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Happy New Year! 2024



In 2023 year SECAP as roadmap for climate actions of the biggest and unique Istanbul city was prepared and approved by Istanbul Council. Sincere thanks for Istanbul metropolitan municipality, international and national experts of the project. Moreover in 2023 successful test of Multi-level governance platform (MLGP) created valuable networking for climate actions in Türkiye.

Multi-level governance platform (MLGP) network for climate actions in Türkiye will be simple and useful tool to learn, to share, to get innovative ideas, to attract finance for climate actions.

Let's continue our exciting journey together in 2024! I wish be open for new ideas and with smile, with love, with dedication and believing that we are doing, create sustainable word for us and for our children!

**Daiva Matoniene,
Project Team Leader,
CPMA**

2024





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Achievements in December



It's great to share the developments of the EU4ETTR Project! The MLGP test period has been initiated and completed, demonstrating progress in the project. Additionally, sessions on COP28 National and Local Climate Action Plans have been organized, providing valuable insights into climate action strategies. Furthermore, the initiation and completion of Capacity Building Trainings mark another significant milestone in advancing the project's goals. Congratulations on these achievements, and best wishes for the continued success of the EU4ETTR Project.



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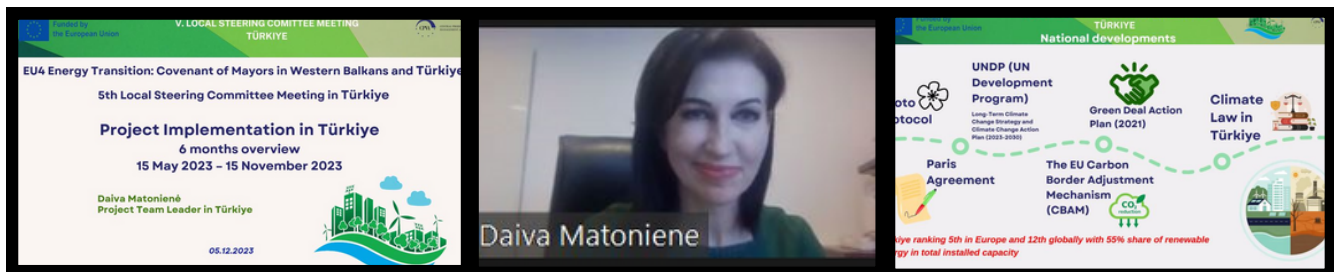
HOWARD ZINN

5TH LOCAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING TÜRKİYE 05.12.2023

On the 5th of December, in a recent milestone event, the 5th Local Steering Committee Meeting of the EU4Energy Transition: Western Balkans and Türkiye Project showcased remarkable progress and collaboration among stakeholders.



Welcome Address and keynote speakers included **Ms. Rasa Suraučiėnė**, Deputy Director, CPMA, **Mr. Christian Ballaro**, Program Officer for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, EUD to Türkiye, **Mr. Ričardas Degutis**, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of Türkiye, to Islamic Republic of Iran, to Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

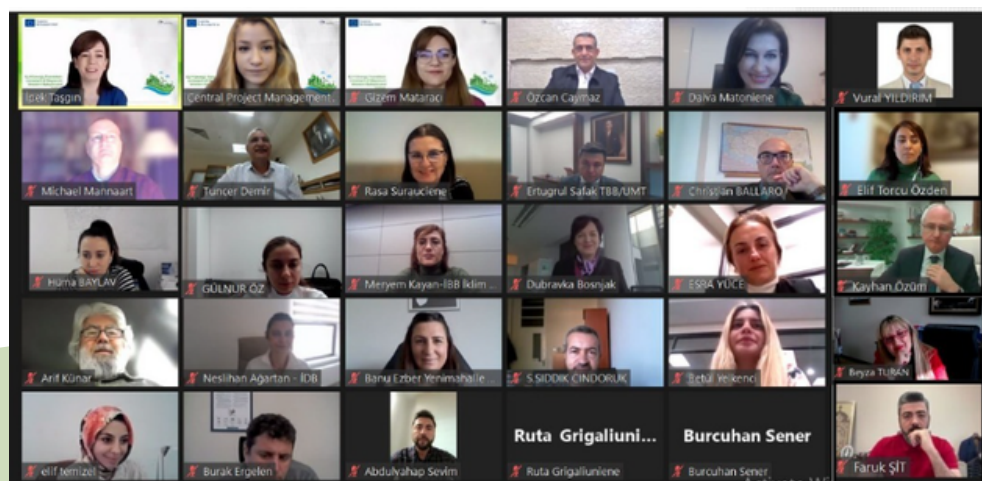


Ms. Daiva Matonienė's presentation highlighted significant achievements in the project's past six months, including successful MLGP platform testing, collaborations with GCoM and JRC, SECAP development, grant project implementation, and robust visibility efforts. Key outcomes were outlined for each project output, showcasing successful engagement with municipalities, ministries, and regional institutions.



Ms. Gizem Mataracı presented the Capacity Building Training Model and the EU4ETTR 2023 Observer Municipality Strategy, emphasizing SECAP support and capacity building. **Ms. Mataracı** expressed satisfaction with the timely implementation of training sessions and thanked experts and participants.

During the discussion section, participants emphasized the structured approach of the project and the need for sustained connections with related ministries for long-term sustainability. The importance of addressing energy poverty in SECAPs and showcasing successful municipalities as models for others was also highlighted.

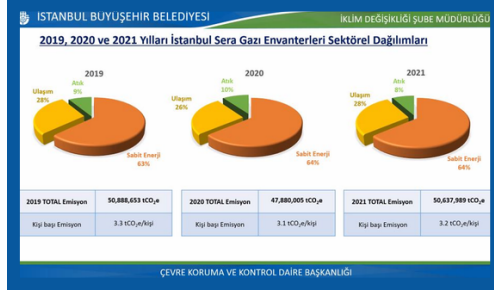


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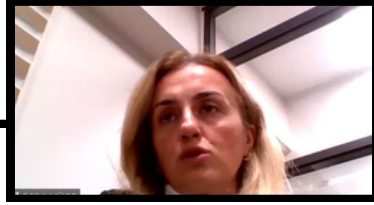
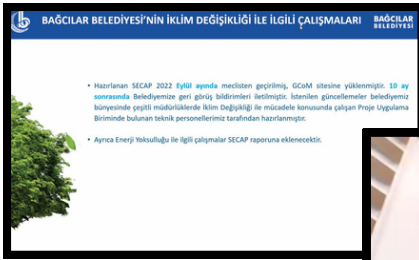
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Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Showcases Climate Action Success at LSC Meeting

Ms. Meryem Kayan from Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IMM) recently shared its green achievements. Their plan for Sustainable Energy and Climate Action (SECAP) got approved after thorough checks by the Assembly Environment and Law commissions. Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu's involvement in the SECAP event emphasized the city's commitment to being open and proactive about climate action.



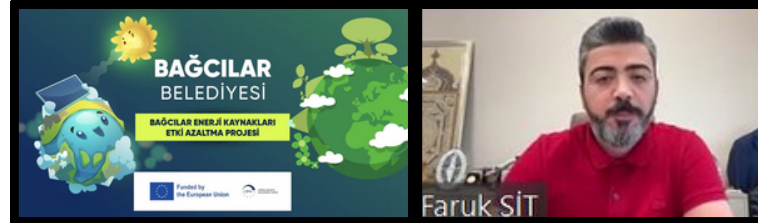
Representatives from Bağcılar and Melikgazi municipalities took center stage, shedding light on their notable progress and contributions.



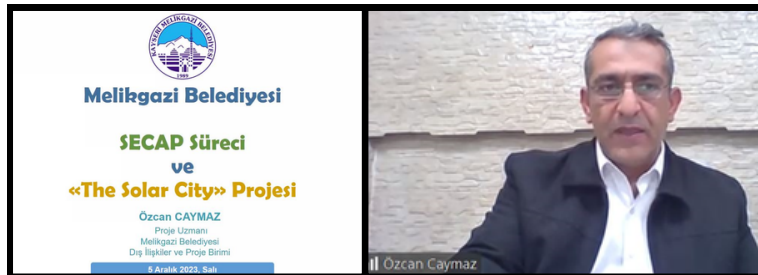
Ms. Esra Yüce shared Bağcılar Municipality's SECAP progress. Bağcılar Municipality has committed, according to the SECAP report, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 776,460 tCO₂ (58.1% reduction) by the year 2030.

Bağcılar Municipality has initiated the Women's Academy program which includes conducting seminars for women about "Clean Society and Clean Environment" and "Prevention of Waste" in 28 associations, with the goal of reaching 5,000 women in 50 associations by the end of February.

Bağcılar Municipality, part of the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), presented a groundbreaking project funded by the Central Project Management Agency (CPMA). The PV Panel project, presented by **Mr. Faruk Şit**, a crucial part of the "Bağcılar Impact Resource Mitigation Project," aims to generate 203.9 MWh of energy, covering 11% of municipal buildings.



Melikgazi Municipality is dedicated to addressing climate and energy concerns. The Solar City Project, presented by **Mr. Özcan Caymaz** and backed by CPMA, aims to boost renewable energy use. It includes solar-powered charging stations, photovoltaic panels on municipal buildings, and a focus on solar energy for waste collection vehicles. With a modern approach,



Melikgazi Municipality targets a substantial reduction of 100 tons of emissions per year, making a significant contribution to environmental efforts.

COP28

Global Accord on Green Energy Transition Achieved at COP28

Between November 30 and December 12, delegates from nearly 200 nations convened to synchronize efforts for global climate action over the next year in an event known as COP28.

What are the key take-aways?



COP28 witnessed significant strides in global climate action, marked by the **establishment of a climate disaster fund**, emphasizing urgent funding needs for vulnerable communities.



A groundbreaking commitment emerged as countries explicitly addressed the imperative to **shift away from fossil fuels**, setting a historic net-zero target for 2050.



The push for renewables took center stage, urging a **threefold increase in global renewable energy capacity** by 2030.



The summit underscored the accountability of developed nations to fulfill climate finance commitments and agreed on a **post-2025 finance target**.



Despite progress, the global stocktake emphasized the inadequacy of current efforts in achieving the 1.5°C goal, underscoring **the need for intensified global actions** to address the pressing challenges posed by the climate crisis.





COP28
UAE

Actions of Türkiye in COP28



COP28 witnessed a momentous leap as nearly every nation worldwide committed to the "Green energy transition," signifying an unprecedented achievement. This marks the first-ever global consensus on energy transition in the 28-year history of international climate negotiations.

Türkiye has actively engaged in eight commendable initiatives:

- **The Climate Club**
- **UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, and Climate Action**
- **Glacier Friends Group**
- **Cement and Concrete Breakthrough**
- **Mangrove Alliance for Climate**
- **Common Agenda for Education and Climate Change**
- **Climate and Health Declaration**
- **Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships for Climate Action (CHAMP)**

The participation of Türkiye in these diverse initiatives underscores its commitment to addressing a spectrum of environmental challenges and promoting a holistic approach to global sustainability. The Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships for Climate Action (CHAMP) reflects Türkiye's dedication to impactful, collaborative efforts on the global stage.

Where will be the next COP in 2024?

Azerbaijan will be hosting COP29.

AZERBAIJAN
COP29 HOST





COP28 UAE

EU4ETTR Project Session: National and Local Climate Action Plans

“Enhancing International Cooperation and Platform Development in Climate Actions” occurred on December 8, 2023 at COP28 in Dubai, UAE

In this exemplar cooperation, EU4ETTR Project collaborated with the representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change, Global Covenant of Mayors, Joint Research Center, and Bağcılar Municipality for a pivotal panel discussion. This collaboration provided a platform for global leaders, government officials, NGOs, and climate advocates to explore the successes and challenges of climate action initiatives.



Distinguished speakers, including Dr. Tuğba Dinçbaşı, Daiva Matonienė, Piero Remitti, and Dr. Paolo Bertoldi, shared insights on Türkiye's evolving climate legislation, multi-level governance platforms, city-level cooperation, and the EU Joint Research Center's role in cities' climate resilience. The spotlight was on Bağcılar Municipality's concrete renewable energy implementations under Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs).



Daiva Matonienė, Project Team Leader EU4ETR in Türkiye, presenting the importance of Multi Level Governance in Climate Actions.



Dr. Tuğba Dinçbaşı from Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Türkiye, presented the topic, "Local Climate Action Plans and Türkiye's Evolving Legislation".



Piero Roberto Remitti, Co-Director of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy presenting the "City Level Cooperation".



Dr. Paolo Bertoldi from EU Joint Research Center, presenting the JRC's role in cities' climate resilience.



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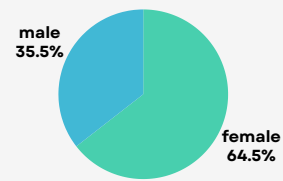
CAPACITY BUILDING TRAININGS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

The successful completion of 8 different training topics with nearly 80% participation within a span of 8 months is a significant accomplishment. This high level of engagement suggests that the training initiatives are well-received and meeting the needs of the participating municipalities.

20 Observer
Municipalities

Received feedback regarding their training assignments from the project experts and trainers.

Good level of participation and impact



The preparation and implementation of the **Observer Municipality Strategy** indicate a thoughtful and strategic approach to engagement.

The development and activation of the **Capacity Building Training Package** and **Library** for Municipalities reflect a commitment to providing valuable resources for sustainable growth.



This increased cooperation is likely to contribute positively to the project's objectives and the overall development of the participating municipalities.

Next step, is the graduation ceremony!

Congratulations on these milestones, and may the continued efforts of the EU4ETTR project lead to even greater success in the future!



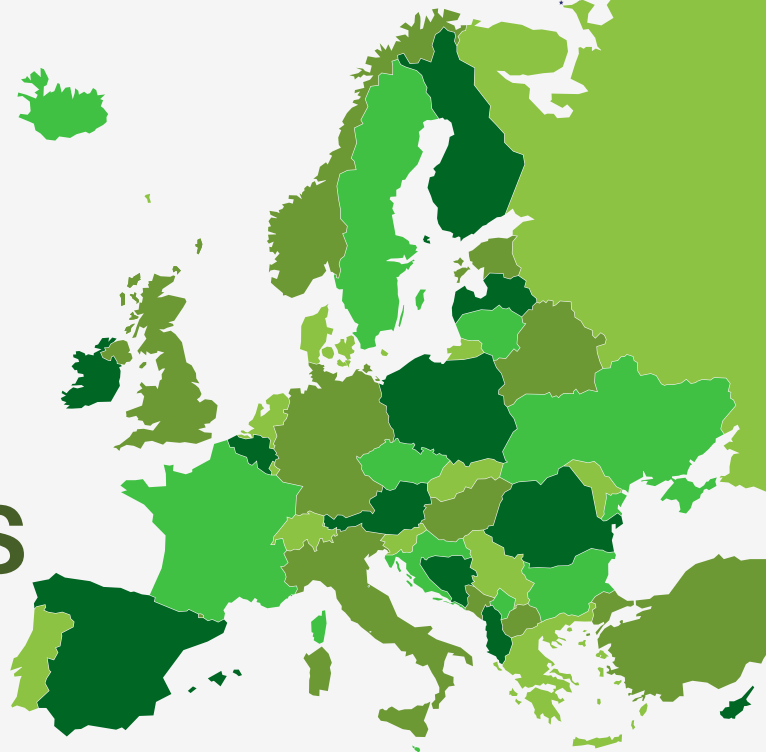
We would like to extend out heartfelt gratitude to the attendees who would like to trigger a change for the climate. To do that, graduation ceremony will be a great address!

The certifications will represent the will of the municipality representatives and knowledge acquired by the capacity building trainings. The certifications will be delivered to those who successfully completed the training assessment.





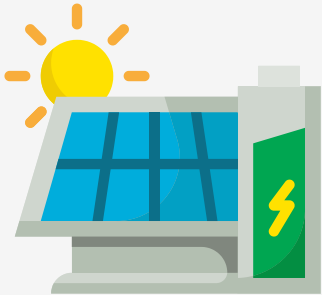
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2023 CLIMATE ACHIEVEMENTS IN EUROPE



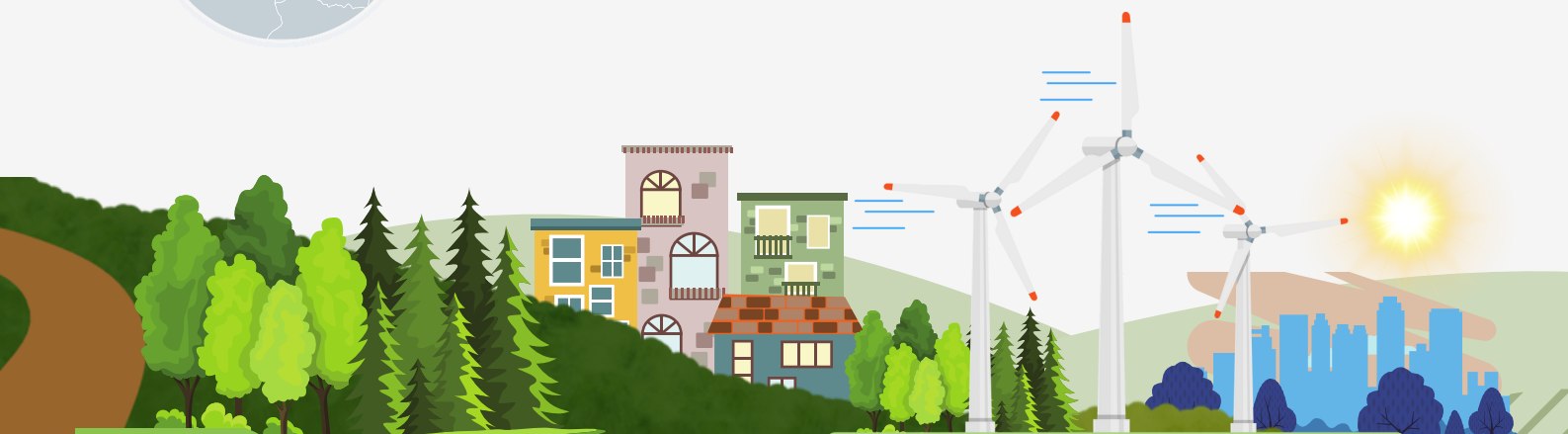
Last year, the economic activities of EU resident units resulted in the emission of 3.6 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalents (CO2-eq), reflecting a 22% reduction compared to the levels observed in 2008.



Last year, the proportion of renewable sources in the gross final energy consumption across the EU reached 23.0%, indicating a 1.1 percentage points (pp) increase compared to the previous year, 2021.



According to the latest Energy Efficiency 2023 report from the International Energy Agency (IEA), **Lithuania** is set to elevate its energy efficiency by nearly 12%, surpassing the EU average of 8%.



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Visibility:

We have shared progress information about COP28 alongside the climate session.

We have shared interesting information and project activities this month!

Scientific reports from JRC upon climate finance:

AB KOMİSYONU ORTAK ARAŞTIRMA MERKEZİ (JRC): Şehirler 2030'da İklim Nötralizasyonuna Ulaşmak İçin Finansal İnovasyona Yöneliyor

Enerji Dönüşümü için AB Projesinin güçlü partnerlerinden JRC'nin yaptığı bir araştırma göre sınırlı kaynaklar ve fonlar hareketle geçirme kapasitesinin düşük olmasıyla karşı karşıya olan yerel yönetimler, finansal inovasyona yöneliyor.

Sürdürülebilir Ekonomik Stratejiler için İklim Değişikliği ve Biyoçeşitlilik Kaybının Birbirine Bağlantılı Risklerini Ortaya Çıkarmak

JRC'nin son yayımladığı araştırma göre:

- Avrupa portföylerinin yüzde 71'i iklim değişikliği riskleriyle karşı karşıya.
- Banklar, kredi ve krediler üzerinde değişen riskleri gözlem daha fazla dikkate alıyor.
- Yeni tahviller dirençli bir küresel ekonomiye yönelik kararlılığın sinyalini veriyor.

Yerel İklim Zirvesi COP28'de Yerel Güce Odaklanıyor!
Dünya liderleri, ilk kez yerel eylemi vurgulayan 28. BM İklim Değişikliği Konferansı (COP) için Dubai'de bir araya geliyor.

Sürdürülebilir bir gelecek için ne ifade ediyor?
Şu ana kadar COP28'de, iklim ve enerji ile sürdürülebilir kalkınma girişimlerine önemli bir odaklanma ile sürdürülebilir bir gelecek için 83,38 milyar doların üzerinde taahhütte bulunuldu!

Global Taahhüt Büyüyor:
COP28'in ardından Dünya'daki neredeyse her ülkenin fosil yakıtlardan uzaklaşip 2030'a kadar yeşil enerji dönüşümünü taahhüt ediyor!

Türkiye hangi girişimlere katıldı?

Ulusallararası Enerji Ajansı tarafından vurgulanan beş önemli ölemeden üçü COP28'de görüşüldü.
Küresel emisyonların %40'undan sorumlu olan yenilenebilir enerjiye 2030 yılına kadar yenilenebilir enerjiyi üç katına ve enerji verimliliğini iki katına çıkarmayı taahhüt etti.

News, announcements, guidebooks from both national and international sides. The national and international partners of the project, including GCoM and JRC contributed greatly spreading the knowledge!

GCoM'dan KARAR VERİCİLER İÇİN İKLİM EYLEMİ KILAVUZU

AB Konseyi genişletmeye ilişkin sonuçları onayladı
12 Aralık 2022 tarihinde Avrupa Birliği, Türkiye ile ortak çıkarlar çerçevesinde ortak, öncelik ve tamine çevirilebilir bir dijital kumar konusundaki anlaşmayı genişletmeye ilave kararını gösterdi.

Innovate4Cities 2024 Montreal'de Gerçekleşecek.
Konferans, Hükümetlerarası İklim Değişikliği Paneline (GCC) katıda bulunarak kontrol gelişim ve iklim değişikliği bilimini ele almak üzere şehirler, akademi, sivil toplumlar ve endüstriden liderleri bir araya getiremeye amaçlıyor.

Yeni Yıla Yaklaşırken Avrupa'da Enerji Dönüşümü Başarılarını Kutluyoruz!
2022'de AB, enerjinin %23'ünün yenilenebilir kaynaklardan elde edilmesiyle dikkat çekici bir dönüm noktasına ulaştı. Bu, 2021'e kıyasla %1,1 artış demek.

GCoM İklim Eylemlerinde Dürüstlük Raporu: "Şehirler, Eyaletler ve Bölgeler İçin Dürüstlük Onemlidir"
Beş temel prensip etrafında şekillenen bu rapor, Küresel İklim ve Enerji Belediye Başkanları Sözleşmesi ve WRI Ross Sürdürülebilir Şehirler Merkezi tarafından bir araya getirilen özel bir Üzmen Oubrunun ortak çalışmasıdır.

Türkiye İklim Değişikliği Bölgesel Faaliyet Merkezi'ni Kuruyor.
Avrupa Birliği, Akdeniz çevresindeki kurumların ortak amaçları Türkiye'nin gelişimini destekliyor. Bu merkez, uluslararası fon mekanizmalarından etkin bir şekilde yararlanmaya da yardımcı olacak.

Bilim İnsanları Okyanusun Hava Durumu ile Küresel İklim Arasındaki Bağlantıyı Ortaya Çıkardı
Rochester Üniversitesi'nden araştırmacılar, okyanustaki rastgele görünen hava sistemlerini küresel ölçekte iklimle bağlantılı ilk doğrudan kanıtı buldu.

AB'ye Birincil Enerji Tüketimi Düşük Eğiliminde
2022 yılında AB'nin birincil enerji tüketimi %4,1 oranında düşerek 2020 hedefine %26,7'lik bir farkla yaklaştı. 1990'dan bu yana birinci enerji tüketiminde enerji verimliliği, önemli bir başarıya imza attı.

AB, sera gazı emisyonlarında
Ekonomik faaliyetler toplamı 3,1 milyar ton CO2'e eşitlenen katkıda bulunarak, imalat ve inşaat sektörleri %2,1'lik bir artışla katkı yaptı.

News, announcements, guidebooks from both national and international sides. The national and international partners of the project, including GCoM and JRC contributed greatly spreading the knowledge!

Also the developments regarding the "National and Local Climate Change Action Plans" at COP28 were shared.

NATIONAL AND LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLANS
ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT FOR CLIMATE ACTIONS

MODERATOR

- TUĞBA DİNÇBAŞ**
Deputy Director of MoEUCC of Türkiye, Climate Change Presidency
- DAIVA MATONIENE**
Project Team Leader, Central Project Management Agency
- PIERO REMITTI**
Co-managing director, GCoM
- PAOLO BERTOLDI**
EU Joint Research Center
- ERTUĞRUL SELÇUK GÜLDÜLER**
Project Manager Başoğuz Municipality
- FARUK ŞİT**
Project Coordinator Başoğuz Municipality

And amazing project meetings!

ENERJİ DÖNÜŞÜMÜ İÇİN AB, BAKI BALKANLAR VE TÜRKİYE'DEKİ BELEDİYE BAŞKANLARI İKİLİLENERİ PROJEZİ
İSTANBUL BÜYÜKŞEHİR BELEDİYESİ SECAP ÇALIŞMA GRUBU TOPLANTISI 21 ARALIK 2023

Küçükçekmece Belediyesi SECAP anaynını aldı!
Küçükçekmece Belediyesi için eylem zamanı. Hedef: 2030'a kadar %40 azaltma, 2050'ye kadar karbon nötr.

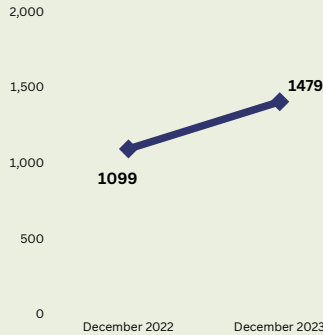
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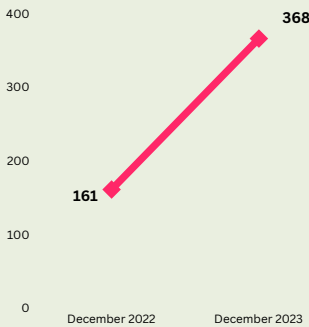
Project Social Media in 2023

A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for being a part of our growing community on social media. Your support has made a significant impact on our project, contributing to its success and reach.

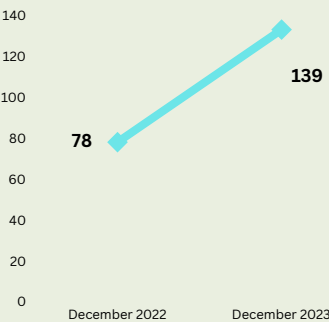
Let's take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of EU4ETTR accounts this year!



Growth:
35%



Growth:
127%



Growth:
78%



EU4ETTR Project Social Media accounts will be continuing to spread knowledge, encourage and inform local authorities with significant collaborations with regional, national, and international project partners.

The project has plans and strategies, and most importantly a great capacity to do so!



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EU4ETTR PROJECT EXPERTS EVALUATED THE 2023 YEAR



Arif Künar
Short-Term Project
Expert, EU4ETTR Project

2023 has been a year in which local governments and observer municipalities, especially IMM and Bağcılar Municipality, whose SECAPs were prepared within the scope of the EU4ETTR project, both increased their awareness and increased their implementation of energy transformation actions with the trainings and workshops they received.

SECAPs will be a very important guide for both the central and local governments of our country to find the necessary financing and technical support to achieve the 2030 emission reduction targets within the scope of COP28 held in Dubai in December 2023 and afterwards.

In 2024, both in the EU and other countries and in Türkiye; I wish for a more effective, widespread and comprehensive energy transformation, the implementation of climate action plans, and increased green city studies.

Within the scope of action projects to combat climate change in 2023, various provinces and municipalities tried to achieve success by focusing on renewable energy projects and increasing local resilience. These projects promoted the use of sustainable energy sources and provided significant momentum in making cities more resilient to climate change.

These efforts are also of great importance in guiding practical local plans and developing climate-compatible strategies, taking into account local economic, social and environmental dynamics.

I hope that 2024 will be a year in which a more sustainable world, global cooperation and more effective solutions in the fight against climate change are produced and implemented. I wish for a more just and inclusive future that strives for the well-being of society and the protection of the environment.



Tuncer Demir
Short-Term Project Expert,
EU4ETTR Project



EU4ETTR PROJECT EXPERTS EVALUATED THE 2023 YEAR



Gizem Mataraci,
Long Term Project
Expert, CPMA

The capacity building trainings implemented by the EU4ETTR project in 2023 provided 20 CoM signatory municipalities with comprehensive information about the SECAP preparation and implementation process. Another important benefit of capacity building training is that it paves the way for these selected observer municipalities to work as a team and be in synergy. Municipalities continue to increase climate actions by sharing experience.

Capacity Building Trainings enabled municipalities to accelerate and complete SECAP preparation and also raise awareness for implementation. The steps to be taken after the preparation of this strategic document, how the actions would be implemented, and how funding opportunities could be created were evaluated.

In the new year, I hope that the cooperation between municipalities will continue to grow stronger and this cooperation will spread to wider geographies. I wish that 2024 will be a year in which important steps will be taken for a more sustainable and climate-friendly future.

In 2023, we helped Turkish municipalities to develop their SECAPs and started implementation of successful small-scale grant projects from SECAPs. These efforts focused on practical solutions for sustainable energy and adaptive strategies for local administrations.

Our project activities guide local plans effectively. By integrating SECAP actions to their strategic goals, we help municipalities reduce their carbon emissions and adopt climate-resilient practices.

As we are getting closer to 2024, our wishes extend to all involved in EU4TTR. May the New Year bring increased collaboration and success in our project.



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CPMA



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Announcements from EU4ETTR Side: January 2024 UPCOMING EVENTS



Annual Evaluation for 2023 & 2024 Planning Event with Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and Bağcılar Municipality

📅 12 January 2024



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BAĞCILAR
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Award Ceremony: Capacity Building Trainings

📅 January 2024



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Our Note:

"As we start the New Year, let's work together to take care of our planet. Instead of waiting for others, each of us can do something small. When we all help, it adds up to make a big difference. Let's be guardians of our home, making it a better place for everyone."

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As we welcome the new year, let's remember how we faced and overcame big challenges like the pandemic, climate issues, and conflicts. These tough times show us that we need to find a good balance between keeping things safe, affordable, and good for the environment. Looking forward, let's focus on using more clean and renewable energy sources. Here's to a new year filled with teamwork, new ideas, and a better, greener future.

Happy New Year to a year of positive changes and cleaner energy!

EU4ETTR Project Team



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