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*"An investment in
knowledge pays the
best interest."
- Benjamin Franklin*

January Focus: MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass

The MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass 2025 kicked off in January 2025, bringing together **more than 250 participants** each week on every Tuesday until end of March 2025 bring together local governments, international and national partners across Türkiye. **This 12-week training program aims** to equip CoM municipalities with the knowledge and tools necessary to develop and implement effective **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) in line with Türkiye's Net Zero 2053 target**. The first four sessions focused on the role of SECAPs, Baseline Emission Inventories (BEI), and mitigation strategies, providing participants with practical insights and methodologies to strengthen local climate policies. With climate challenges growing, empowering municipalities to take action at the local level is more crucial than ever. The Masterclass continues to serve as a valuable platform for collaboration and knowledge-sharing, fostering a stronger, more resilient climate governance framework in Türkiye.

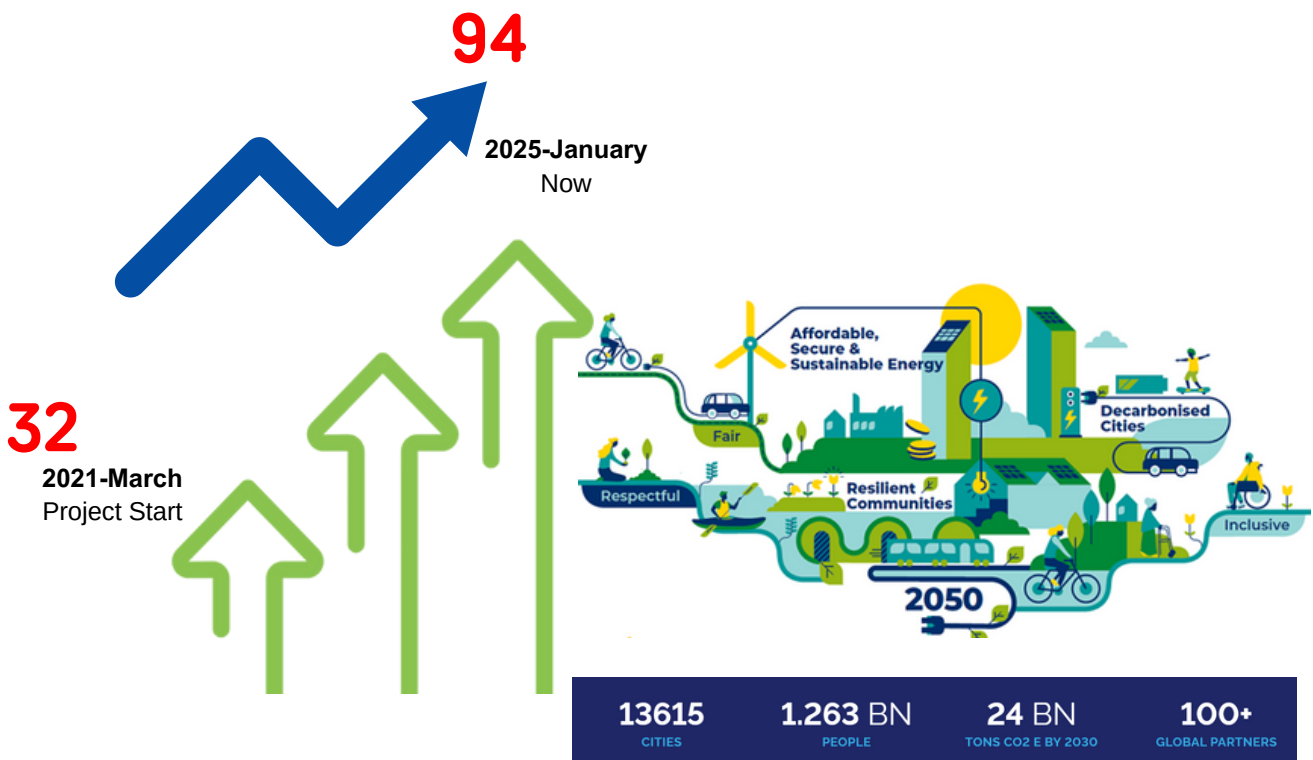




NUMBER OF COM SIGNATORIES IN TÜRKIYE ON THE RISE!

Local governments play a key role in the fight against climate change. Their efforts to achieve sustainability goals, reduce carbon emissions, and build climate resilience are more critical than ever.

Number of Covenant of Mayors (CoM) signatories in Türkiye as of January 2025



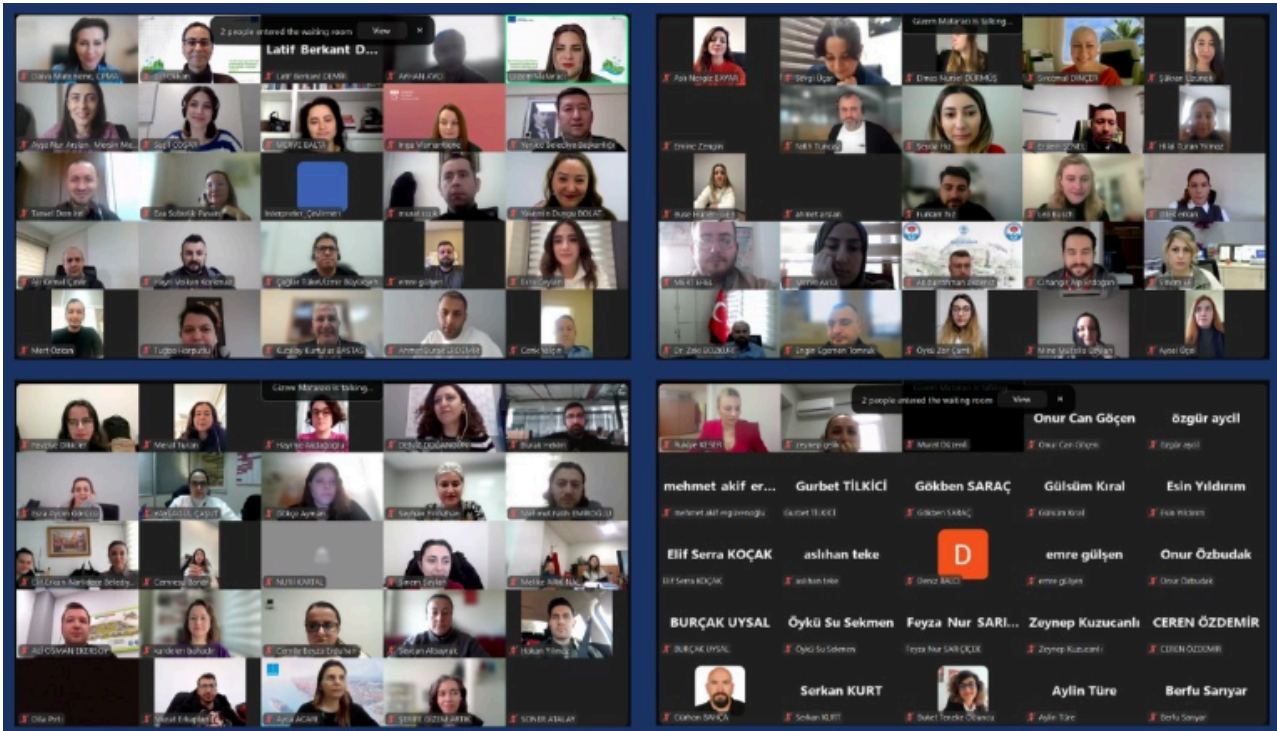
This remarkable increase highlights the dedication of local governments to taking concrete climate action and fostering a cleaner, healthier environment for all. The strong commitment of local governments to climate action is inspiring and a true source of pride. The participation of municipalities in Türkiye in the global climate movement strengthens both national and international efforts for a greener, more resilient, and more livable future. With every new signatory, we take a step closer to our shared goal of creating sustainable and climate-friendly cities.



MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 1: INTRODUCTION TO SECAP

7 January 2025

The first session of the 12-week MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass 2025, organized under the EU4ETTR Project, was successfully completed with 300 esteemed participants!



The event focused on the key concepts and components of SECAP, its role within the Covenant of Mayors (CoM), and Türkiye's climate policies and SECAP integration. Additionally, Akmeşe Municipality, Karlovac Municipality, and Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality shared their sustainability projects, carbon reduction plans, and approaches to climate action.



You can visit the MLGP4Climate Platform to access the training materials: <https://mlgp4climate.com/mlgp-library/mlgp4climate-secap-masterclass-2025-first-week-materials-07-january-2025>

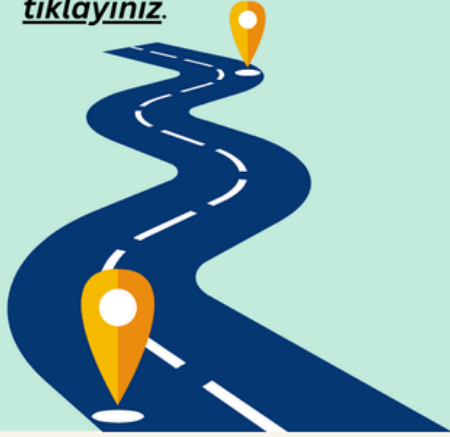


SECAP: İklim Değişikliği ile Mücadelede Stratejik Yol Haritası

SECAP Nedir?

Sürdürülebilir Enerji ve İklim Eylem Planı (SECAP), belediyelerin sürdürülebilir enerji kullanımını sağlamaları ve iklim değişikliğiyle mücadele etmeleri için stratejik bir yol haritasıdır.

SECAP örnekleri için [tıklayınız.](#)



Amaç

Sera gazı emisyonlarını azaltmak, iklim değişikliğine uyum sağlamak ve enerji verimliliğini artırmak.

Türkiye'nin İklim Politikaları ve SECAP Entegrasyonu

Türkiye'nin 2053 yılına kadar net sıfır hedefi SECAP'ın amacına uygundur.



SECAP'ın Temel Kavramları ve Bileşenleri

- **Durum Analizi:** Sera gazı emisyon envanterinin hazırlanması.
- **Aksiyon Planı:** Azaltım ve uyum için ilgili alanların önceliklendirilmesi (enerji, ulaştırma, atık, su yönetimi).
- **İzleme ve Raporlama:** Eylemlerin ilerleyişinin düzenli olarak izlenmesi.

Belediye Başkanları Sözleşmesi (CoM) Kapsamındaki Rolü

CoM, iklim hedeflerine ulaşmak için SECAP aracılığıyla şehirleri ve yerel yönetimleri bir araya getiriyor.

Ana hedef, Paris Anlaşması hedeflerine ulaşmak için yerel iş birliğidir.

Neden önemli?

- **Yerel İklim Eylemi:** İklim değişikliğiyle mücadelede yerel yönetimlerin kritik rolünün vurgulanması.
- **Enerji Güvenliği ve Verimliliği:** Enerji tüketiminin azaltılması yoluyla ekonomik faydalar sağlanması.
- **Toplum Sağlığı ve Dayanıklılığı:** Daha sağlıklı ve sürdürülebilir yaşam alanları yaratılması.

Planınızı kolayca hazırlamanızı sağlayan SECAP Kılavuzu için [tıklayınız.](#)



Harekete Geçme Zamanı!

Yerel düzeyde anlamlı değişim yaratmak için SECAP'ınızı hazırlayın ve uygulayın.

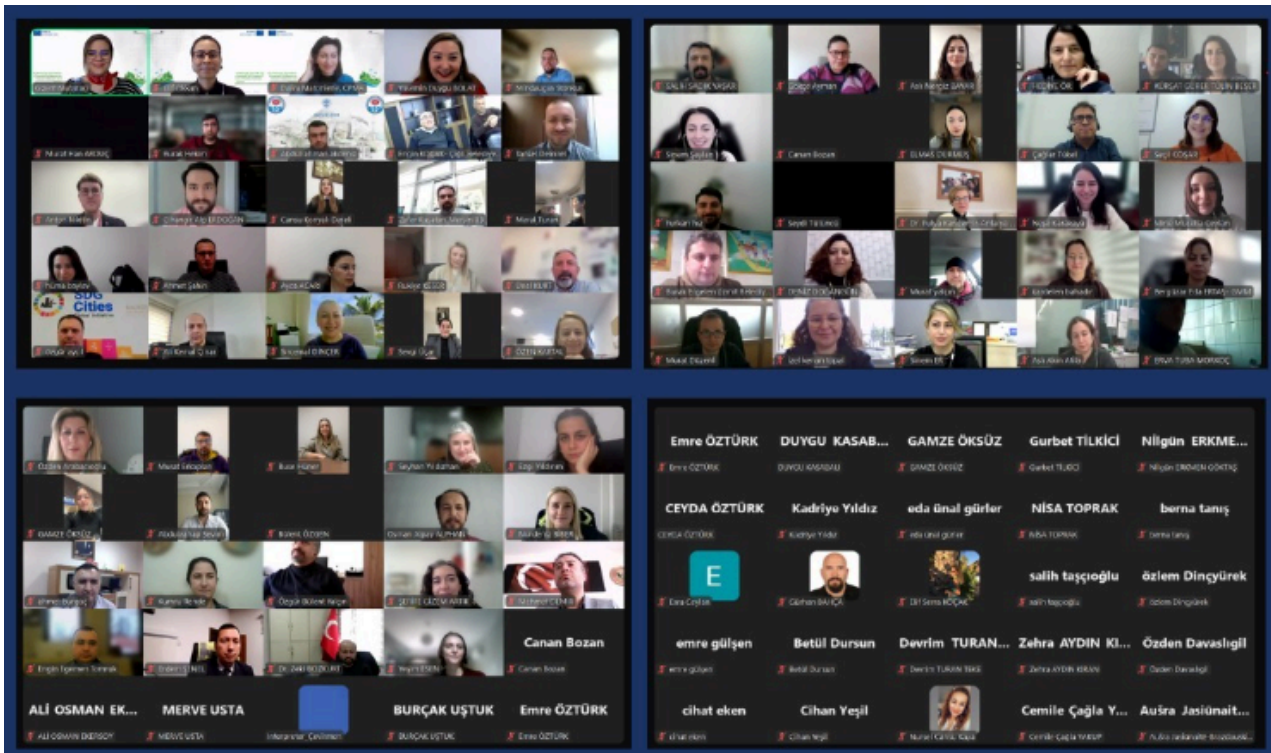




MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 2: BEI PART I

14 January 2025

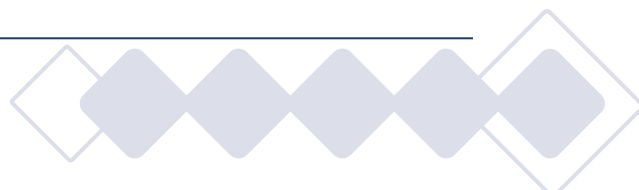
The second session of the 12-week MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass 2025, organized under the EU4ETTR Project, was successfully completed with the participation of more than 200 engaged attendees!



This session focused on preparing BEIs (Baseline Emissions Inventories), a crucial step in preparation SECAP. The training featured insightful presentation of international expert and inspiring experience-sharing from the 2025 Green Capital Vilnius Municipality and Karşıyaka Municipality.

Access the training presentations and video highlights on the MLGP4Climate Platform:

<https://mlgp4climate.com/events/mlgp4climate-secap-masterclass-2025-week-2>





BASELINE EMISSION INVENTORY (BEI)



What is BEI?

The Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI) is a tool used by a municipality to analyze its greenhouse gas emissions. Its purpose is to identify priority sectors for climate action and monitor progress.

Data Required for BEI

- Energy Consumption:** Electricity, heating, fuel consumption.
- Sectors:** Residential, commercial/institutional buildings, transportation, waste management, local government operations.
- Greenhouse Gases:** Primary gases such as CO₂, CH₄, N₂O.

BEI Preparation Steps

- 1** Data Collection: Energy consumption data from all sectors.
- 2** Emission Factors: Should be selected according to IPCC or national standards.
- 3** Calculation: Emissions should be calculated in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e).
- 4** Reporting: Emission analysis should be conducted on a sector basis and the results should be presented clearly.

Importance



- The first step in combating climate change.
- It forms the basis for determining emission reduction targets.
- It allows for the analysis of energy consumption and emission sources on a sector basis.

Data Collection Process

- Reference Year:** A year for which reliable and comprehensive data is available should be selected.
- Sources:** Local, regional, national data and municipal statistics should be evaluated.
- Verification:** All sources should be cross-validated to increase the quality of the data.

Common Mistakes in BEI Preparation Process

- Use of incomplete or poor quality data.
- Wrong selection of emission factors.
- Skipping sector-based analysis in reporting.
- Relying solely on national data and ignoring local conditions.

Tips and Advice for Municipalities



Include public institutions, universities, and energy providers in the data collection process.



Start your first BEI with simple methods; details can be added over time.



Enhance accurate data collection and analysis capacities through staff training.



Utilize online platforms or software for data management and calculations.

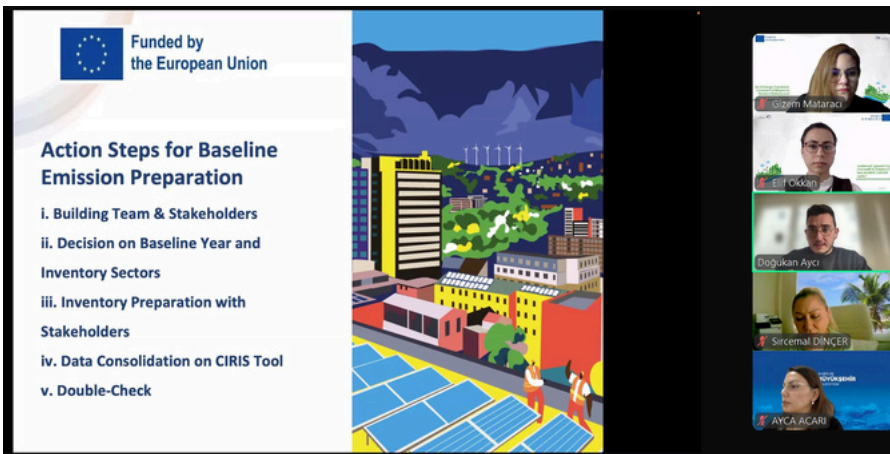


Seek guidance from GCoM experts or technical support providers.

MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 3: BEI PART II

21 January 2025

The third session of the 12-week MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass 2025, held under the EU4ETTR Project, brought together over 200 engaged participants!



This session stood out as the most interactive so far, showcasing remarkable engagement and active involvement from attendees.

The training provided essential tools, methods, and practical tips for efficiently preparing BEIs – an essential step in advancing local climate action plans.

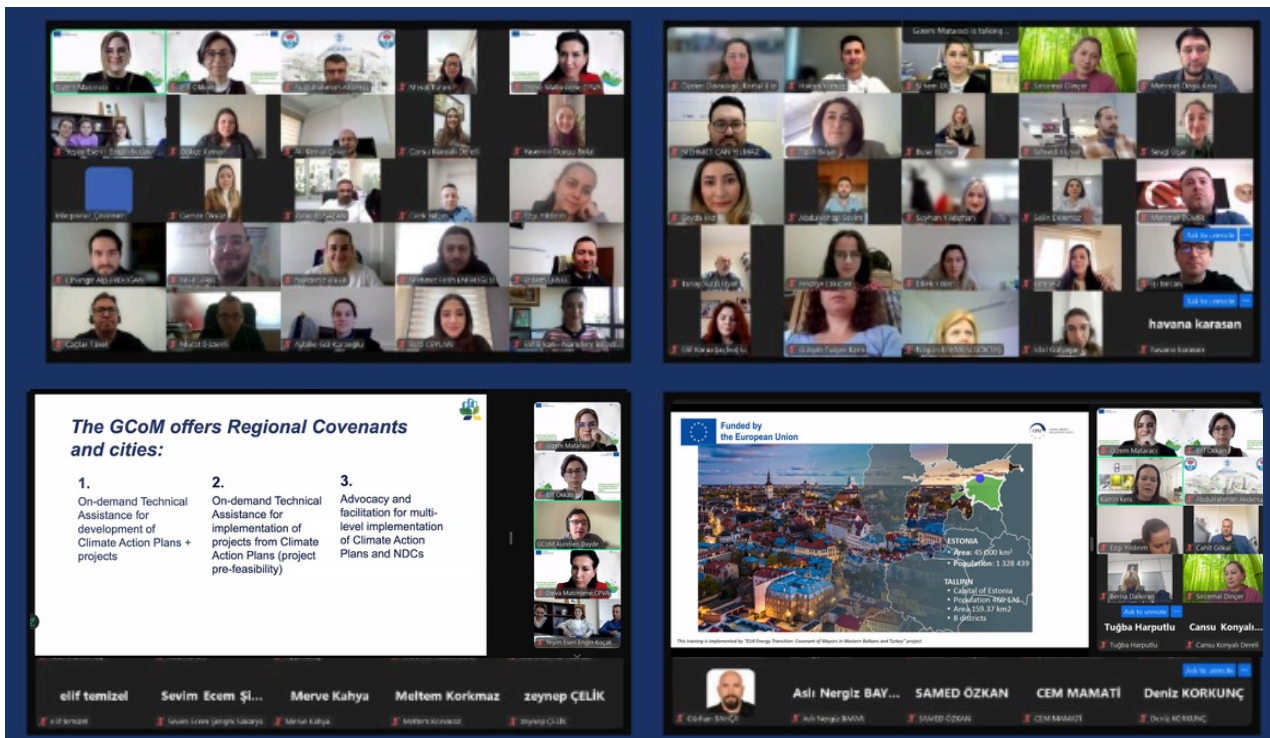
Participants benefited from an insightful presentation by a national expert and inspiring experience-sharing from Latvian Association of Local And Regional Governments and Bandırma Municipality.

Access training materials and video highlights here:
<https://mlgp4climate.com/events/mlgp4climate-secap-masterclass-2025-week-3>

MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 4: MITIGATION ACTIONS

28 January 2025

The fourth session of the MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass 2025 focused on "The GCoM Experience and an Introduction to SECAP Mitigation Actions" and brought together many esteemed participants. This session provided valuable insights into the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) framework, highlighting best practices in climate action planning and emission reduction strategies.



A representative from GCoM shared key insights on the implementation of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) and the importance of mitigation actions in achieving climate targets. Participants had the opportunity to explore practical approaches and learn about innovative measures adopted by cities worldwide.

One of the highlights of the session was the success story of Tallinn's SECAP, presented as an inspiring example of how local governments can develop and implement effective mitigation actions.

Access training materials and video highlights here:
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Global and Local Collaboration for Climate Action: GCoM and MLGP4Climate

What is GCoM?



The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) is the largest global alliance for city climate leadership in the world, uniting more 13.000 cities from 6 continents and 144 countries committed to tackling climate change.

What is MLGP4Climate?

Türkiye Multi-Level Governance Platform for Climate Actions (MLGP4Climate) - www.mlgp4climate is an unique platform for Türkiye empowers the CoM municipalities in Türkiye to take bold steps in reducing CO2 emmissions, preparing and implementing Sustainable and Energy Climate Actions plans (SECAPs), getting finance, reaching innovative developments, best practices and extending international partnership.



Benefits of GCoM & MLGP4Climate

- ✓ Long-term, broader and strengthened local action
- ✓ Networking & Partnership
- ✓ Technical Support
- ✓ Help Desk and Library
- ✓ Trainings and Workshops
- ✓ Access to funding opportunities and innovative developments
- ✓ Best practices and knowledge sharing
- ✓ Academic engagement
- ✓ Visibility & Global Recogniton



How to Join?

Fill the commitment with required data. Secure official decision from the municipal council and signature from the mayor. Submit the signed commitment letter to TRhelpdesk@globalcovenantofmayors.eu



DRIVING TRANSITION: SECAP MITIGATION ACTIONS



LET'S LEARN WHAT CITIES CAN ACHIEVE WITH EMISSION MITIGATION!

TARGET

1 Reducing Carbon Footprint

Significantly reducing the carbon footprint of cities contributes to preventing global warming.

2 Improving Air Quality and Protecting Public Health

Along with greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution is also reduced. This has direct positive effects on public health.

3 Controlling Temperature Increase

Reducing microclimate changes and heat island effects in cities.

4 Protecting Ecosystems

Protecting and improving biodiversity in cities.

5 Reducing Energy Consumption and Increasing RES Usage

Making cities' energy consumption more efficient and reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

HOW?



Achieving energy efficiency, increasing the use of renewable energy and installing low-emission transportation systems help cities reduce their carbon emissions.



Measures such as electric vehicles and increasing green spaces improve air quality in cities. Improving air quality by reducing emissions, zero waste management and moving towards sustainable food systems have positive effects on public health.



Increasing green areas instead of concrete buildings in the city and reducing greenhouse gas emissions will provide cooler and healthier city environments.



Enriching city ecosystems with afforestation projects and green roofs increases carbon sinks.



By installing renewable energy projects (solar, wind, biomass) and ensuring energy efficiency, cities can shift to more sustainable energy use. By implementing energy efficiency measures in older buildings and constructing new structures with green building certifications, cities can reduce carbon emissions.

CRITICAL FACTORS FOR SUCCESS

1 Politics and Governance



Strong cooperation between local governments, the public and the private sector

2 Financing



Attracting investment in sustainable projects and benefiting from national and international funds

3 Education and Awareness Raising



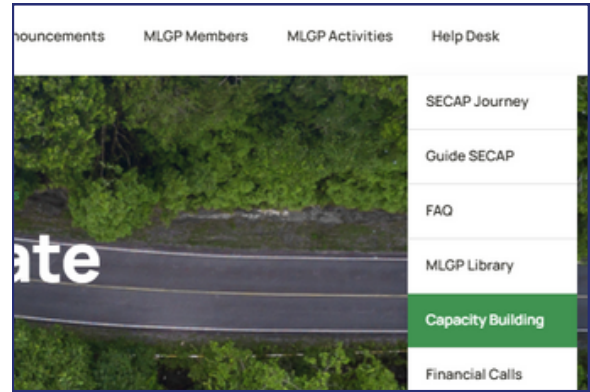
Involving society and local stakeholders in actions

MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS TRAINING MATERIALS

Video clips, presentations, Q&A documents, and other materials from the MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass 2025 trainings are being uploaded to the MLGP4Climate website. The aim is to provide participants with easy access to the training resources, with each week's materials being added to the respective week's page. The documents can be accessed by following these steps:

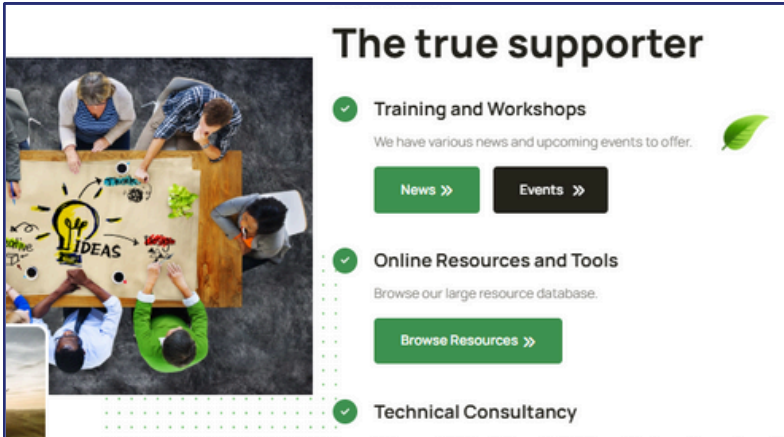
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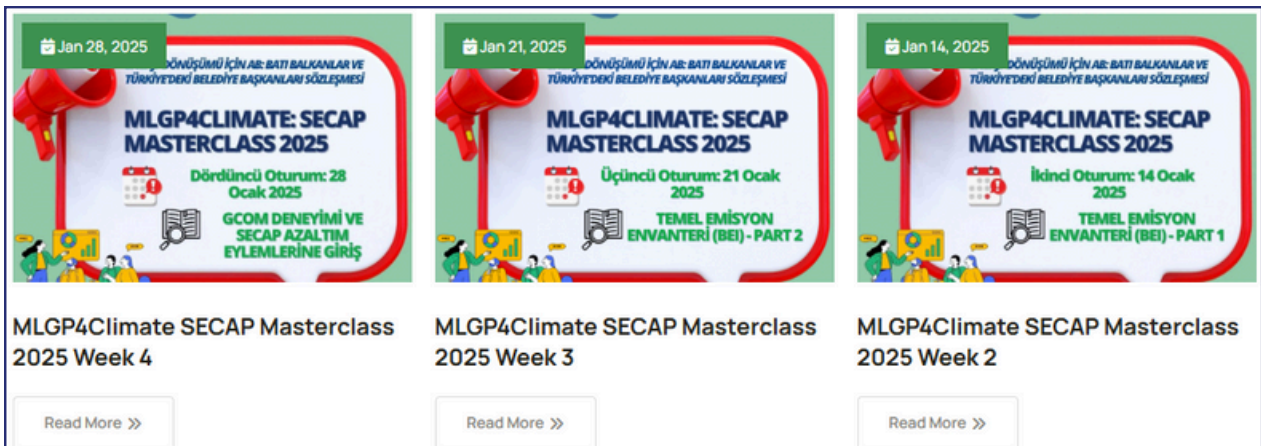
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Select the week you prefer from the page in front of you and view the training materials for that week!





KARATAY SECAP CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

15 JANUARY 2025



Karatay Municipality took a milestone step toward a sustainable future by holding a SECAP consultation workshop with the participation of **Karatay Mayor Hasan Kılca** and EU4ETTR Project Team Leader Ms. Daiva Matonienė.



In the workshop, a Cooperation letter was signed for the preparation of a Financial Model Feasibility Study for the Implementation of the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) for selected measures. This cooperation brings together the Karatay Municipality, the Konya Plain Project (KOP) Regional Development Administration, and the Central Project Management Agency (CPVA) of Lithuania under the framework of the EU4ETTR Project.



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COM MED - COM TÜRKİYE WORKSHOP

23 January 2025

The workshop held in Istanbul between the Covenant of Mayors Türkiye and the Covenant of Mayors Mediterranean (CoM Med) marked a significant step in strengthening regional cooperation and developing strategies for a sustainable energy future.



The sessions focused on sharing best practices, developing joint projects, and finding solutions to regional climate challenges, contributing to deeper collaboration among local governments. At the end of the workshop, a Cooperation Protocol was signed between CoM Türkiye and CoM Med.



MLGP4CLIMATE CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS WORKING GROUP 1 MEETING

23 January 2025

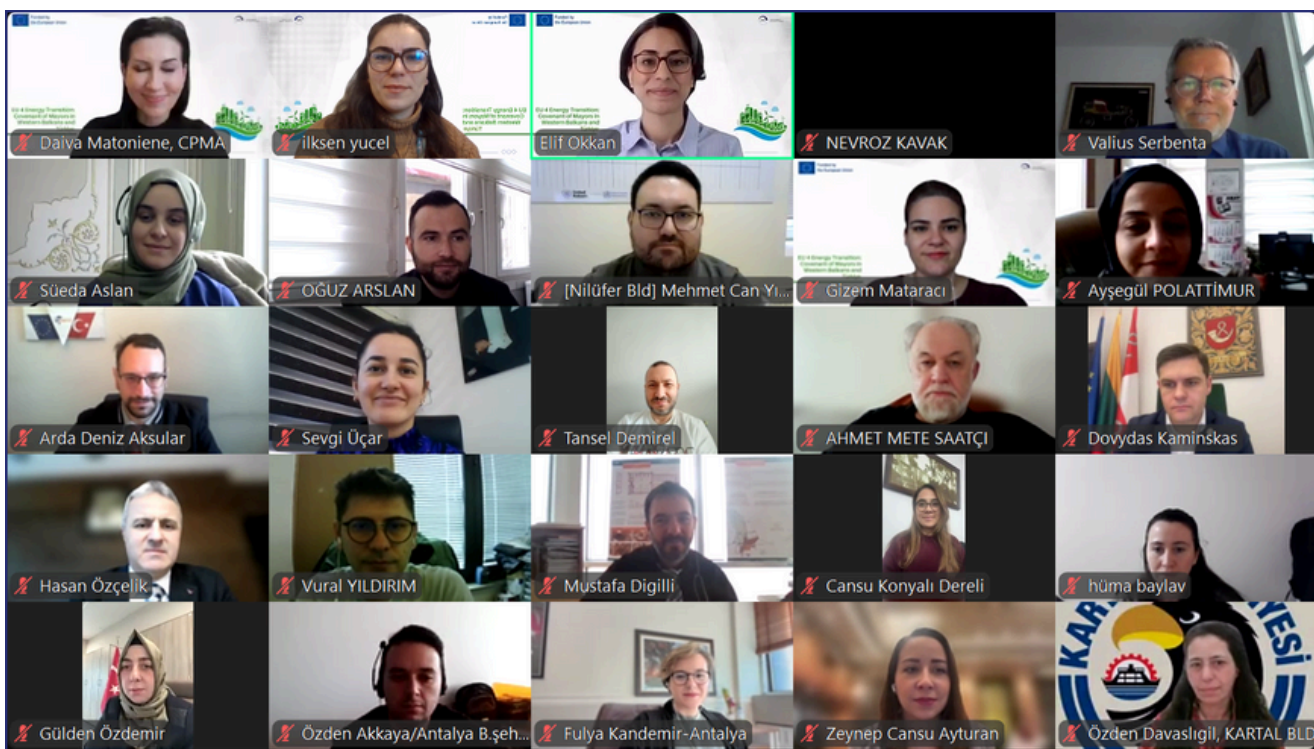
MLGP4Climate Challenges and Solutions Working Group 1 meeting was successfully completed with the participation of more than 70 valuable participants. During the meeting, the challenges faced in the implementation of SECAPs were discussed.



Mr. Dovydas Kaminskas, The Mayor of Taurage

The Mayor of Taurage, Dovydas Kaminskas, shared the success story of the city's green development. Mayor Kaminskas outlined the municipality's priorities, including sustainable public transportation, renewable energy, smart community initiatives, and community involvement. He reported a successful implementation of electric buses, a significant investment in solar power, and a transition to biomass for central heating.

Mayor Kaminskas also discussed waste management improvements and initiatives aimed at developing a smart community, such as investments in education and local tourism, while emphasizing the municipality's commitment to renewable energy and innovation.



MLGP4CLIMATE CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS WORKING GROUP 1 MEETING

23 January 2025



Mr. Valius SERBENTA, Expert, CPMA

Mr. Valius Serbenta focused on financial models for Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs), stressing the importance of clear ideas and capable individuals before addressing financial needs. He presented strategies for transitioning to alternative energy sources, particularly solar PV systems, and discussed the installation costs and space requirements.

Mr. Serbenta highlighted the need for a preliminary implementation schedule and diverse funding sources, including international financial institutions and public-private partnerships, to overcome common financing challenges faced by municipalities.

Short-Term Action Plans (2030)

Now is the time to focus on short-term (by 2030 or by 2035) plans for implementing specific measures

- Actionable Steps: Short-term plans should translate the broader goals of SECAP into actionable steps
- Timely Progress: Ensure timely progress and demonstrate immediate benefits to communities

Year	Investment	Installment MW	Electricity production (kWh)
1	123 400	0,15	210 000
2	123 400	0,15	420 000
3	123 400	0,15	630 000
			840 000
			1 050 000



Infrastructural demands



Life quality



Climate change



Energy security

MLGP4CLIMATE CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS WORKING GROUP 1 MEETING

23 January 2025



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Ms. Daiva MATONIENE, EU4ETTR
Project Team Leader, CPMA

Ms. Daiva Matoniene, EU4ETTR Project Team Leader, provided an overview of the project, highlighting the increasing number of cities committed to CO2 mitigation and the critical role of financial resources. Referring to successful examples from Europe and Türkiye, she emphasised the need for innovative financial models and collaborative solutions.

Ms Matoniene mentioned some practical examples of climate investment funds and programmes.



After giving information about the current open calls, Ms Matoniene emphasised the importance of the SMART concept in project writing.





TAURAGĖ: ON THE PATH TO BECOMING A CLIMATE-NEUTRAL CITY BY 2030! 🌍

The European Commission has selected Tauragė as one of 100 European cities aiming to achieve climate neutrality by 2030! Chosen from 377 applicants, Vilnius and Tauragė will implement an innovative transformation program to reach this ambitious goal.

Tauragė stands out with its climate-friendly initiatives:

- ✓ 16 electric buses for sustainable public transport
- ✓ Solar power plants on public buildings
- ✓ 99% of district heating powered by biofuels
- ✓ EV charging stations across the city
- ✓ LED street lighting, saving 40% on electricity annually
- ✓ Lithuania's first comprehensive public bicycle storage system

As part of the EU's Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, Tauragė will receive support to pioneer solutions in renewable energy, decarbonized transport, sustainable urban renewal, and the circular economy.

MLGP4CLIMATE CONSULTATION PROVIDED 6 MUNICIPALITIES!



In January, bilateral meetings were held with **6 municipalities** to discuss in detail their project ideas presented in **MLGP4Climate Challenges and Solutions Working Group 1**.

These bilateral meetings, supported by expert opinions, allowed for a comprehensive evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of each project, as well as the exploration of funding opportunities. The projects presented by the municipalities under the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) were particularly noteworthy for their broad scope, addressing both mitigation and adaptation across various sectors.

The discussions also focused on the municipalities' strategies for overcoming financial challenges and ensuring the sustainability of their projects. Key emphasis was placed on fostering collaboration and partnership opportunities to amplify the impact of these initiatives, which aim to tackle climate change while providing social and economic benefits. MLGP4Climate continues to strengthen local governments' climate actions.





THE INTERREG NEXT MED PROGRAM: THE GREEN TRANSITION PROJECTS CALL

The Interreg NEXT MED Programme invites proposals for innovative projects addressing climate challenges in the Mediterranean. With €83.7 million in funding, this call supports scalable solutions for a low-carbon, climate-resilient region.

Key Details:

- **Deadline:** 15 April 2025, 1:00 PM (CET).
- **Focus Areas:** Energy efficiency, circular economy, climate adaptation, disaster resilience, and sustainable water management. Additional themes include SME decarbonization, green innovation, and inclusive governance.
- **Eligibility:** Public authorities, municipalities, non-profits, universities, private companies, and other relevant entities.
- **Project Size:** €700,000–€3.5 million, with 89% funding provided.

Projects must involve at least three partners from eligible countries, including one from a Mediterranean Partner Country.

Youth Empowerment: €16 million is dedicated to youth-led green transformation projects.

Resources & Events: Guidance events and application resources will be announced online. Submit proposals via the online application form.

For more information: <https://www.interregnextmed.eu/call-for-proposals-on-green-transition-projects-launched-e83-7-million-for-a-climate-resilient-mediterranean/>



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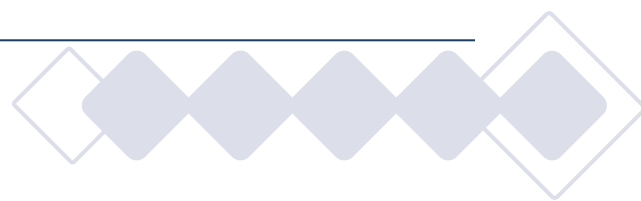




THE MITIGATION ACTION FACILITY 2025 CALL FOR PROJECTS

The Mitigation Action Facility 2025 was announced at COP29 and is accepting proposals for climate change mitigation projects.

- Deadline for Application: February 19, 2025
- The call focuses on the energy, transport, and industry sectors, and will support projects related to these sectors.
- Projects should align with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and long-term climate strategies (LTS).
- The Project Concept Phase is a new module introduced to broaden the range of applicants.
- Applications can only be submitted through the Open Application Platform (OAP), and any other submission method will not be considered.
- The maximum funding for each project is EUR 25 million, and each applicant can submit up to 6 project concepts.
- Applications will be assessed using an AI-driven tool, and 25 project concepts will be selected for further detailed planning.
- Governments, NGOs, and private sector entities can apply, but projects must be implemented in ODA-eligible countries.
- Cross-border and regional projects are eligible, but they must be aligned with the sectors mentioned in the respective country's NDC.



EU SUSTAINABILITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2025

The report assesses the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) performance of the EU and 41 European countries.

Key Challenges: Inequality, Environmental Goals, Unsustainable Consumption, Peace and Justice

Leave No One Behind Index (LNOB):

- Northern European countries (Norway, Finland) perform the best, while Central and Eastern Europe lag behind.
- New indicators like disability employment gaps highlight inequalities.



International Diffusion Index:

- The EU causes negative international effects in areas like carbon emissions and deforestation.

Recommendations for the Future:

- Investments in the green and digital transformation should be increased.
- Social inequalities must be reduced.
- Sustainable consumption habits should be promoted.
- Global cooperation and the principles of the UN Charter should be supported.





JANUARY 2025

**Number of CoM Signatory Number
has reached:**



94!

**Number of MLGP4Climate Platform
members has reached:**

82!





Congratulations Beyođlu Municipality: New Member of Covenant of Mayors



Beyođlu Municipality has taken an important step by signing the Covenant of Mayors (CoM). This shows the municipality's strong commitment to addressing climate challenges and improving sustainability at the local level.

By joining CoM, Beyođlu Municipality will create a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) that focuses on reducing emissions and adapting to climate change in a way that fits its local needs.

With its rich history as a vibrant and diverse district, Beyođlu is now shaping its future by aligning with global climate goals, ensuring that sustainability is woven into the fabric of its ongoing development. This agreement marks a new beginning for the municipality, where local efforts will contribute to the global fight against climate change, helping to build a more sustainable future for everyone.



Castle of Van

Van is among the oldest inhabited places in the world.





Congratulations Van Metropolitan Municipality: New Member of Global Covenant of Mayors



Van Metropolitan Municipality has taken a significant step in the fight against climate change by signing the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM).

This commitment underscores the municipality's dedication to addressing global climate challenges while promoting local sustainability.

Known for its breathtaking natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, and historical significance, Van is setting an example by aligning its efforts with global climate and energy goals. By becoming a part of this international initiative, the municipality aims to develop and implement impactful strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance climate resilience. Van's profile is now featured on the official GCoM platform, allowing its climate ambitions and achievements to reach a global audience.



Karabağlar, İzmir





Congratulations Karabağlar Municipality: New Member of Global Covenant of Mayors



Karabağlar, one of İzmir's oldest districts, has a rich history that reflects its transformation from vineyards into a vibrant metropolitan area. With a population of 460,000 and an area of 3,700 hectares, the district is a unique blend of cultural heritage and modern urban life.

Karabağlar took a significant step forward in its commitment to environmental sustainability by joining the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM). This global alliance brings together cities and local governments dedicated to combating climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and adapting to its impacts.

Local governments looking to enhance their climate actions can explore opportunities for collaboration and capacity building through the MLGP4Climate Platform. Together, we can build a more sustainable future.





Congratulations Ortahisar Municipality: New Member of Global Covenant of Mayors



As one of the key crossroads of the historic Silk Road and a city with a deep-rooted history in the Black Sea region, Ortahisar has taken a significant step towards strengthening global cooperation in the fight against climate change. Ortahisar Municipality has signed the Global Covenant of

Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM), committing to a sustainable and resilient future! With its stunning natural landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and strategic location, Ortahisar aims to enhance climate resilience, adopt sustainable urban development principles, and accelerate the transition to clean energy. This ancient city, shaped by centuries of history, is now taking action to secure a greener and more livable future.





Congratulations Çukurova Municipality: New Member of Global Covenant of Mayors



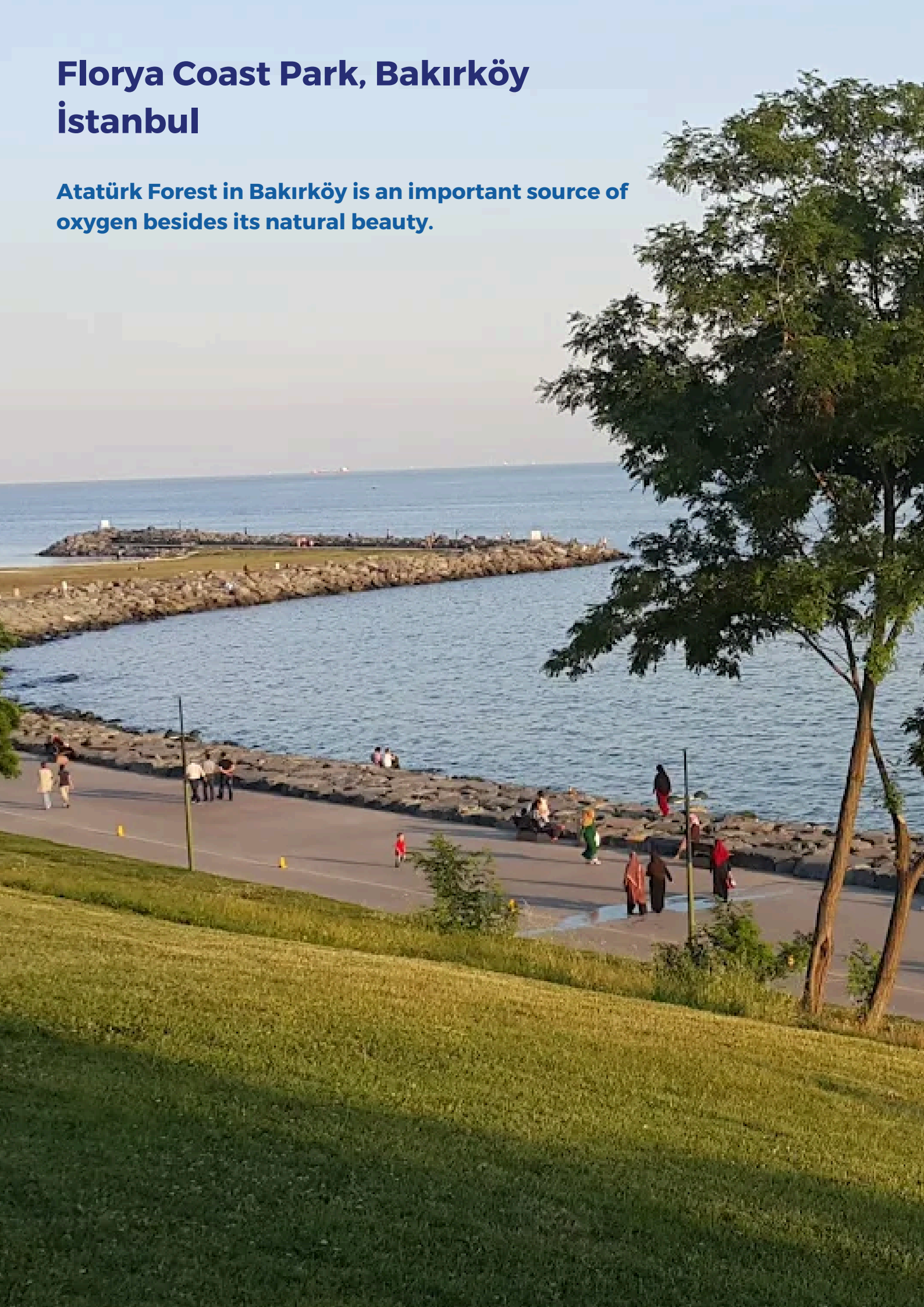
Çukurova, the rapidly growing and modernising district of Adana, has taken an important step for a sustainable future! The municipality made an international commitment by signing the Global Covenant of Mayors on Climate and Energy (GCoM) to be part of global efforts to combat climate change.

Çukurova, which is under the influence of the Mediterranean climate and has a great importance in terms of agricultural production, aims to increase climate resilience and support sustainable development with this step. Çukurova Municipality continues its efforts to protect green areas, increase energy efficiency and shape the future of Adana with environmentally friendly urban planning.



Florya Coast Park, Bakırk y İstanbul

Atat rk Forest in Bakırk y is an important source of oxygen besides its natural beauty.





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Congratulations to the newcomers of the Multi-Level Governance Platform!

Bakırköy Municipality!



BAKIRKÖY
BELEDİYESİ

Bakırköy Municipality has taken two important steps this month to strengthen its commitment to sustainability and climate action. By signing the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM), the municipality has pledged to work towards reducing emissions, adapting to climate change, and promoting sustainable development at the local level.

Following this milestone, Bakırköy also joined the MLGP4Climate Platform, a collaborative initiative aimed at supporting municipalities in implementing effective climate policies. Through this platform, Bakırköy will gain access to valuable tools, resources, and expertise to advance its climate action goals.

These steps underline Bakırköy Municipality's dedication to creating a greener and more resilient future for its community while contributing to global climate efforts.



Oğuzlar, Çorum

The famous Oğuzlar walnut is a serious source of livelihood in the district.





Congratulations to the newcomers of the Multi-Level Governance Platform!

Welcome Oğuzlar Municipality!



Oğuzlar Municipality has proudly joined the MLGP4Climate Platform, marking another step forward in its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility. Located in the Çorum province and renowned for its natural beauty and walnut production, Oğuzlar is a community that values both its traditions and its future.

The municipality has already made strides in environmental sustainability through initiatives such as waste management, clean energy projects, and afforestation efforts. By joining the MLGP4Climate Platform, Oğuzlar aims to strengthen its climate action strategies and collaborate with other municipalities working toward shared sustainability goals.

This partnership reinforces Oğuzlar's dedication to creating a resilient and eco-conscious community while preserving its unique cultural and natural heritage for future generations.



Mersin Marina, Yenişehir





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Welcome Yenişehir Municipality!



Mersin Yenişehir Municipality has joined the MLGP4Climate Platform, taking another step forward in its efforts toward sustainability and climate action. Known for its community-focused and environmentally conscious projects, Yenişehir continues to lead by example in Türkiye.

With initiatives such as the Zero Waste Project, the Environmentalist People's Card, and its pioneering SECAP for 2050, Yenişehir has already demonstrated its commitment to reducing emissions and adapting to climate change. Joining the MLGP4Climate Platform will provide the municipality with valuable resources and collaboration opportunities to further enhance its climate strategies. This new partnership highlights Yenişehir's dedication to creating a greener, more sustainable future for its community and the environment.



Bursa Grand Mosque was commissioned by the Ottoman Sultan Bayezid I.



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Welcome Bursa Metropolitan Municipality!



Bursa, one of Türkiye's most historically and culturally significant cities, has long been a pioneer in sustainable urban development. With a strong municipal tradition dating back to the Ottoman era, the city continues to lead efforts in climate action and resilience. This month, Bursa Metropolitan Municipality took a major step in its sustainability journey by joining the MLGP4Climate Platform. Through initiatives such as the Bursa Sustainable Energy and Climate Adaptation Plan

(BUSECAP), the city has been working towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 40% per capita by 2030 and integrating ecosystem-based approaches into urban planning. Bursa's participation in MLGP4Climate underscores its commitment to international collaboration in tackling climate change and strengthening urban resilience.



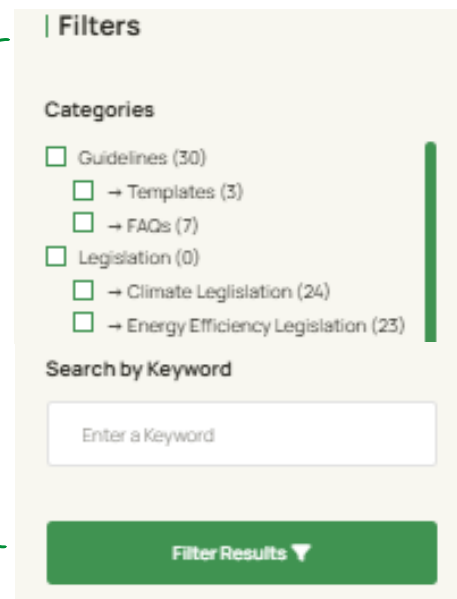


MLGP4CLIMATE LIBRARY RESOURCES REACHED 299!

MLGP4Climate Platform continues to share information through the MLGP4Climate library in its mission to support local governments in climate action! The number of resources in the MLGP4Climate library, which includes a wide range of resources from videos, presentations, articles to reports, has reached 299.

You can use the filters feature to list resources on a specific topic in the MLGP4Climate library.

By using the keyword feature in the MLGP4Climate library, it is possible to quickly access the resources you want!



Presentations of the events organised within the scope of MLGP4Climate Platform are also added to the library. Do not forget to follow us on social media in order not to miss the announcements of our newly added resources.

Click on the link to explore the MLGP4Climate library:

<https://mlgp4climate.com/mlgp-library> 🔍





Visibility for climate actions:

Climate Change and Climate Action News:



Important Days:



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





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Our Note:

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

Henry Ford

Climate change is reality. Every of you actions is important.
Big or small, just go forward. Step by step...
Thanks for your cooperation and great work.

EU4TTR Project Team

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▶ **GCoM Cities to Cities event**
February 2025



▶ **MLGP4Climate WG-2 Meeting**
February 2025

▶ **12 Weeks SECAP Training**
January-March 2025
February training focus:



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