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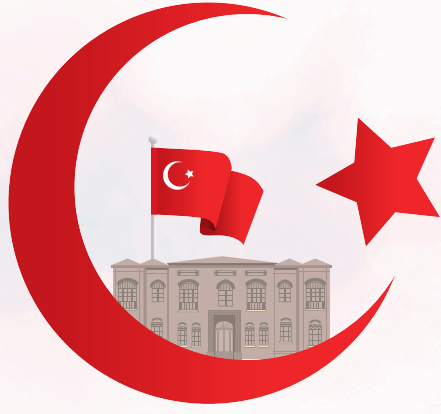


EU4 ENERGY
TRANSITION:
COVENANT OF MAYORS
IN THE WESTERN
BALKANS AND TÜRKİYE

**TÜRKİYE
MONTHLY BULLETIN**

- APRIL 2024 -





23 APRIL

**"Children are the assurance of our future and our joy of life.
It is our duty as humanity to raise today's children as tomorrow's adults."**

**HAPPY NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND
CHILDREN'S DAY!**





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



April Focus

Communication: Coming together for Climate Actions

In the journey towards a sustainable future, unity is our greatest strength. As we come together through initiatives like MLGP4Climate, embracing climate dialogue and multi-level governance, we pave the way for impactful change. Inspired by Henry Ford's timeless wisdom, let us move forward hand in hand, recognizing that collective progress propels us towards success. Each voice, each action, contributes to a brighter, greener tomorrow for generations to come. Together, we have the power to shape a world where harmony between humanity and the planet reigns supreme.

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.

Henry Ford





IRENEC 2024

CLIMATE PANEL

19 April 2024

14. International IRENEC Conference was highly successful!

EU4ETTR Project with Bağcılar Municipality Representatives and Experts participated in IRENEC with a climate panel: “Climate Actions and Multi-Level Governance Platform for 100% Renewable Energy Applications in Türkiye”.

EU4ETTR Project Team Leader Ms. Daiva Matoniene, Bağcılar Municipality Vice Mayor Dr. Ertuğrul Selçuk Güldüler, Project Coordinator Mr. Faruk Şit, and Project Expert Mr. Arif Künar shared insights, suggestions and experiences in terms of energy transition, renewable energy, success of the Multi-Level Governance Platform in Türkiye.

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IRENEC 2024
14TH INTERNATIONAL 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE
17-19 APRIL, 2024
Istanbul Beykent University, Ayazaga, Türkiye

CLIMATE PANEL:
CLIMATE ACTIONS AND MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE PLATFORM FOR 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY APPLICATIONS IN TÜRKİYE

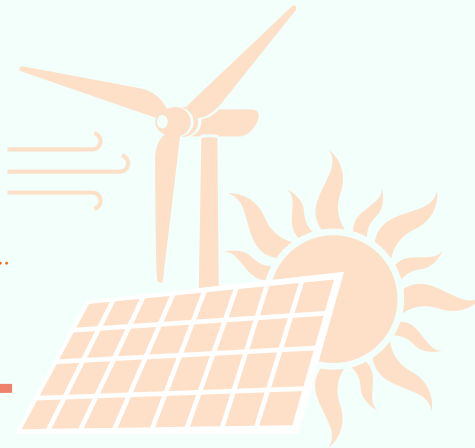
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IRENEC 2024 CLIMATE PANEL

19 April 2024



EU4ETTR Project Team Leader Ms. Daiva Matoniene, summarized the Multi-Level Governance Platform (MLGP) for Climate Actions and Towards 100% Renewables in Türkiye. This initiative aimed to propel Türkiye towards a sustainable future amidst climate challenges. The presentation covered its conceptualization, implementation, achievements, and future plans. It emphasized collaborative climate governance, capacity building, and innovative problem-solving.



The presentation outlined a strategic roadmap for nationwide expansion, emphasizing dialogue with stakeholders and funding mobilization. The MLGP represents a transformative model for Türkiye's climate governance, driving progress towards a sustainable, low-carbon future.





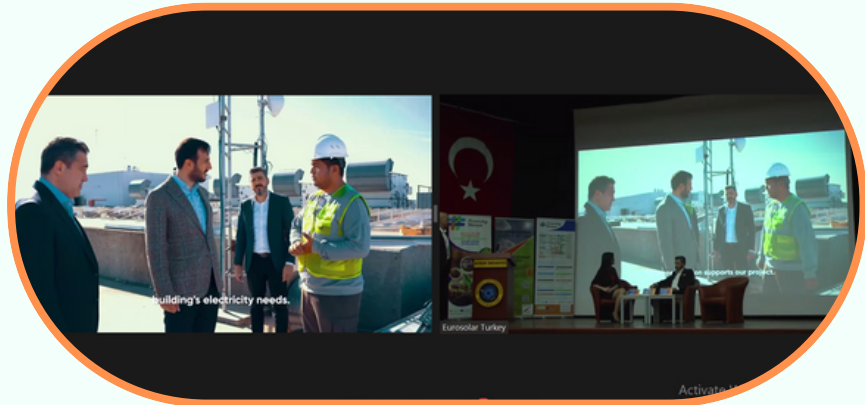
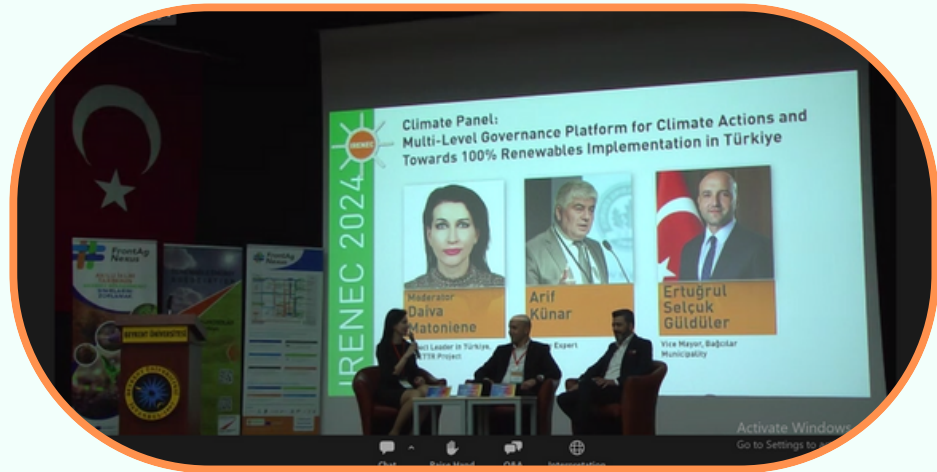
IRENEC 2024 CLIMATE PANEL

The Climate Panel Session was followed by more than 100 people!

Dr. Ertuğrul Selçuk Güdüler presented a compelling proposal for sustainable energy transition in Istanbul's Bağcılar Municipality through solar power plants. Backed by meticulous assessments, the project strategically leveraged solar energy to mitigate carbon emissions and meet electricity demands.

Aligned with Bağcılar's Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP), it aimed to install a 171.72 kWp Solar Power Plant, promising significant environmental benefits and cost savings. Dr. Güdüler's presentation highlighted the project's scholarly approach to energy transition, emphasizing its potential for broader climate change mitigation and sustainable development goals.

Additionally, Dr. Güdüler highlighted the competitive advantage and the potential for Bağcılar to serve as an inspiring example for other regions aiming to embrace renewable energy solutions.



The session can be accessible from YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3W0uLh11UH4>



IRENEC 2024 CLIMATE PANEL

Mr. Arif Künar presented a comprehensive issue at the IRENEC conference and addressed urban energy transformation and the pressing issue of energy poverty. Focusing on İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality's initiatives, particularly Municipal Energy Desks (BEM), Mr. Künar suggested providing information and support to households for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy adoption. Mr. Künar introduced the "Alo Energy Advisory Desk" (AEDM) and discussed training, operational frameworks, and community engagement strategies. By advocating for collaborative approaches, the speech aimed to alleviate energy poverty and promote sustainable energy transitions in urban areas.



Prof. Dr. Tanay Sıdkı Uyar presented the plaque after the panel.



We would like to thank the viewers for their attention, and the physical attendees for their contributions to the discussion that was held after the panel!



MLGP4CLIMATE: EMPOWERING ACTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Your Guide to MLGP4Climate

Advisory Committee (AC): Harnessing Expertise for Informed Decisions

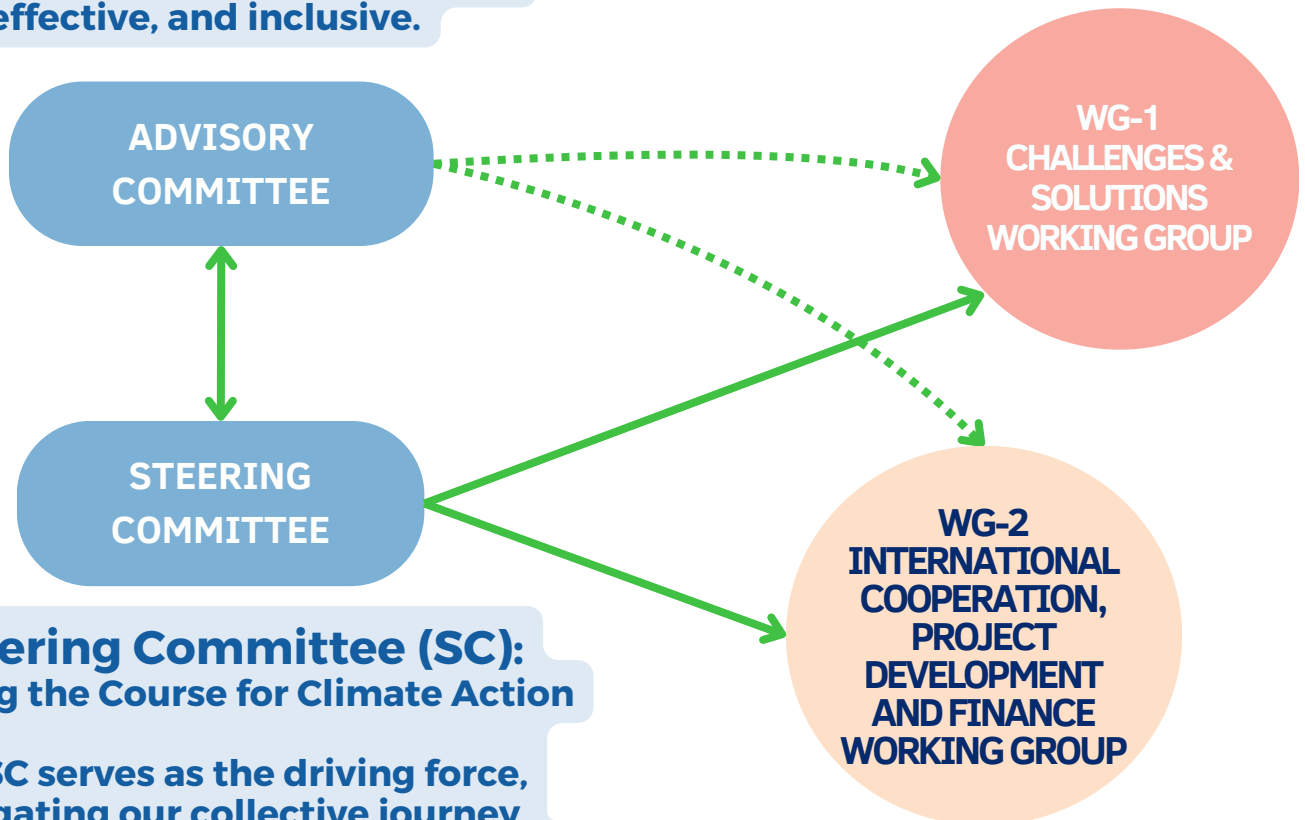
Our AC is the brain trust, offering invaluable insights and recommendations to guide the platform. Comprising esteemed individuals with extensive networks and expertise, they ensure that our policies and actions are informed, effective, and inclusive.

Working Groups (WGs):

Our WGs are the engines of progress, dedicated to overcoming challenges and seizing opportunities. From identifying obstacles to implementing solutions, they drive tangible results that propel us towards a sustainable future.

Challenges & Solutions Working Group (C&S-WG):

Pioneering Solutions for Municipalities
Our C&S-WG is on the frontline, tackling climate challenges head-on and crafting tailored solutions for Turkish municipalities. Through collaboration, capacity building, and international partnerships, they empower communities to embrace sustainable practices.



Steering Committee (SC): Charting the Course for Climate Action

Our SC serves as the driving force, navigating our collective journey towards a greener future. With diverse representation and a visionary chair at the helm, we propose, approve, and implement strategies to steer us toward our climate goals.

Project Development, Funding, Implementation, and Cooperation Working Group (PDFIC-WG):

Our PDFIC-WG is where ideas transform into action. From developing pilot projects to securing funding, they ensure that our climate strategies are not just theoretical but tangible, making a real difference in our communities.



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MAY 2024

- **Workshop:** *Financial Instruments and Funding Opportunities Workshop with Gap Fund*
- **Training:** *Energy Efficiency Programs for Municipalities*

JULY 2024

- **Seminar:** *Financial Programs*
- **Meeting:** *MLGP4Climate International Cooperation, Project Development and Finance WG2 (ICPDF-WG)*

SEPTEMBER 2024

- **Workshop:** *Energy Poverty Workshop with JRC and Energy Desks of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality*
- **Meeting:** *MLGP4Climate Challenges & Solutions WG1 (C&S-WG)*

NOVEMBER 2024

- **Seminar:** *Practical experiences from 100 mission cities*
- **Meeting:** *MLGP4Climate Steering Committee & Advisory Committee*

2024 EVENT TIMELINE

TÜRKİYE MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE PLATFORM FOR CLIMATE ACTIONS

JUNE 2024

- **Support activities:** *Interreg Next Black Sea Basin*
- **Meeting:** *MLGP4Climate Challenges & Solutions WG1 (C&S-WG)*

AUGUST 2024

- **Meeting:** *MLGP4Climate Steering & Advisory Committee*

OCTOBER 2024

- **Support activities:** *HORIZON Europe*
- **Meeting:** *MLGP4Climate International Cooperation, Project Development and Finance WG2 (ICPDF-WG)*

DECEMBER 2024

- **Workshop:** *MLGP4Climate Strategy and Next Steps*

**TÜRKİYE MULTI-LEVEL
GOVERNANCE PLATFORM
FOR
CLIMATE ACTIONS**

MLGP4CLIMATE KICK-OFF MEETING

**30th of April 2024
Ankara, Türkiye**



Collaborate for Sustainable Future



MLGP4CLIMATE KICK-OFF MEETING

30th of April 2024
Ankara, Türkiye

Collaborate for Sustainable Future

On the 30th of April, representatives from all over Türkiye and Europe came together to support climate actions and collaborative actions.

With more than 100 participants online and face-to-face, MLGP4Climate Kick-off Event was held successfully.





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With over a hundred attendees both online and in-person, the MLGP4Climate Launch Event was a resounding success.

The MLGP4Climate Launch Event commenced with opening speeches from key dignitaries, including **Mr. Kayhan Özüm, Deputy Secretary General of the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye,**

Ms. Virve Vimpari, Counsellor and Head of Section for Green Development and Inclusive Growth at the European Union Delegation, underscored the EU's commitment to supporting sustainable initiatives and fostering international collaboration.



Ms. Jüratė Lepardinienė, Deputy Director of the Central Project Management Agency, highlighted the importance of multi-level governance in achieving climate objectives and expressed the agency's dedication to facilitating impactful projects.

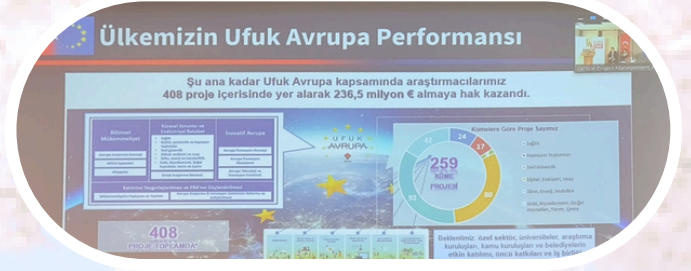




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During the MLGP4Climate Launch Event, **Ms. Beyza Turan from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** discussed the synergies between the IPA III Programming Framework for 2021-2027 and MLGP4Climate, highlighting opportunities for collaboration.



Ms. Helena Monteiro, representing the Gap Fund-GCoM Partnership, provided insights into accessing financing opportunities through MLGP4Climate, emphasizing its role in supporting climate finance initiatives.



Subsequent discussions focused on building a roadmap for the wide expansion of MLGP4Climate, led by **Ms. Daiva Matonienė from the EU4ETTR Project Türkiye Team**.



A success story was presented by **Mr. Mustafa Araç**, showcasing the Bağcılar solar project as a model for sustainable urban development.



The role and importance of municipal unions were addressed by **Mr. Ertuğrul Şafak from the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye**.



Ms. Jüratė Lepardinienė, Deputy Director of the Central Project Management Agency, provided insights into the MLGP4Climate IT Portal for 2024.



Collaborate for Sustainable Future

With a focus on scaling up energy transition and climate action efforts, the event aimed to foster dialogue, exchange ideas, and explore new cooperation opportunities. Participants engaged in discussions on platform improvements, future expansion strategies, and avenues for accessing financing through MLGP4Climate.

Through brainstorming sessions, attendees explored ways to enhance collaboration, support municipalities in developing innovative ideas, and ensure the sustainability of the platform.



With a diverse audience including CoM municipalities, ministries, unions, academia, NGOs, and business groups, the event facilitated meaningful exchanges and laid the groundwork for impactful climate action across Türkiye.





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MLGP4CLIMATE WORKING GROUP MEETING

**First Working Group
Meeting of the year
hosted more than 20
representatives from
Turkish municipalities!**





Collaborate for Sustainable Future

MLGP4CLIMATE WORKING GROUP MEETING



After impactful brainstorming between municipality representatives from all over Türkiye, key actions were noted, and outcomes could be summarized around:

Collaborations:

- **Focus on partnerships with innovation-driven institutions and climate start-ups.**
- **Emphasized strategic expansion while ensuring efficiency.**

Innovative SECAP Ideas:

- **Identified challenges in budget planning.**
- **Proposed mentorship programs and inter-municipal visits for capacity building.**

Expectations from Advisory Committee:

- **Highlighted the importance of grant programs and technical support.**
- **Advocated for the inclusion of regional agencies for sustainability.**



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MLGP4CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



**MLGP4Climate Advisory
Committee Meeting was
highly colorful!**





Collaborate for Sustainable Future

MLGP4CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



After valuable discussions between experts from different kinds of institutions and expertise, key actions were noted, and outcomes could be summarized around:

- **Align Local Climate Action Plans (YİDEP) with SECAP within climate legislation.**
- **Foster inter-stakeholder networking and community engagement.**
- **Establish City Council mechanisms to address local demands.**
- **Promote data-driven decision-making and standardized data systems.**
- **Activate MLGP through local monitoring committees.**
- **Facilitate joint projects and information sharing among municipalities.**
- **Support compliance with EU programs and promote best practices.**
- **Integrate SECAP into strategic planning processes.**
- **Provide financial support for innovative SECAP actions.**
- **Emphasize gender equality and nature-based solutions.**
- **Collaborate with international projects to enhance municipal capacities.**



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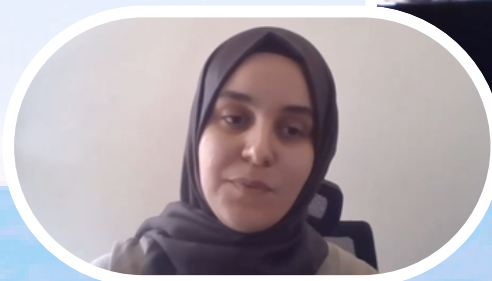
MLGP4CLIMATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



**In the Steering
Comittee Meeting, we
have wonderful
participants from all
over the Europe!**



**UCLG MEWA representatives
attended the SC Meeting
virtually.**





Collaborate for Sustainable Future

MLGP4CLIMATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



After valuable discussions between members, key actions were noted, and outcomes could be summarized around:

Partnering for Impact:

- **Collaborate with international networks, social media, financial institutions, universities, and public-private sectors.**
- **To enhance MLGP's reach, expertise, and resources through strategic alliances.**

Assessing MLGP Structure and Plans:

- **Embrace partnerships with global associations, mentor programs, technical commissions, and international platforms.**
- **Strengthen MLGP's foundation and expand its influence globally.**

Contributing to Sustainability and Building Connections:

- **Integrate training modules, leverage educational platforms, and foster collaborations to empower local leaders.**
- **Forge synergies between key stakeholders to enhance education, outreach, and action.**



Collaborate for Sustainable Future



After Advisory & Steering Committee and Working Group Meetings ended, key take aways were presented by **Ms. Gizem Mataracı**, **Ms. Gülnur Öz** and **Ms. Cemre Uçar**.



Ms. Daiva Matoniene and **Mr. Ertuğrul Şafak** wrapped up the meeting with flair and finesse.



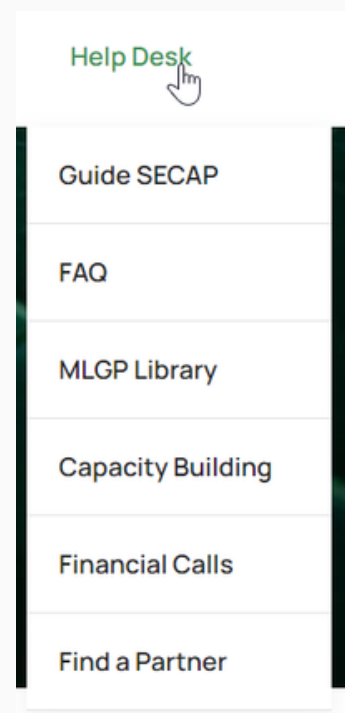
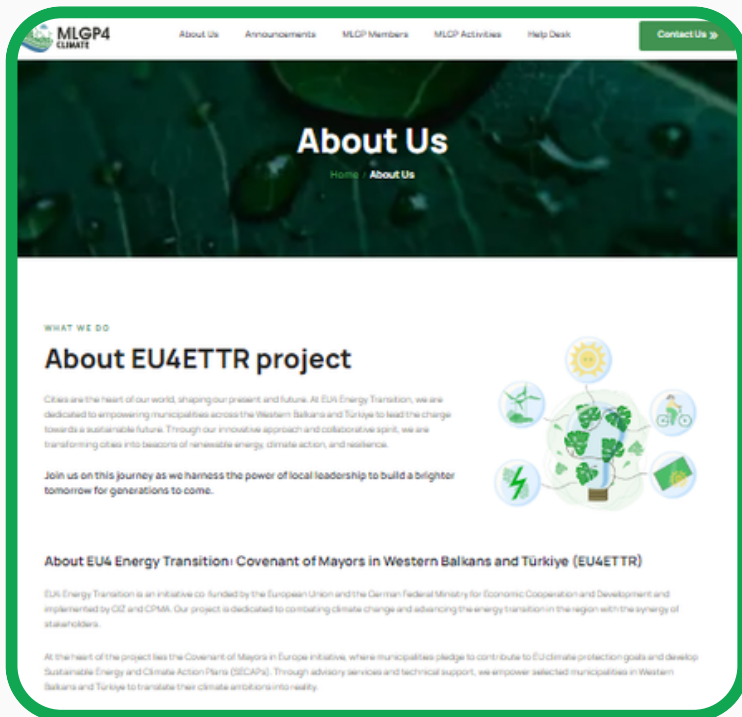
Thank you for all CoM municipalities, ministries, unions, academia, NGOs, and business groups, the event facilitated meaningful exchanges and laid the groundwork for impactful climate action across Türkiye being part of this memorable event!



MLGP4CLIMATE WEB PORTAL

Empowering Multi-Level Governance: Final Preparations Underway!

First interface pictures from the MLGP4Climate Web Portal have arrived. Let's take a quick tour!



Multi-level governance platform for Climate Actions in Türkiye's Web Platform Preparations to be finalized soon!

Help desk activities will be performed, financial calls can be directly accessible for MLGP4Climate Members through this tool!

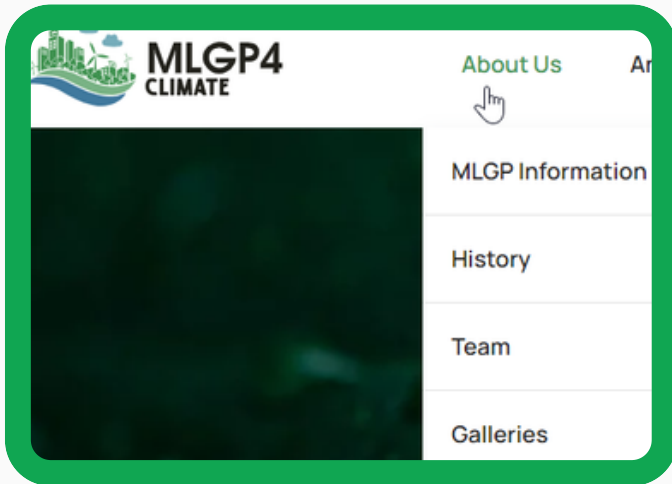


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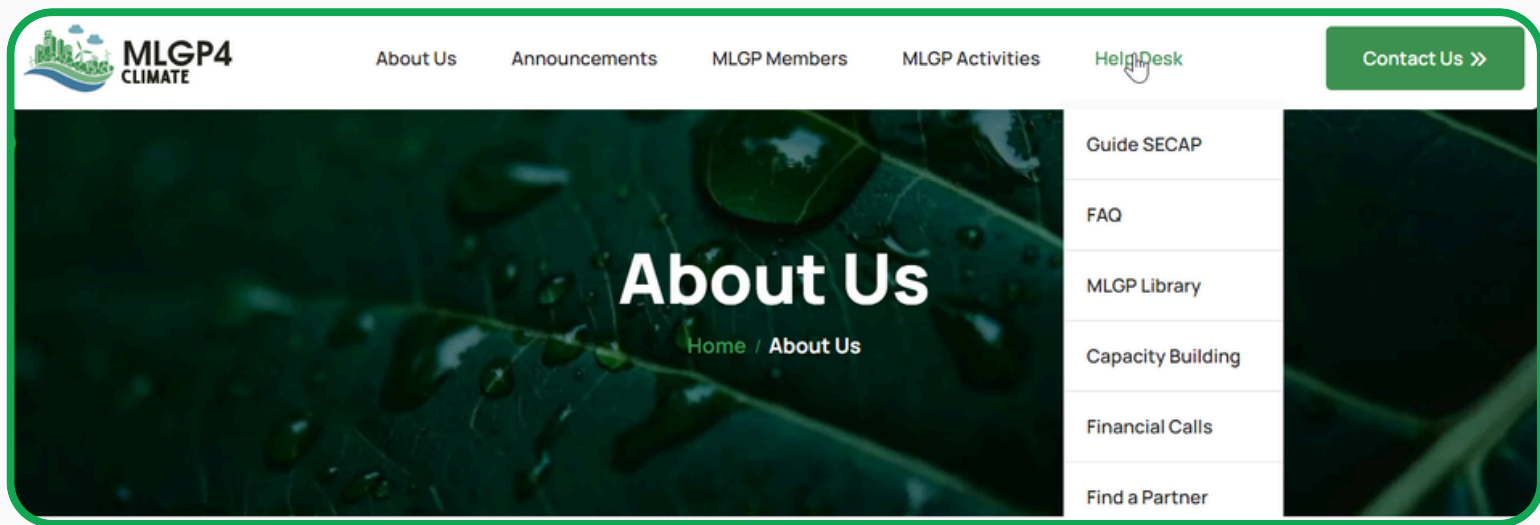


MLGP4CLIMATE WEB PORTAL

Empowering Multi-Level
Governance: Final Preparations
Underway!



You will find the team
information, photo
gallery of the events and
history of MLGP4Climate!



Secap Guides, MLGP Library, Capacity Building
Trainings and Materials, Financial Calls, Partner
Mapping and all other benefits!



Stay tuned!

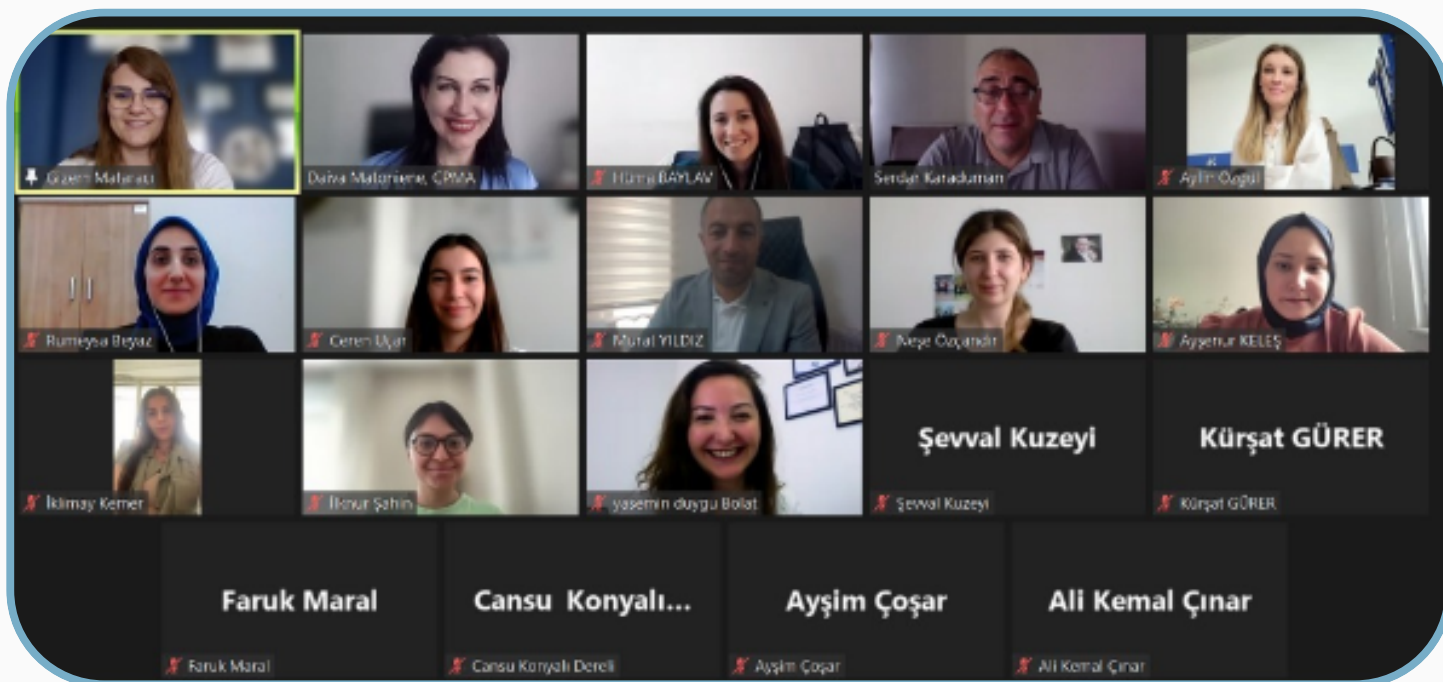
**MLGP4Climate Web Portal
soon to be launched and revealed!**



PROJECT PROPOSAL PREPARATION TRAINING - III

25 April 2024

The third session of training for preparing project proposals brought together Turkish municipalities committed to the Covenant of Mayors initiative.



Attendees gained crucial knowledge on completing project application forms and mastering project budget preparation. With a focus on climate actions, Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAP), and interregional collaboration, the session underscored the importance of proactive engagement in addressing mitigation and adaptation challenges.

Subsequently, participants delved into the **Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Cross-Border Cooperation Program**, an opportunity open to 25 provinces in Türkiye, with an application deadline set for June 28, 2024.



The session commenced with valuable insights into crafting a **Logical Framework Matrix**, recognized as a foundational element for successful project proposals.

MONTHLY WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

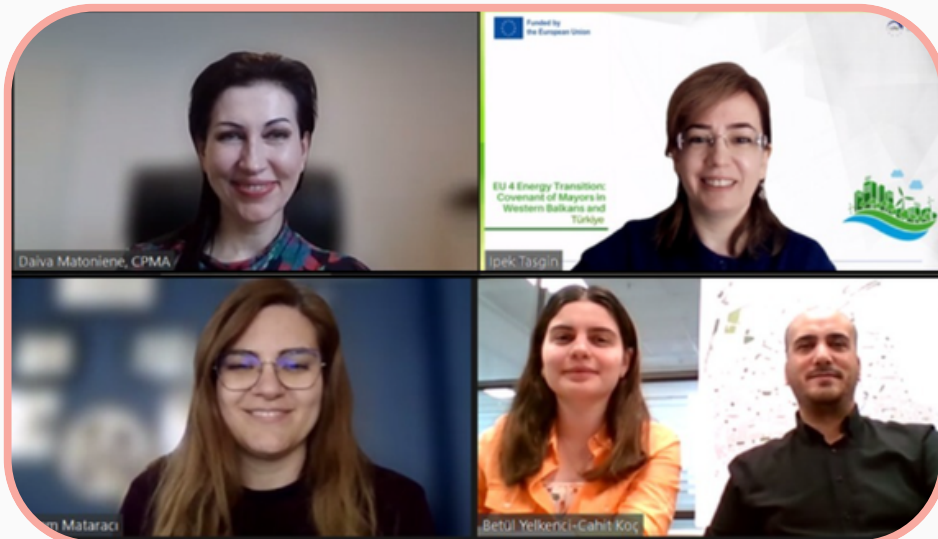
18 April 2024

EU4ETTR Türkiye recently concluded a fruitful meeting with representatives from Bağcılar Municipality and Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, focusing on crucial topics for advancing towards a greener future.



Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Meeting

Engaging discussions revolved around the upcoming steps for the Multi-Level Governance Platform (MLGP) in Türkiye, monitoring SECAP actions, and the implementation of energy poverty help-desk activities.



Bağcılar Municipality Meeting

Heartfelt appreciation goes to the dedicated teams and experts from Bağcılar Municipality and Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality for their leadership in driving sustainable initiatives forward.

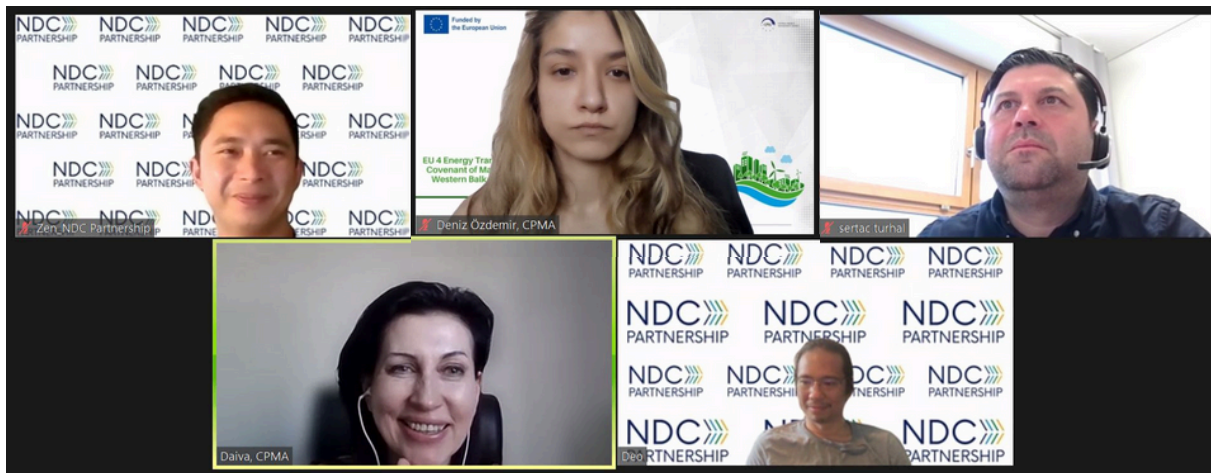


Meeting with NDC Partnership



14 April 2024

The NDC Partnership recently welcomed MLGP4Climate as a new member, marking a significant step forward in collective efforts to combat climate change.



Established in 2016 at COP22 in Marrakesh, the NDC Partnership arose from the need for coordinated support in fulfilling countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. Committed to providing technical assistance, expertise, and financing, the Partnership facilitates collaboration between governments, international institutions, and other stakeholders to accelerate climate action.



With MLGP4Climate's expertise and collaborative approach, the NDC Partnership can offer Turkiye strategic advice on prioritizing mitigation and adaptation efforts, leveraging innovative technologies, and mobilizing finance for sustainable development initiatives that align with its climate goals. By harnessing the collective expertise and resources of the Partnership, Turkey can pave the way for a more resilient, low-carbon future while simultaneously advancing its socio-economic development objectives.

NDC, or Nationally Determined Contributions, serve as vital commitments made by countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.



Earth Day 22nd of April

Earth Day remains as a rallying cry, reminding us all that our planet's health is everyone's responsibility.

Whether it's planting trees or advocating for policy change, Earth Day continues to inspire action for a greener, healthier world.

“For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider, every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

DID YOU KNOW?

Paris Agreement was signed in 22nd of April, 2016.

In 2016, on Earth Day, something epic went down: the Paris Agreement was unleashed for signatures! This game-changer brought together over 190 countries, all pledging to slash carbon emissions and tackle climate change head-on. It's like Earth's Avengers assembling to save the day! With transparency, accountability, and big dreams, this agreement is our ticket to a cooler, greener planet.

History of World Day

Earth Day's story is one of grassroots passion and global impact. It all started in 1970 when Senator Gaylord Nelson rallied Americans, inspired by events like Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" and a devastating oil spill off Santa Barbara's coast. On April 22nd of that year, over 20 million people took to the streets, demanding action to protect our planet.

Their voices were heard. President Nixon established the EPA, and Congress passed landmark laws like the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. Earth Day's influence didn't stop at America's borders. In 1990, it went global, sparking action in 141 countries.



Visibility:

Climate Change and Climate Action News:



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



Webinar and Call Announcements:



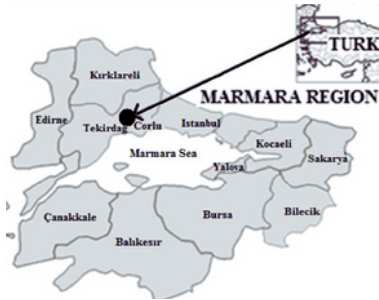


Announcements from EU4ETTR Side: April 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Melikgazi Grant Project
Launch Ceremony
Solar City Project
7-8 May 2024
Melikgazi, Kayseri**



**Çorlu Municipality Grant
Signing Ceremony
6 May 2024
Çorlu, Tekirdağ**



**Financial Instruments and Funding Opportunities
Workshop with Gap Fund
21 May 2024,
İstanbul, Türkiye**



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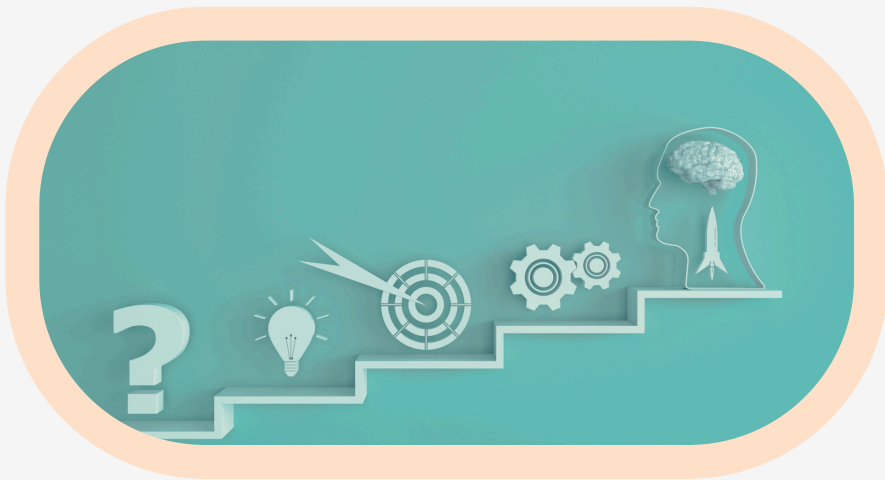
Our Note:

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As we gather together for the successful launch of the MLGP4Climate platform, we are reminded of the transformative power of communication and collaboration. With a shared vision of scaling up energy transition and climate action efforts across Türkiye, our diverse group of stakeholders—from municipalities to ministries, academia to NGOs, and business sectors—have come together as a united force.

Through open dialogue, innovative ideas, and a commitment to collective action, we have laid the foundation for impactful change.



EU4ETTR Project Team



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