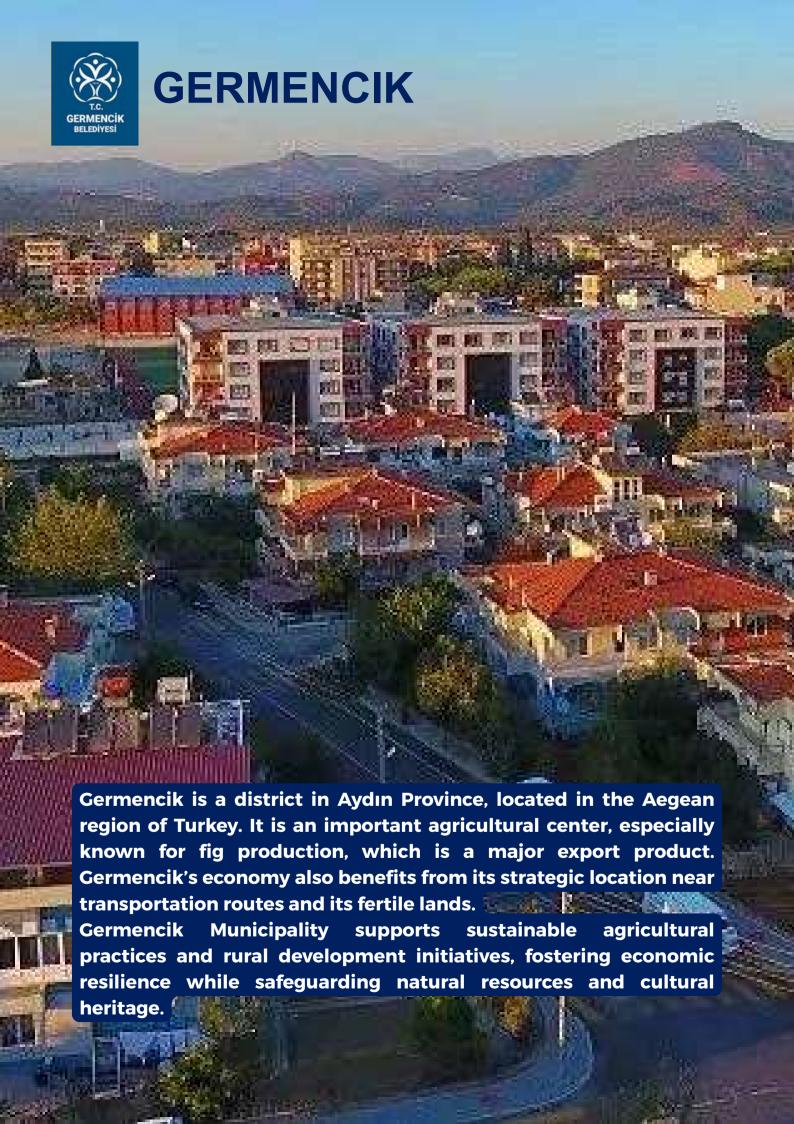
BEYPAZARI



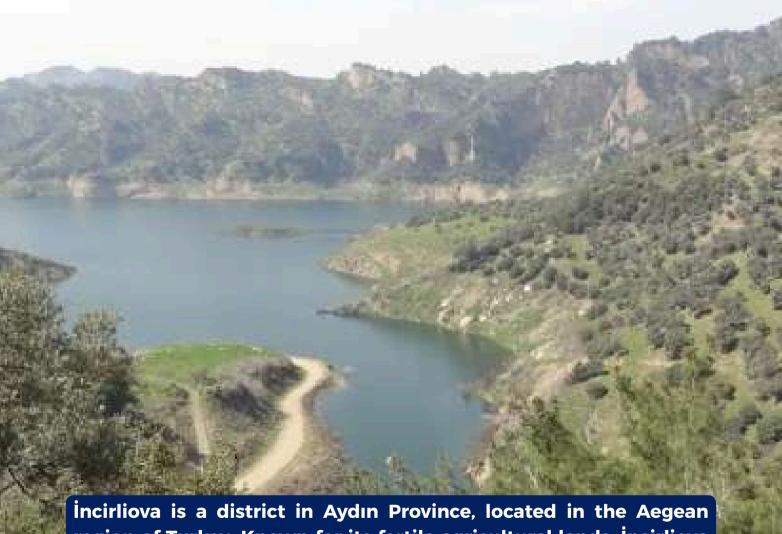


Elmalı is a district in Antalya Province, southwestern Turkey, nestled in a mountainous region known for its apple orchards, from which it derives its name ("Elmalı" means "with apples" in Turkish). The district combines rich agricultural traditions with a rich historical background, featuring ancient ruins and traditional villages.

Elmalı Municipality prioritizes sustainable agriculture and rural tourism, promoting its natural and cultural heritage to enhance local livelihoods while protecting the environment.







Incirliova is a district in Aydın Province, located in the Aegean region of Turkey. Known for its fertile agricultural lands, İncirliova is especially famous for fig and olive cultivation, contributing significantly to the local economy. The district combines a rich cultural heritage with a strong agricultural tradition, reflecting its historical roots and community life.

incirliova Municipality is focused on promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development, supporting local farmers, and enhancing infrastructure to improve living standards while preserving the district's natural and cultural assets.





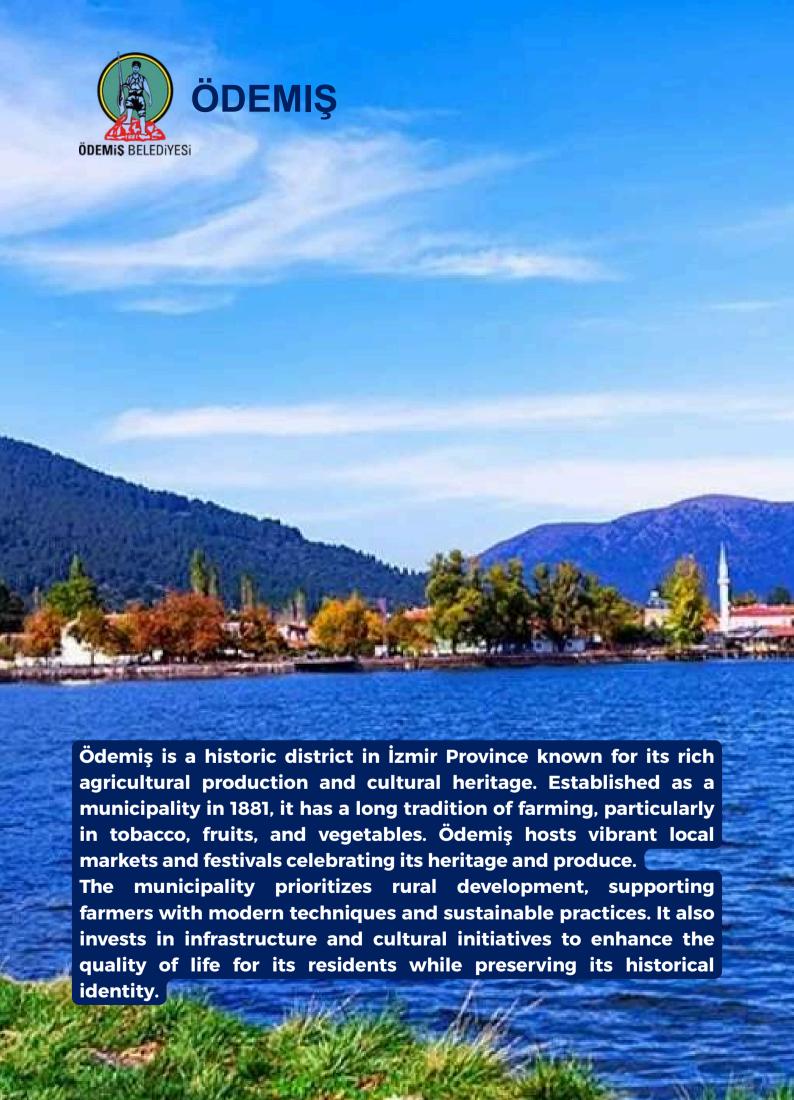
Efeler is the central district of Aydın Province in western Turkey, encompassing the city of Aydın. It is a key economic and cultural hub known for its fertile plains producing olives, figs, and citrus fruits. Efeler has a rich history dating back to ancient times, with significant archaeological sites nearby.

The municipality focuses on urban development projects that balance economic growth with environmental sustainability, aiming to improve public services and living standards while preserving its historical and natural assets.



Didim is a coastal district in Aydın Province, located along the Aegean Sea. It is renowned for its ancient ruins, including the famous Temple of Apollo, attracting tourists from all over the world. The district's economy thrives on tourism, agriculture, and fishing, with a growing hospitality sector thanks to its beautiful beaches and historical sites.

Didim Municipality is dedicated to preserving its rich historical heritage while promoting sustainable tourism and local development. The municipality focuses on infrastructure improvements and environmental protection to balance tourism growth with community well-being.





Monthly SECAP PROGRESS











NARLIDERE MUNICIPALITY: SECAP COMPLETED AND APRPOVED





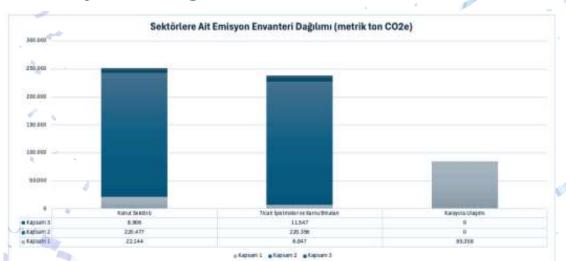




Municipality Narlidere has achieved a great success by 2023 completing the Greenhouse Gas **Emission** Inventory and obtaining council approval for the SECAP report! In addition to calculating emissions in line with the GPC 'BASIC' standard. the SECAP outlines clear mitigation and adaptation actions. marking commitment to local climate resilience and sustainability.

With total emissions of approximately **575,636 MtCO₂e,** particularly driven by electricity consumption, significant reductions are planned in the coming years. The 2023 baseline year serves as a crucial roadmap for achieving the **2030 and 2050 emission reduction targets.**

Narlidere has once again demonstrated exemplary leadership among environmentally friendly cities; the next step is to take action and build a **climate-friendly future together!**













SELÇUKLU BELEDİYESİ

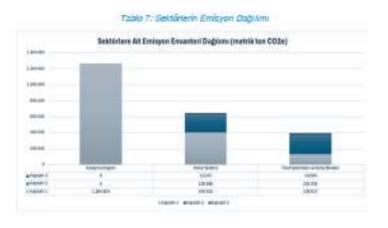
SÜRDÜRÜLEBİLİR ENERJİ VE İKLİM EYLEM PLANI (SECAP) 2025







This risk and vulnerability assessment identifies kev climate Selçuklu, including threats in heavy drought, rainfall. heatwaves. By evaluating hazard, exposure, and sensitivity factors, it highlights the district's growing vulnerability linked to dependency, urban pressures, and population growth. The findings guide local adaptation strategies for greater climate resilience.



With total emissions of approximately **2,310,711 MtCO₂e**, the majority stem from Scope 1 (1,800,352 MtCO₂e) and Scope 2 (482,518 MtCO₂e) sources, with Scope 3 contributing 27,841 MtCO₂e. Road transport accounts for **54.7% of emissions, followed by stationary energy with 45.3%.**









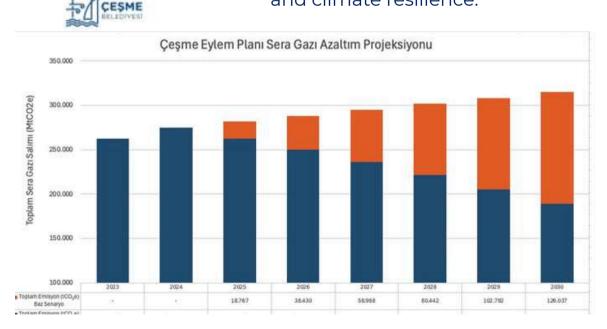
CESME MUNICIPALITY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE SECAP PROCESS



ÇEŞME BELEDİYESİ
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VE İKLİM EYLEM PLANI
(SECAP)
2025

Çeşme Municipality has demonstrated strong climate leadership by completing its Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) and finalizing the 2023 Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory.

The inventory, aligned with the GPC 'BASIC' standard, quantifies key sectoral emissions, while the SECAP outlines actionable strategies for both mitigation and adaptation—strengthening Çeşme's path toward sustainability and climate resilience.



With total greenhouse gas emissions of approximately 271,013 tCO₂e, the majority comes from Scope 1 sources (238,434 tCO₂e), followed by Scope 2 (30,321 tCO₂e), and Scope 3 (2,258 tCO₂e). The stationary energy sector is the leading contributor, accounting

for 53.5% of total emissions, followed by road transport with 46.5%.









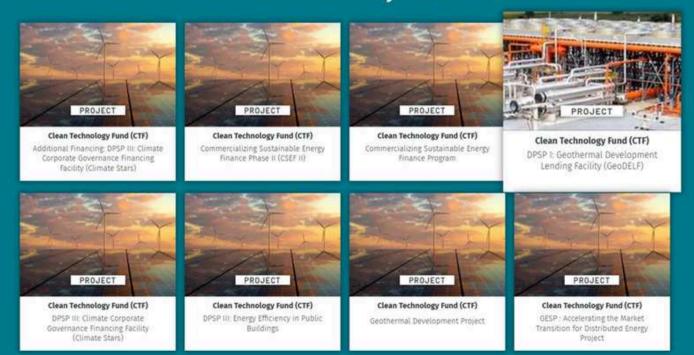
A NEW ERA FOR MUNICIPALITIES ON THE EU PATH: READINESS MEASURED, FINANCIAL ATTRACTION OPPORTUNITIES

The preparedness of municipalities in Türkiye for participating in EU-funded projects is now being systematically assessed. The newly published EU Project Readiness Assessment Form evaluates kev areas such as project digital experience. infrastructure, gender equality, and sustainability practices across 7 categories, with a total score out of 100. This tool enables municipalities to identify their strenaths and areas improvement, supporting strategic planning and informed decision-making.

Meanwhile, the EU's 2025 financial calls open up significant new opportunities. Programmes such as LIFE Clean Energy Transition, Horizon Europe, Interreg NEXT MED, IPA, and Twinning offer funding for projects in energy efficiency, circular economy, digital transformation, and social inclusion.

With the right assessment and alignment, access to EU funding is now more achievable than ever for municipalities in Türkiye!

TÜRKIYE PROJECTS



Stakeholder's and partners Insights







One of the best MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass student Stakeholder's insight: Elif

Erkan



The MLGP platform is a valuable network where local governments can act together in the fight against the climate crisis and share knowledge and experience.

Being part of this platform not only strengthens the capacity of our own municipality, but also enables us to create a collective impact at the national level.

PROJECT'S process not only enhanced my technical capacity but also strengthened my skills in interdisciplinary collaboration, strategic planning, and effective communication with stakeholders.





MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass award ceremony, 2025-04-29, Istanbul

Major Events & Collaborations with Municipalities and Organizations

"LOCAL ACTION IS THE FOUNDATION OF GLOBAL PROGRESS."

- KOFI ANNAN







EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH WOMEN'S COOPERATIVES AND OTHER INITIATIVES FOR SECAP IMPLEMENTATION 07 MAY 2025

The workshop titled "Empowering Women: Women's Cooperatives and Other Initiatives for SECAP Implementation" was successfully held on 7 May 2025 in Istanbul.

Organized under the EU-funded EU4 Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Türkiye project, the event explored how women's cooperatives can play an active role in tackling climate change and contributing to sustainable energy planning. Special focus was given to cooperatives in the agriculture and food sectors, highlighting their potential contributions to Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs).

Experts such as Daiva Matoniene and Dr. F. Figen Ar provided insights on topics like climate change, energy transition, circular economy, and smart agriculture. The group sessions resulted in concrete project ideas, marking an important step towards strengthening women's roles in climate action.

The event concluded with a strong emphasis on increasing women's participation in sustainable development and climate resilience efforts.























CONGRATULATIONS TO ISTANBUL METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY!

On May 14, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality has earned high recognition and aword from the European Union in Vilnius, European Green Capital 2025 for its ambitious and determined climate efforts.

As part of the EU's NetZeroCities Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, coordinated by the Climate Change Department, submitted the Istanbul Climate City Contract to the European Commission. Following a thorough evaluation, the city has been officially awarded the prestigious EU Mission Label, positioning Istanbul as a leading city in the transition toward a climate-neutral future.

This achievement highlights Istanbul's exemplary role in advancing Europe's green transformation.











NATURAL CITIES UNION EU MAYORS AGREEMENT MASS SIGNING CEREMONY TO JOIN GCOM AND MLGP4CIMATE PLATFORM 17 MAY 2025

On May 17th, 2025, Kuşadası together with EU4ETTR project orgaqnised one of the most meaningful milestones on the path to a climate-resilient and nature-friendly future. Organized in partnership with the Natural Cities Union and the MLGP4Climate platform, the EU Mayors Agreement Mass Signing Ceremony marked a turning point as 14 new municipalities officially joined both the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) and the MLGP4Climate platform!

Mayors and local leaders participating in the ceremony made a shared commitment to take concrete and determined action against the climate crisis. This strong alliance goes far beyond a signature on paper—it represents the beginning of a powerful wave of transformation where cities grow in harmony with nature and adopt sustainable living practices.

By joining GCoM and MLGP4Climate, these municipalities have pledged to contribute to global sustainability goals while implementing bold climate actions at the local level—empowering their communities and leading by example.









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FROM SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLANS (SECAPS) TO ACTION: MLP4CLIMATE FOR LOCAL CLIMATE LEADERSHIP IN TÜRKIYE

From Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) to Action: MLP4Climate for Local Climate Leadership in Türkiye was presented by Daiva Matonienė at the 2025 IRENEC Conference. The presentation highlighted the needs faced by municipalities in Türkiye when turning SECAPs into concrete actions and showcased the solutions developed under the MLP4Climate project. Key topics included the capacity-building trainings conducted in pilot municipalities, the exchange of best practices, and approaches that strengthen public participation. The crucial role of local governments in the transition from planning to implementation, as well as the impact of capacity development efforts, was thoroughly discussed.

Daiva Motenienė's insights once again emphasized the importance of local and international cooperation in the global shift towards 100% renewable energy.















BAGCILAR MUNICIPALITY- ENERGY DESK WORKSHOP 21 MAY 2025

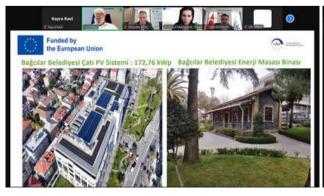
The Energy Desk Workshop, organized in collaboration with Bağcılar Municipality, brought together experts to discuss key topics such as energy poverty, sustainable energy, energy efficiency practices, and successful examples from Lithuania. The Energy Desk is key to helping municipalities develop effective local energy strategies. It connects national policies with local action, offering guidance and coordination for impactful and inclusive solutions.

Moderated by Energy Expert Mr. Arif Künar, the session featured valuable contributions from specialists from the **Ministry of Environment**, **Urbanisation and Climate Change and the Ministry of Energy of Lithuania**.

It was a truly inspiring and productive event filled with expert knowledge and collaborative spirit — we hope the insights shared will contribute meaningfully to future energy actions and local solutions.







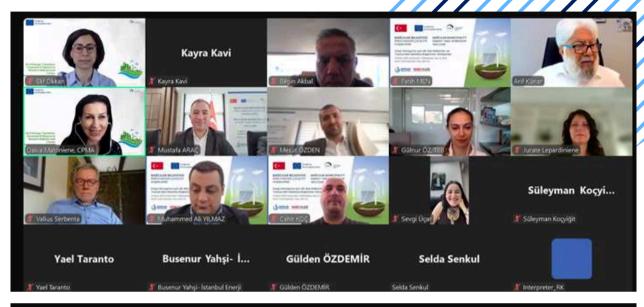








BAGCILAR MUNICIPALITY- ENERGY DESK WORKSHOP 21 MAY 2025













EU4ETTR ORGANISED TECHNICAL WORKSHOP IN JOINT RESEACH CENTER 23 MAY 2025

On 23 May 2025, Turkey's leading climate-focused professionals came together in Ispra, Italy, at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) for a hands-on technical workshop.

With the participation of experts, this key event focused on the preparation, implementation, and monitoring of **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs).** It also provided a valuable platform for exchanging best practices, strengthening technical capacity, and fostering cross-border collaboration for local climate resilience.



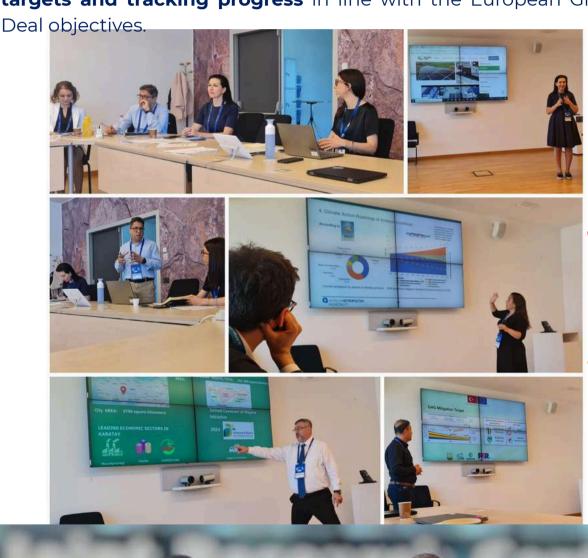






JRC TECHNICAL WORKSHOP 23 MAY 2025

The workshop highlighted JRC's vital role as the EU's science and knowledge service. Through its research and technical support, JRC assists local governments in developing evidence-based policies for climate resilience. The center provides essential tools, such as the MyCovenant reporting platform and SECAP templates, which guide municipalities in setting realistic emission reduction targets and tracking progress in line with the European Green











ENLARGEMENT DAY 2025 AND FINALIZATION EVENT AT THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS (COR) IN BRUSSELS! 28 MAY 2025

Inspiring success stories from the Western Balkans and Türkiye and finalization event were organised during Enlargement Day 2025, held at the European Committee of the Regions in Brussels. Notably, Bağcılar and Çorlu Municipalities of Türkiye shared their impactful experiences in advancing local climate and energy actions.

The final event focused on showcasing project results and exploring continued support for the region's energy transition through the **Covenant of Mayors.** Participants included municipalities, associations, and **key international organizations such as CPVA, the EU Commission, GCoM, and GIZ** — highlighting the power of regional cooperation in driving climate action.











EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS (COR)

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is the European Union's official assembly representing regional and local authorities. Established in 1994, the CoR ensures that the voices of cities, municipalities, and regions are heard in the EU decision-making process. With 329 members from all 27 EU countries, it plays a crucial role in promoting democratic governance, subsidiarity, and inclusive policy-making. The CoR strengthens the connection between EU institutions and citizens by making sure that EU legislation takes into account the realities on the ground. It is particularly important in areas such as climate action, cohesion policy, and social inclusion, where local and regional engagement is essential for meaningful and sustainable results. As a bridge between local concerns and European policy, the Committee of the Regions is a vital pillar of multi-level governance in the EU.









ENLARGEMENT DAY 2025 AT THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS IN BRUSSELS! 28 MAY 2025













INFORMATIVE MEETING ON BALIKESIR'S SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (SECAP) 29 MAY 2025

Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality has taken another step in its efforts to combat climate change. On May 29, 2025 an informative meeting on the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) was held at the Avlu Congress and Culture Center.

Daiva Matonienė done congratulation speech and welcome for exciting climate jorney.

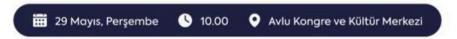
Following the opening speeches, a presentation was delivered outlining Balıkesir's SECAP process. In the final session, participants were invited to share feedback and ideas in a workshop format.

The planning process, led by the **Environmental Protection and Control Department of Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality**, aims to strengthen the city's resilience against the climate crisis and support a greener, more sustainable urban future.



Balıkesir Sürdürülebilir Enerji ve İklim Eylem Planı Süreç Bilgilendirme Toplantısı

Balıkesir enerji verimliliği ve iklim değişikliği ile mücadele için yürüttüğümüz **Sürdürülebilir Enerji ve İklim Eylem Planı (SECAP)** çalışması hakkında düzenleyeceğimiz süreç bilgilendirme toplantısında sizleri de aramızda görmekten mutluluk duyarız.



















INFORMATIVE MEETING ON BALIKESIR'S SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (SECAP) 29 MAY 2025



















BAKIRKÖY MUNICIPALITY: YOUTH FOCUS GROUP MEETING 29 MAY 2025

As the climate crisis demands long-term vision, empowering and educating the younger generations is more critical than ever. **Bakırköy Municipality** has taken a commendable step by organizing the **Youth Focus Group Meeting** as part of its SECAP preparations.

By bringing together students, academics, and young climate advocates, the municipality not only fosters awareness but also ensures that future leaders are at the heart of today's decisions.

We applaud Bakırköy Municipality for their visionary approach and meaningful commitment to youth inclusion in shaping a sustainable future for Türkiye.















MLGP4CLIMATE LIBRARY UPDATED WITH NEW VALUABLE ARTICLES

The MLGP4Climate Platform is delighted to celebrate a major achievement in advancing climate action at the local level: our resource library has now surpassed **786 expertly curated tools, reports, and guidelines. You can look some of the articles below!**

You can find some of the articles from here:

Measurement Framework

AI & Climate Adaptations

Academic Perceptions Of Climate
Change

Gas Emissions Mapping Methodology





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

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Circular Economy Report

Space For Green Finance

Response Mechanism of Climate

The Green City Index





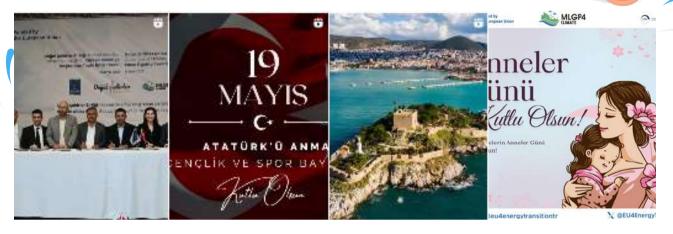




Visibility for climate actions:

Climate Change and Climate Action News:

Important Days:



The project has effectively communicated key insights through various channels, including news updates, announcements, and guidebooks. Thanks to the crucial support of national and international partners—such as the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), the Covenant of Mayors (CoM), and other key collaborators—we have successfully engaged a diverse audience with vital information and updates.











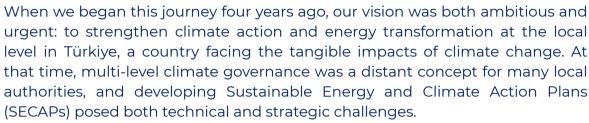




EU4 ENERGY TRANSITION: COVENANT OF MAYORS

IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TÜRKİYE

66 OUR NOTE:



Throughout the project, we faced many obstacles—from institutional resistance to limited capacities, from fragmented data to the lack of interregional cooperation. Yet we continued—with every workshop, every city visit, every dialogue with local planners and mayors. What emerged was more than just a set of outputs: it became a growing movement.

What follows reflects the depth of that transformation. It shows how municipalities across Türkiye—regardless of their size or geography—took courageous steps toward climate planning. How they came together through the MLGP4Climate platform, aligning their local efforts with national strategies and global goals. From forming regional clusters to establishing partnerships with EU municipalities, this collective effort has created impact at local, national, and international levels.

Most significantly, the initiative helped foster a new awareness: cities are not only affected by climate change—they are also powerful agents of change. Thanks to peer learning, digital innovation, capacity-building, and open collaboration, we now stand on a stronger foundation for long-term transformation.

I offer my sincere gratitude to every municipality, expert, civil servant, and organization that made this journey possible. Your dedication, creativity, and cooperation have shaped something truly impactful.

Let these efforts stand as a shared achievement—and a continued invitation to move forward, together.

By Daiva Matonienė EU4ETTR Türkiye Project Team Leader in Türkiye

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Invitation for the EU4ETTR Final conference in Istanbul!

After four years of inspiring collaboration, bold climate leadership, and unwavering commitment, the EU4Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in Türkiye and the Western Balkans project is approaching its grand finale.

We are thrilled to invite you to the Final Closing Event—a celebration of progress, partnerships, and purpose. Together, we'll honor the milestones we've achieved and ignite the next chapter of local climate and energy action.

7 Date: 13 June 2025

📍 Venue: Marmara Taksim Hotel, Istanbul

This is more than an ending—it's the beginning of an even stronger, united movement. Join us to connect, reflect, and shape the future of resilient and sustainable communities.

Join the energy, feel the impact, and help shape what's next!

