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We commemorate Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Türkiye, with respect and longing.

“One day my mortal body will turn to dust, but the Turkish Republic will stand forever.”



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November Focus

Climate Actions: Reporting & Monitoring

In the aftermath of the **Paris Agreement**, nations worldwide have committed to ambitious climate goals, pledging to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions through nationally determined contributions and an increasing adoption of net-zero targets. While progress has been made in implementing these commitments, there's a clear and urgent need for additional action to reduce emissions. **Achieving these climate targets requires a strategic, evidence-based approach**, where policymakers rely on insights into the effectiveness of various policy measures under diverse conditions.

Monitoring and reporting on climate actions and policies become crucial guides for nations in their efforts to succeed in climate mitigation. This is especially vital because there are significant gaps in keeping track and evaluating countries' efforts. Such monitoring serves as a compass, helping nations navigate the path toward successful climate action. As countries intensify their efforts, the importance of sharing best practices and fostering peer-learning becomes increasingly apparent, steering the global community towards a more sustainable and resilient future.

“YOU CANNOT CHANGE YOUR DESTINATION
OVERNIGHT, BUT YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR
DIRECTION OVERNIGHT.”

JIM ROHN





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Visibility:

We have shared some information with our followers about reporting and monitoring.

Alongside our reporting and monitoring trainings, we have shared valuable information in our social media orienting towards adaptation measures, scientific reports, climate events (including COP28, EU Climate Dialogue, IMM Green City Action Plan Launch), and news from both national and international sides.

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ENERJİ DÖNÜŞÜMÜ İÇİN AB PROJESİ, KASIM AYINDA SECAP RAPORLAMA VE İZLEME KONUSUNA ODAKLANIYOR

Kasım ayı kapasite geliştirme eğitimlerinde, SECAP'ların ana değerlendiricisi konumunda olup sürecin en önemli aktörlerinden olan AB Ortak Araştırma Merkezini (Joint Research Center, JRC) eğitmen olarak ağırlayacağız.



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AVRUPA YEŞİL MÜTABAKATI

Avrupa Komisyonu, "Sınırda Karbon Düzenleme Mekanizmasına Giriş" eğitim modülünün Türkçe çevirisini yakın zamanda yayınladı.

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UYUM DİYALOĞU TÜRKİYE, AB İKLİM DİYALOGLARI PROJESİ ÇOK ÜLKELİ UYUM ETKİNLİĞİ

AB İklim Diyalogu, kentsel uyum süreçlerinde bilgi akışını kolaylaştırmayı ve iyi uygulamaların paylaşımını artırmayı hedeflerken; AB, Üye Devletler ve Türkiye paydaşları arasındaki iş birliğini teşvik ederek destek sağlamayı amaçlamaktadır.

13 Kasım 2023, (09:30 - 16:45)

Etkinlik Zoom üzerinden çevrimiçi gerçekleştirilecektir. Zoom Bağlantısını gönderide bulabilirsiniz.



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Yenilenebilir Enerji için Yaratıcı ve Bütüncül Bir Yaklaşım: Bosna Hersek'in yolları güneş enerjisinden elektrik üretimi için güçlendirecek.



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AB İklim Diyalogu'nun Uyum Diyalogu Türkiye başarılı bir şekilde gerçekleştirildi.

Çok sayıda katılımcının ve konuşmacının bir araya geldiği İklim Uyum Eylem ve Stratejileri Üzerinde Durulan Toplantı başarılı bir şekilde gerçekleştirildi.



EU CLIMATE DIALOGUES PROJECT

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İklim Değişikliğiyle Mücadelede Doğayı Kucaklamak

Avrupa Çevre Ajansı, standartlaştırılmış değerlendirme ve izleme protokollerinin eksikliğinden, projelerin çoğaltılması ve geliştirilmesinde zorluklara işaret ederek, Avrupa çapında doğa temelli çözümler geliştirme konusundaki uzman eksikliğine dikkat çekti.



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JCCPE VE GCOM MAKALE ÇAĞRISI

Enerji Dönüşümü için AB Projesi Küresel Belediye Başkanları Sözleşmesi (GCoM) ile ortaklık yaparak İklim Değişikliğinde Şehir Öncelikleri konulu **Şehir İklim Politikası ve Ekonomisi Dergisi'nin (JCCPE)** özel baskısına katkıda bulunmaya davet ediyor

Özet gönderimi için son tarih:
30 Kasım 2023
Özet Sınırı: 500 kelime

KİMLER BAŞVURU YAPABİLİR?



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Avrupa Komisyonu, CoM - Avrupa ve Avrupa Bölgeler Komitesinden Enerji Tasarrufu Kılavuzu

Şehirleri enerji tüketimini hemen azaltmaya yönelik önlemler almada desteklemek amacıyla hazırlanan **Şehirler Enerji Tasarrufu Sprint'i**ne göz atın!



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Yeni Rapor: İklim Eylemlerinde, Eylem Planları Kadar Tutkuya da İhtiyaç Var

IEA'nın son raporu, 2050 net sıfır hedefine ulaşma hedefinde kritik bir boşluk olduğunu ortaya koyuyor. Gelişmiş ülkeler, gelişmekte olan ülkelere kıyasla emisyonları yıllık olarak daha da fazla azaltmalı, hem de önemli ölçüde.



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GCoM'un COP28 Ajandası Yayımlandı

Önemli partnerlerimizden olan Küresel Belediye Başkanları Sözleşmesi'nin COP28'deki gündeminde dikkat çeken başlıklar var.

Oturumlar sonradan açıklanacak bağlantılarla çevrimiçi olarak takip edilebilecektir. Ajandaya gönderideki bağlantıdan ulaşabilirsiniz.



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Avrupa Çevre Ajansı'nın Biyokütle Raporu: Biyokütle'nin önemli gelecekte ne konumunda olacak?

Rapor, iklim ve çevre hedeflerini ele alırken, küresel ticaret, arazi kısıtlamaları, bükü örtüsü ve iklim değişikliği nedeniyle Avrupa biyokütlesi için rekabet gibi zorlukları vurgulayarak, **Stratejik Enerji ve İklim Eylem Planlarını (SECAP)** geliştirilmesinde biyokütle'nin önemli rolünün altını çiziyor.



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AB KOMİSYONU DEĞERLENDİRME RAPORU:

Rapor, Türkiye'nin AB politikaları ve düzenlemelerine uyumunu, Türkiye'nin ulaştırma politikası, enerji, çevre ve iklim değişikliği gibi alanlardaki çabalarını, elde ettiği sonuçları ve karşılaştığı zorlukları öne çıkarıyor.



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Araştırma Bulgusu: Nature Communications'da yayınlanan bir araştırmaya göre Güneş Enerjisi 2030'a kadar birçok yerde en ucuz yenilenebilir kaynak olacak. Araştırmacılar projeksiyonlarını haritalandırdı.



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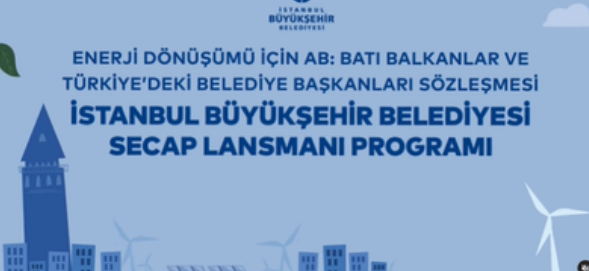
Also IMM SECAP Disclosure Event Details and IMM's Green City Action Plan are shared.

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İSTANBUL BÜYÜKŞEHİR BELEDİYESİ

ENERJİ DÖNÜŞÜMÜ İÇİN AB: BATI BALKANLAR VE TÜRKİYE'DEKİ BELEDİYE BAŞKANLARI SÖZLEŞMESİ

İSTANBUL BÜYÜKŞEHİR BELEDİYESİ SECAP LANSMANI PROGRAMI



İSTANBUL BÜYÜKŞEHİR BELEDİYESİ

İSTANBUL YEŞİL ŞEHİR EYLEM PLANI TANITIM PROGRAMI

yeşil çözüm



IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING CLIMATE DATA



- **Simplified Monitoring System (MRV):** It functions as a simplified MRV system, employing the measure, report, verify approach to track progress over time.



- **Enhanced Transparency and Political Commitment:** Reporting enhances transparency, offering a visual representation of political commitment to climate-related goals.



- **Data to Knowledge for Local Action:** The process transforms data into valuable information and knowledge, informing local climate action and facilitating acceleration efforts.



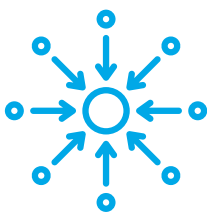
- **Improved Data Quality:** Continuous reporting leads to improved data quality, ensuring increasing accuracy and coherence over time.



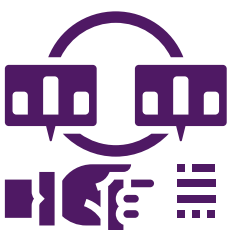
- **Identification of Data Gaps:** Reporting identifies data gaps, paving the way for resolution with support from organizations like the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM).



- **Mapping of Trends:** Widespread reporting enables the mapping of national, regional, and global trends, offering insights that inform the need for improvement and financing/investment strategies.



- **Aggregation, Comparison, and Monitoring in the Centralized Data Hub:** It enables the aggregation, comparison, and monitoring of data over time, facilitating a comprehensive understanding of climate-related developments within the reach of climate experts, decision makers and the citizens.



- **Global Benchmarking:** The GCoM global streamlined reporting process provides a robust benchmark for assessing and comparing climate data globally.



UNLOCKING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: RECAP OF THE 2024 MLGP STRATEGY MEETING

MLGP 2024 Strategy Meeting held on November 7th, 2023 with Marmara Municipalities Union Representatives. This session not only shed light on our collective achievements but also prompted constructive dialogues around the challenges that lie ahead.



The event served as a pivotal moment in our ongoing commitment to shaping a greener and more sustainable Türkiye. Representatives from the Marmara Municipalities Union graced the occasion, adding depth and perspective to our discussions.



A major highlight of the event was the comprehensive presentation of the Draft MLGP Monitoring Report for 2023 by Mr. Mike Mannaart, an International Expert renowned for his contributions to environmental initiatives.

The heart of the meeting was the open discussion on the MLGP Draft Strategy for 2024. Guided by the able moderation of Ms. Gizem Mataracı and Ms. Daiva Matonienė, representatives from MMU, including Mr. Ahmet Cihat Kahraman, Ms. Burcuhan Şener, Ms. Özge Sivrikaya, and Mr. Mustafa Özkul, actively shared their invaluable visions, experiences, and recommendations. This inclusive dialogue was a testament to the collaborative spirit that defines our shared mission.



CAPACITY BUILDING FOR OBSERVER MUNICIPALITIES: SECAP REPORTING & MONITORING ACTIONS

Highlights from EU4ETTR's SECAP Reporting and Monitoring Training

Session 1: Building Foundations for Effective Climate Action (08.11.2023)

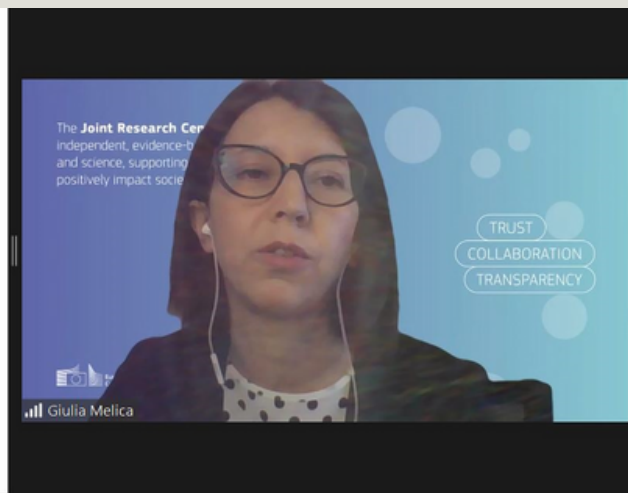
The training session of the SECAP Reporting and Monitoring Actions training marked a significant step forward in the EU4ETTR project. Hosted in collaboration with the esteemed **European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC)**, the session, led by **Ms. Giulia Melica**, delved into the intricacies of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs). Municipalities serving as observers were provided with a comprehensive understanding of how to execute SECAP reporting and the crucial role monitoring plays in shaping sustainable communities.



JRC is introduced by Ms. Guillia Melica on 18th of October 2023

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) is the internal scientific and knowledge arm of the European Commission. Established with a mission to offer independent, evidence-based science and knowledge, the JRC contributes to shaping and informing EU policies. With over 60 years of scientific experience, the JRC operates across five countries, housing specialized laboratories and unique research facilities. Thousands of scientists collaborate within the JRC, dedicating their expertise to positively impact society by supporting the development and implementation of EU policies.

Role of JRC in the Covenant



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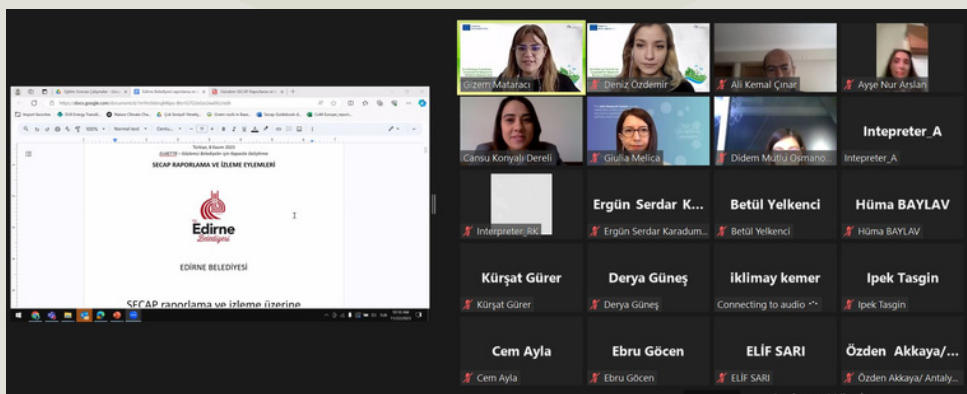
Highlights from EU4ETTR's SECAP Reporting and Monitoring Training

Session 2: Showcasing Progress through Collaboration (22.11.2023)

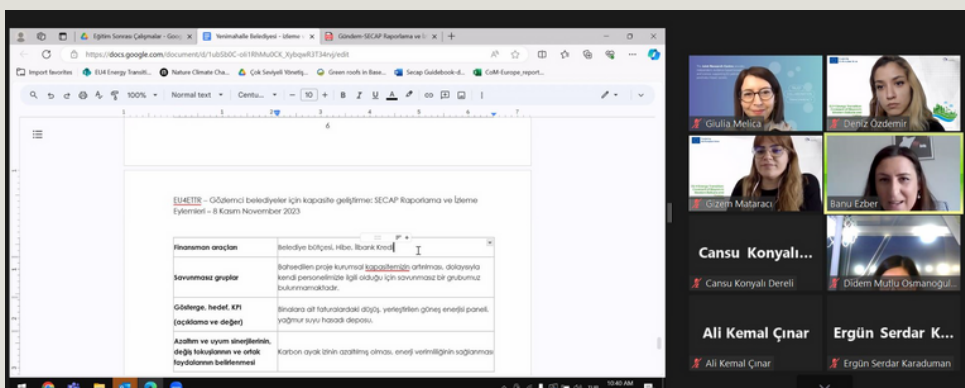
Interactive Training Experience:

The second session of the EU4ETTR capacity-building training series continued the momentum with a focus on SECAP Monitoring and Reporting. The expertise of the Joint Research Centre was again highlighted, with a dynamic Interactive Group Discussion featuring presentations from observer municipalities Çiğli, Küçükçekmece, Yenimahalle, and Edirne Municipalities.

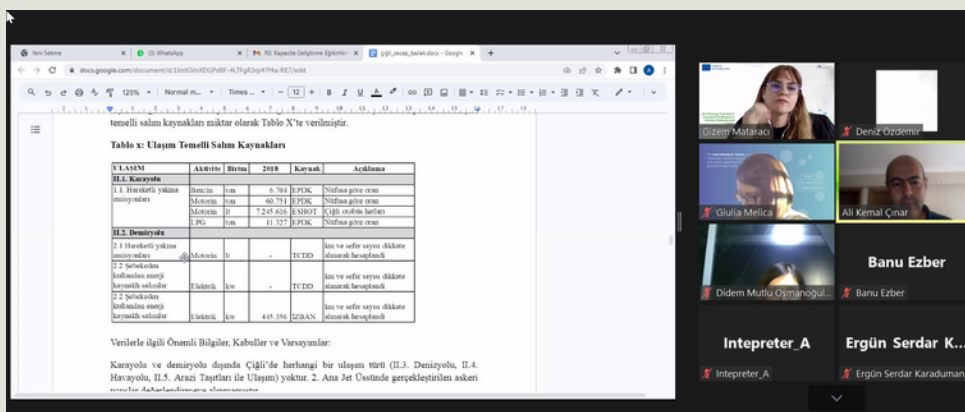
A heartfelt appreciation was extended to these municipalities for their outstanding efforts in preparing insights, challenges, and opportunities for their respective regions. Ms. Giulia Melica from JRC was recognized for her invaluable contributions in sharing insights on SECAP reporting and monitoring actions.



Edirne Municipality



Yenimahalle Municipality



Çiğli Municipality

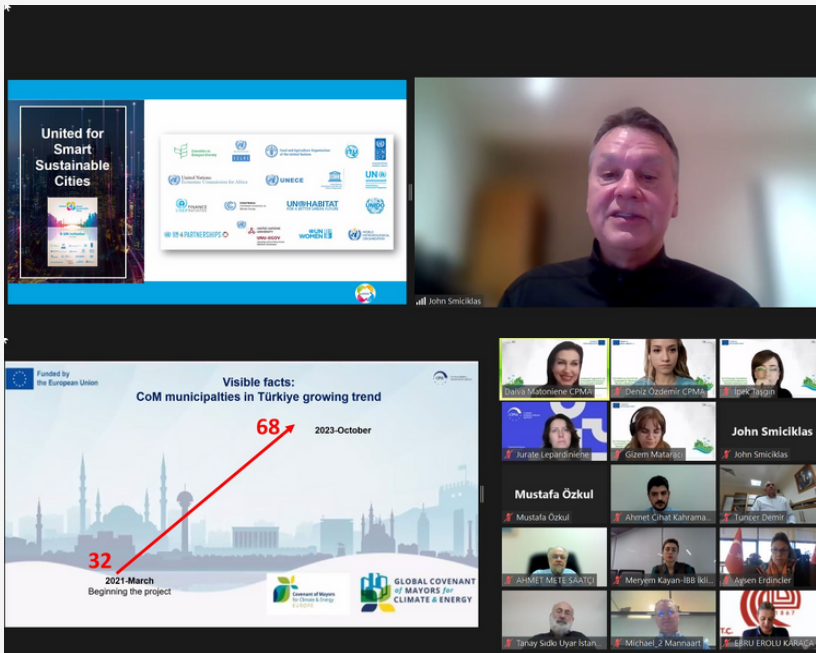
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MLGP STEERING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

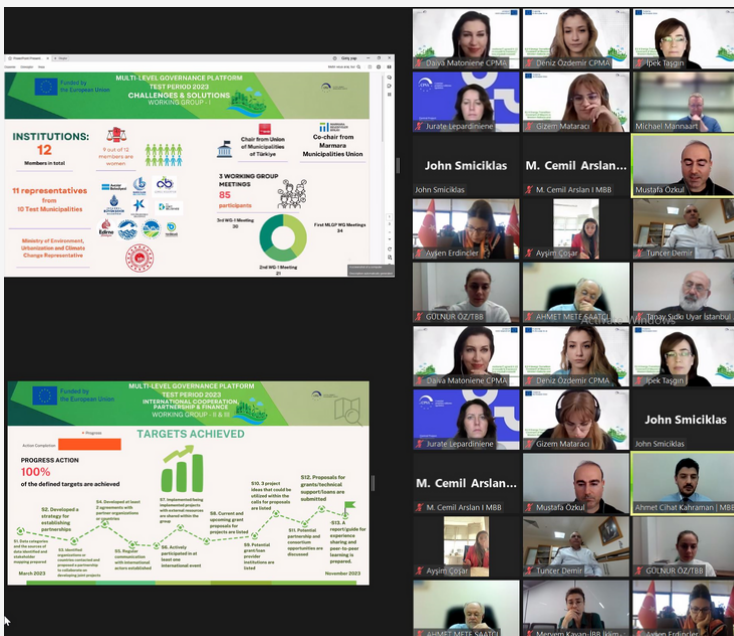
The final Steering and Advisory Committee meeting of the Multi-Level Governance Platform's (MLGP) 2023 test period convened on November 14th, 2023. This pivotal gathering brought together international and national stakeholders, along with partners from various institutions, all dedicated to shaping the future landscape of energy and climate policies.

This momentous occasion served as a critical juncture for evaluating the results achieved throughout 2023 and strategically planning the course for the upcoming year, 2024. As representatives from diverse sectors and geographies came together, the collective spirit of cooperation and shared responsibility was palpable.



John Smiciklas from U4SSC gave his speech at the meeting.

EU4ETTR Project Team Leader Daiva Matonienė presented MLGP 2023, and strategies for 2024 period during her presentation.



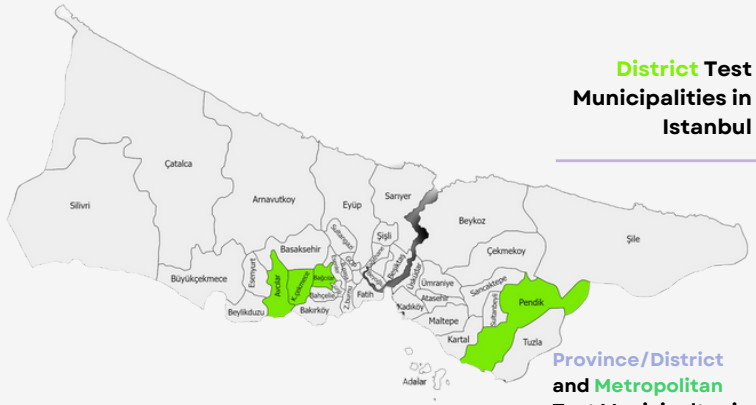
Mustafa Özkul and Ahmet Cihat Kahraman from Marmara Municipalities Union, presented key figures from the MLGP test period.

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14.11.2023

MLGP STEERING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

As the members reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead, it is evident that the MLGP is not merely a platform; it is a dynamic force driving change. With gratitude for the dedication of all involved, we eagerly anticipate the unfolding of the next chapter in this journey toward a more sustainable and resilient future. Stay tuned as the MLGP continues to shape the discourse on energy and climate policies, forging a path towards a greener and more sustainable world.



MLGP Test:

42% of all Türkiye Population

Total test MLGP covered area with other active partner municipalities in the project

25% of all Türkiye Population

MLGP 2023 Test Municipalities



2023 MLGP Test Period Impact with partnering, test, and observer municipalities in Türkiye.



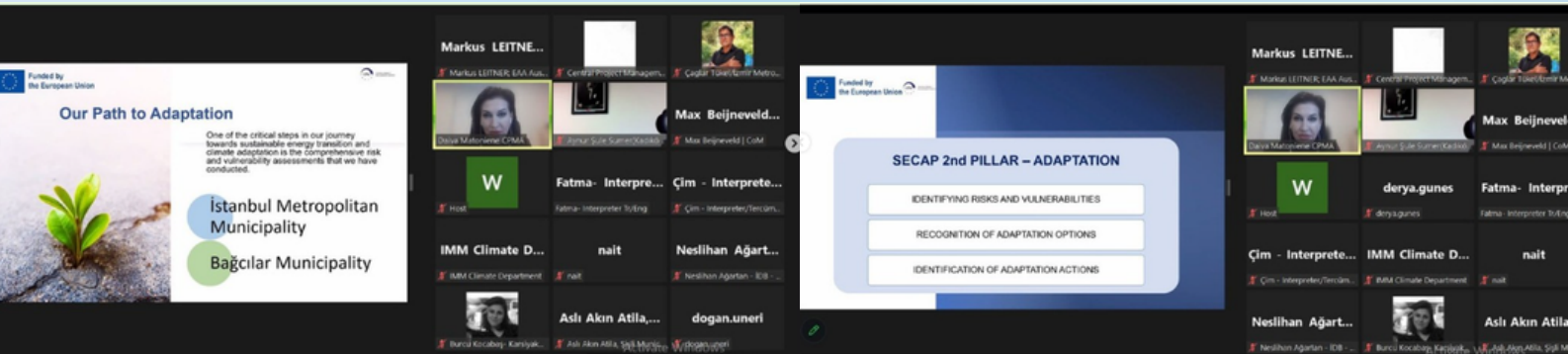
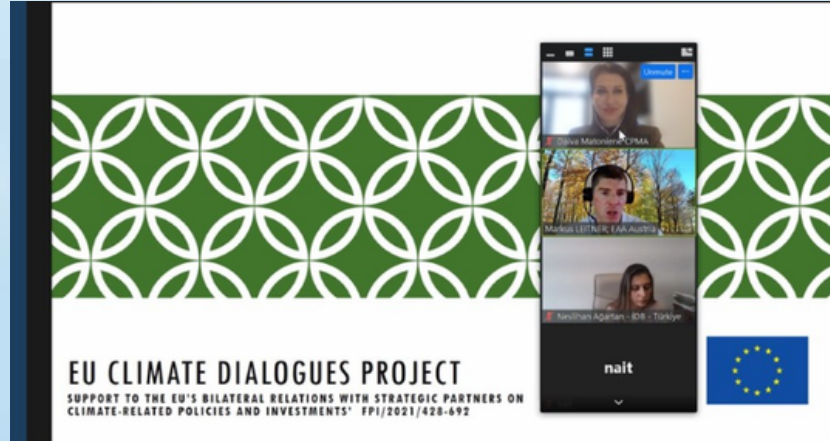
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CELEBRATING A MILESTONE IN CLIMATE ACTION: ADAPTATION DIALOGUE TÜRKİYE BY EU CLIMATE DIALOGUES PROJECT

The Adaptation Dialogue Türkiye: Multi-Country Activity on Adaptation (MC08), held on November 13, 2023.

Fostering Collaboration for Climate Resilience

The Adaptation Dialogue Türkiye brought together participants from various corners of the globe on the virtual platform, to engage in a constructive dialogue on climate change adaptation. At the heart of the discussion were topics such as local vulnerability assessments, impact evaluations, adaptation planning, and implementation solutions. The aim was clear: to enhance cooperation between the European Union, its Member States, and Turkish stakeholders in supporting climate change adaptation actions at the municipal level.



A highlight of the event was the session titled "EU4 Energy Transition: CoM in WB and Türkiye," featuring the expertise of **Ms. Daiva Matonienė from the EU4 Energy Transition project**. Participants gained practical insights into adaptation actions and learned from the practical experiences in Turkey. Ms. Matonienė's contribution added a valuable perspective to the ongoing transformation towards sustainable energy practices.





SECAP Disclosure Event with Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality

Held on the 27th of November 2023, at Haliç Congress Center.



The introduction of the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IMM) and the Lithuanian Central Project Management Agency (CPMA) marks a big step for Istanbul's journey towards sustainability. This collaboration shows the city's strong commitment to fighting climate change and promoting cleaner energy practices.



Representatives of CPMA and IMM gathered at the event.



Head of IMM Environmental Protection and Control Department Prof. Dr. Ayşen Erdinçler's opening speech.



Ambassadors of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Ričardas Degutis and Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu.



The ambassador Ričardas Degutis



SECAP Disclosure Event with Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality



Deputy Director of the Central Project Management Agency
Rasa Suraučienė

Ms. Rasa Suraučienė from CPMA thanked everyone involved, highlighting the importance of working together to achieve sustainability goals. Ms. Daiva Matonienė noted that Istanbul's SECAP aims to reduce a significant amount of carbon emissions annually by 2030, showing the power of global cooperation.



EU for Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors Project in the Western Balkans and Türkiye Türkiye team leader Daiva Matonienė,

Ms. Daiva Matonienė, the project leader in Türkiye, underscored the impact of Istanbul's SECAP in reducing carbon dioxide emissions, targeting a significant decrease of 617,000 CO2 tons annually by 2030. This highlights the potency of international collaboration in addressing global environmental challenges.



European Commission Christian Ballaro, Energy, Environment and Climate Change program officer



Co-Director of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Piero Roberto Remitti,



SECAP Disclosure Event with Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality



In essence, the SECAP launch represents a collective endeavor, uniting local and international expertise, to pave the way for a more eco-friendly and sustainable Istanbul. The city's dedication to carbon emission reduction and the adoption of sustainable energy practices is commendable and sets a precedent for other urban centers grappling with similar challenges. As EU4ETTR Project, it is an honor to showcase and celebrate this remarkable achievement that signifies a transformative leap toward a greener future for Istanbul.

Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Ekrem İmamoğlu



During the launch event, Mr. Ekrem İmamoğlu, the Mayor of Istanbul, shared the city's vision for sustainable energy and climate goals. This demonstrates the city's determination to take meaningful actions for a greener future.





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SECAP Disclosure Event with
Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality



Istanbul's SECAP Journey

To the esteemed experts who lent their invaluable insights, to the diligent team at IMM who worked tirelessly to champion this cause, and to our esteemed partners who brought diverse perspectives and shared commitment to this endeavor – your collective efforts have truly made a difference.

Thank you!



Announcements from EU4ETTR Side: December 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS



Local Steering Committee Meeting

5 December 2023,
Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:30, Istanbul time
Online



COP28: NATIONAL AND LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLANS



COP28
UAE

8 December 2023, 10.00 Dubai time
COP28 Venue, Turkish pavilion Blue Zone, B5 Building 61, UAE

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ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT FOR CLIMATE ACTIONS

MODERATOR

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Our Note:

“The strongest alliance for our planet lies not in waiting for someone else to act, but in the collective cooperation of every individual, a shared effort where each collaborator becomes the guardian of our precious home.”

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To tackle climate goals, everyone—governments, industries, and communities—needs to work together. Reporting and monitoring our actions are super important. When countries team up internationally, they share ideas, create new tech, and align their rules. This teamwork, backed by clear reporting, leads us to a sustainable future. Keeping an eye on our climate efforts is like having a GPS—it helps us stay on track. So, by working together and keeping tabs on what we do, we're making sure our planet stays safe for the next generations. Collaboration and good reporting are our keys to a greener, stronger world.

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