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**This newsletter provides an in-depth look at the European Union's efforts in energy transition, highlighting key events, training sessions, and collaborations aimed at fostering sustainable development. Stay informed about the latest updates and insights shaping the future of clean energy across Europe.**

#### **Highlights of February:**

- **The Masterclass training sessions took place every week, covering crucial topics in energy transition and sustainable practices.**
- **A two-day seminar in Antalya gathered municipal representatives and industry experts to discuss local energy policies and innovative solutions.**
- **A visit to Bağcılar Municipality was conducted to explore new opportunities for collaboration in sustainable urban development.**
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# EU4 ENERGY TRANSITION: COVENANT OF MAYORS



IN THE WESTERN BALKANS  
AND TÜRKİYE

## February Focus: MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass

This 12-week training program brings together local governments, as well as international and national partners across Türkiye, to equip CoM municipalities with the essential knowledge and tools for developing and implementing effective **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs)** aligned with Türkiye's **Net Zero 2053 goal**. Throughout **February**, we had the opportunity to hear from experts on **sustainable urbanization and environmental transformation**. We gained valuable insights from sessions on **SECAP Mitigation Actions and Renewable Energy Integration, Building Resilient Cities: Sustainable Urban Development, Innovative Governance, and Sustainable Tourism, and Adaptation Actions and Copenhagen Municipality's Success Story**. Additionally, during the Experience Sharing sessions, we engaged in in-depth discussions on collaboration opportunities, funding sources, nature-based solutions, and other adaptation practices. This process has served as a valuable source of knowledge and inspiration for the green transformation journey of our cities.



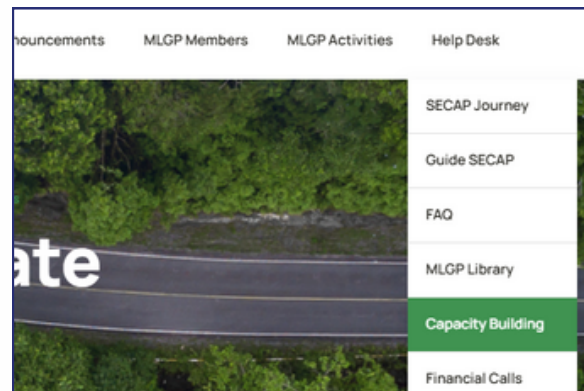
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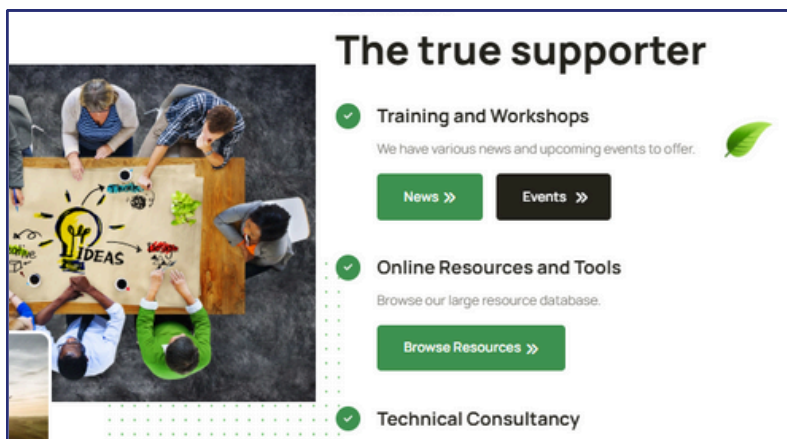
# MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS TRAINING MATERIALS

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:

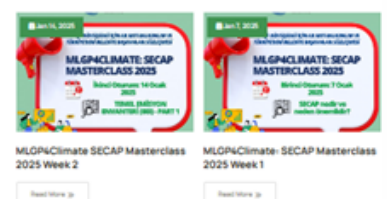
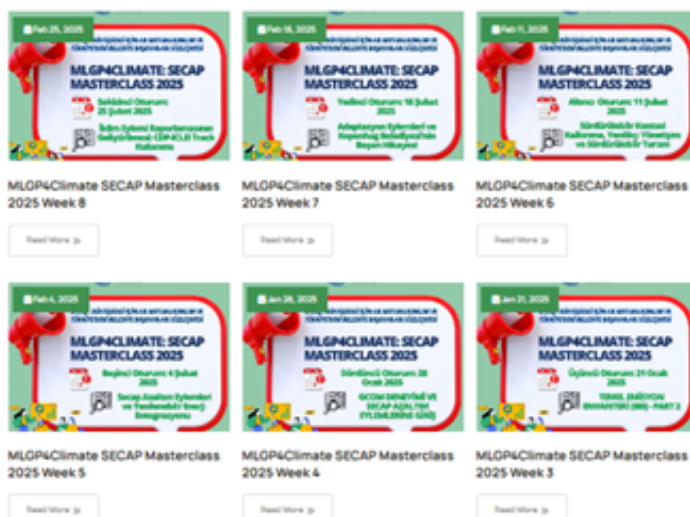
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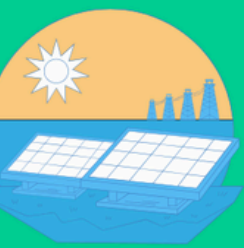
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# DRIVING TRANSITION: SECAP MITIGATION ACTIONS



## 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

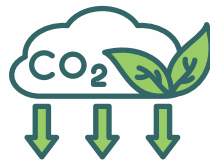
Involving society and local stakeholders in actions



# MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 5: Enabling the Transition: SECAP Mitigation Actions and Renewable Energy Integration

4 February 2025

The Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) and the Gap Fund partnership provide critical financing and technical support for cities to develop sustainable projects. With an estimated \$90 trillion needed for climate investments by 2030, early-stage support mechanisms accelerate urban green transformation.





The Gap Fund offers comprehensive assistance, from project preparation to feasibility analysis, helping local governments make their projects in sustainable transportation, renewable energy, and circular economy more investable. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

## Gap Fund Support Services



The initiative provides pivotal support for cities to advance to later stages of project preparation.

-  Policy and Regulatory Framework review
-  Climate strategy development
-  Assessment of the climate potential of actions, plans, strategies, and investment programs - Prioritization of investments
-  Project concept design and definition
-  Pre-feasibility studies: technical and financial assessment
-  Supporting the appropriate financial structuring for your project-idea
-  Connecting cities to additional technical/ financial support sources

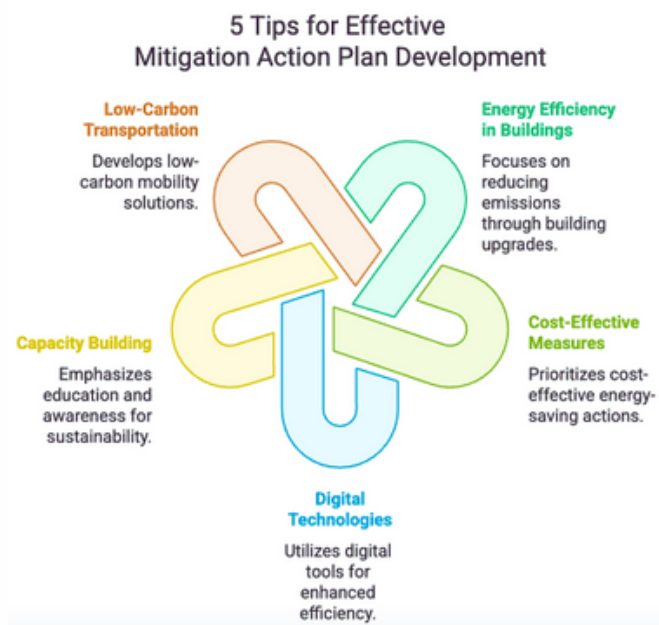
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# MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 5: Enabling the Transition: SECAP Mitigation Actions and Renewable Energy Integration

4 February 2025

The fifth session of the 12-week MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass 2025, organized under the EU4ETTR Project, took place on February 4, 2025, focusing on "Enabling the Transition: SECAP Mitigation Actions and Renewable Energy Integration." During the session, experts shared best practices for SECAP mitigation actions, provided key insights into SECAP development, and explored financing strategies for mitigation projects.



Participants benefited from an insightful presentations by Prof. Dr. Tanay Sıdkı Uyar, Head of the Energy Department at Marmara University on best practices for integrating renewable energy within SECAP mitigation actions.



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# MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 5: Enabling the Transition: SECAP Mitigation Actions and Renewable Energy Integration

4 February 2025

Mitigation action address the root causes of climate change by lowering emissions from key sectors such as energy, transportation, and waste management.

It measures and on-site renewable energy production.



Collaboration with municipal staff and the public, along with capacity building and raising awareness, plays a critical role in achieving sustainability goals. These strategies form the core elements of an **effective climate action plan**.

Doğukan Aycı emphasized that **mitigation actions are crucial steps** to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and should particularly focus on the energy, transportation, and building sectors. Additionally, he highlighted that the building sector, being a major source of emissions, should prioritize energy efficiency

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# SECAP ACTIONS: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Strategies for cities that reduce emissions, build resilience and attract green investment.

## SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **Energy-efficient buildings:** Retrofit old structures, promote green architecture.
- **Sustainable mobility:** Expand public transport, cycling paths & pedestrian zones.
- **Green infrastructure:** More urban forests, parks & blue-green corridors.
- **Smart city solutions:** Use digital tools for better resource management.



## INNOVATIVE GOVERNANCE

- **Multi-level cooperation:** Engage national, regional & local actors.
- **Public-private partnerships:** Mobilize funding for climate projects.
- **Citizen participation:** Involve communities in decision-making.
- **Data-driven policies:** Use real-time monitoring for climate actions.

## SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

- **Eco-friendly tourism:** Promote low-carbon transport & green hotels.
- **Heritage & nature conservation:** Balance tourism with sustainability.
- **Support local businesses:** Boost green jobs & sustainable entrepreneurship.
- **Reduce carbon footprint:** Optimize waste & water use in tourist hotspots.



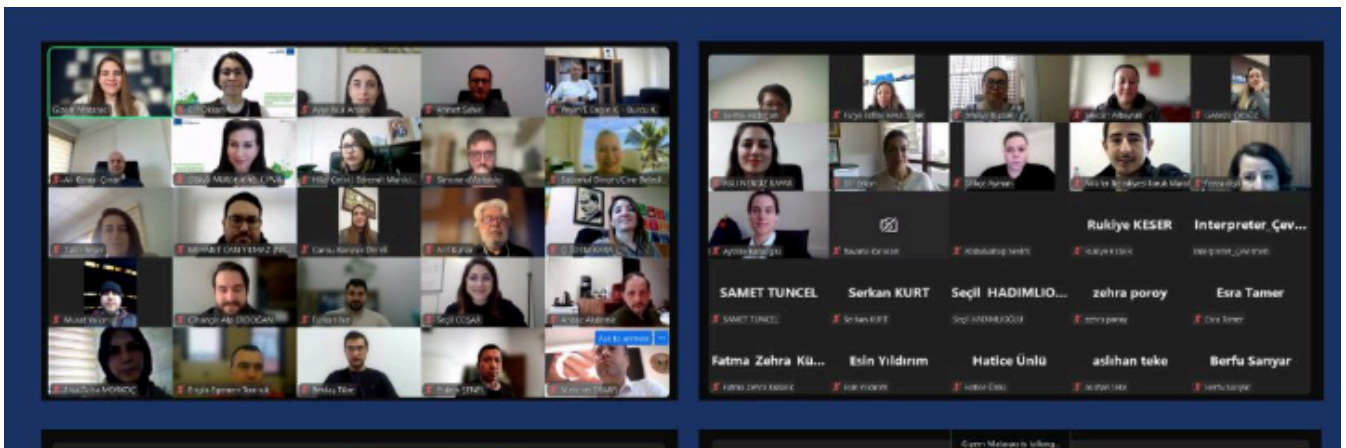




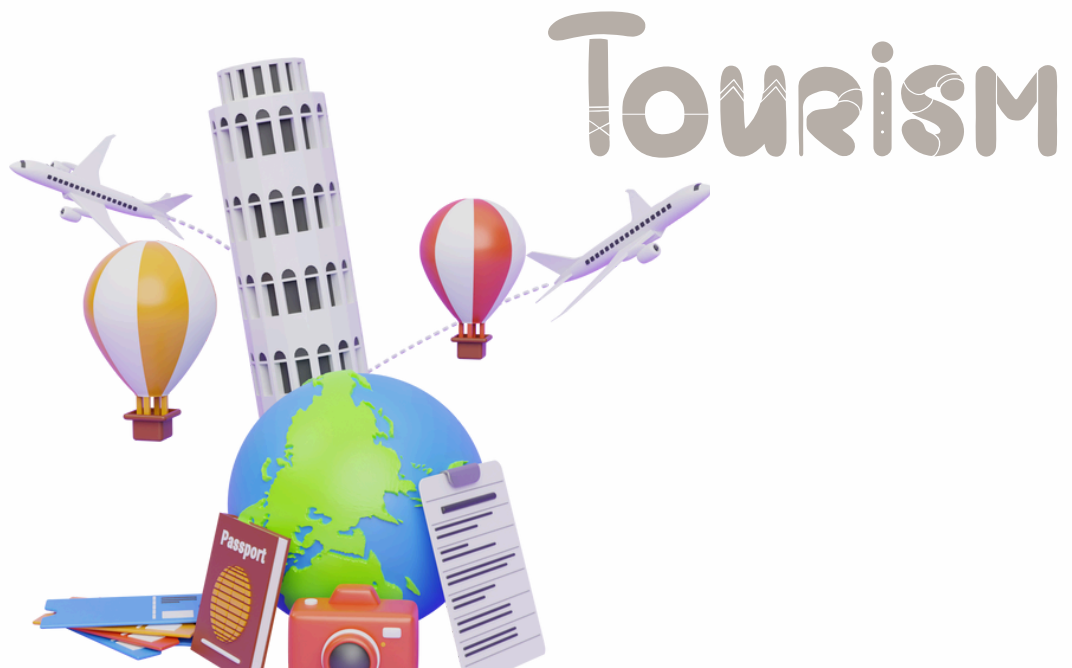
# MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 6: Building Resilient Cities: Sustainable Urban Development, Innovative Governance, and Sustainable Tourism

11 February 2025

This week’s session delved into the intersections of urban development, innovative governance, and sustainable tourism, providing local governments with practical strategies to balance environmental, social, and economic needs. Experts from Italy and Antalya shared their valuable insights, enriching the discussions with real-world examples and innovative approaches.



The Covenant of Mayors and initiatives like SECAP enhance the capacity of local governments to combat climate change and spread sustainable energy solutions on a global scale. The success of these initiatives relies on the ability of participating municipalities to generate creative solutions and collaborate with local communities.







## Sustainable Solutions in European Cities: Inspiring Examples for a Greener Future

The successful examples of European cities presented by Simone offer a promising roadmap for sustainable urban development. Tallinn is progressing towards making district heating systems completely carbon-free.



Tallinn/ Estonia



Ghent/Belgium

Ghent is combating energy poverty with fossil-free heating strategies. It has defined structural energy-saving measures and created a dedicated assistance office and online tools to support energy efficiency.

The city has worked on the evaluation of urban parks and rivers, the creation of participatory urban farming, and the promotion of green roofs. Torin aims to reduce its environmental impact through green roof projects and energy efficiency programs.



Torin/ Italy

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# COPENHAGEN: A MODEL CITY FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND LIVABILITY



**Copenhagen is widely regarded as one of the most livable cities in the world and plays a leading role in sustainability. It is one of the first capitals to aim for carbon neutrality by 2025. Bicycles are the most common mode of transportation in the city, with over 400 km of dedicated bike lanes.**



**The Joint Research Centre (JRC) provides independent, science-based support for EU policies, ensuring informed decision-making on key issues like climate change, energy, and public health. By bridging science and policy, the JRC drives innovation, sustainability, and crisis management for a better future.**





# MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 8: Adaptation Actions and Success Story From Copenhagen Municipality

18 February 2025



**Ph.dr Aldo Treville**  
Scientific project officer,  
Joint Research Center

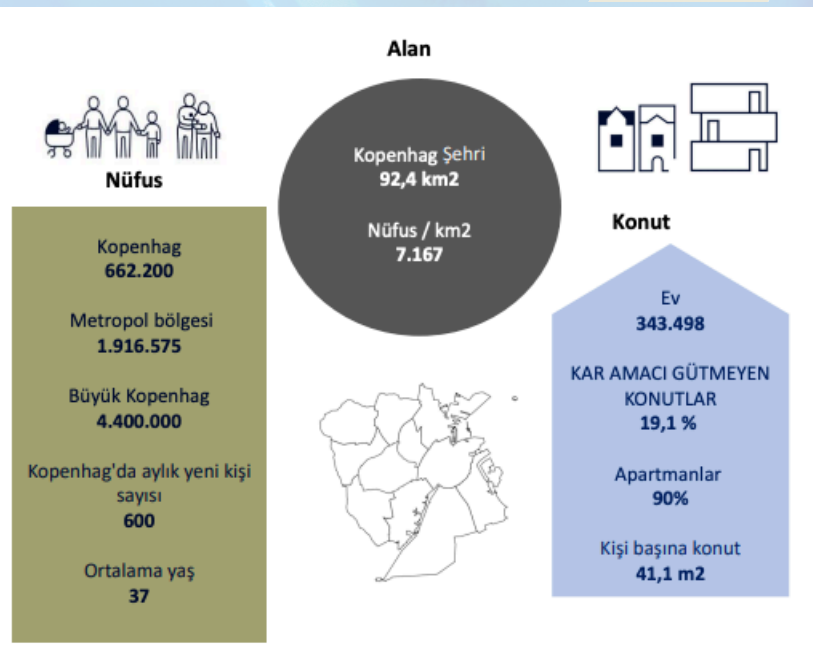


**Lykke Leonardsen**  
Copenhagen Municipality

The 7th week of the MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass 2025, organized under the EU4ETTR Project, explored climate adaptation strategies with insights from Copenhagen Municipality.

The session shed light on Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (RVA), effective SECAP adaptation strategies, and best-case examples. Experts discussed Copenhagen's success in climate adaptation, highlighting key lessons for municipalities.

## BREAKING NEWS



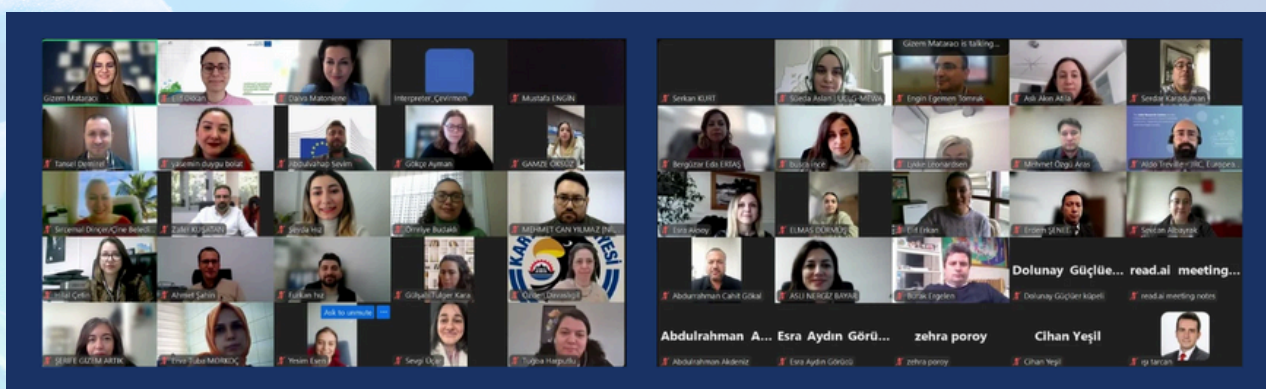
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# MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 8: Adaptation Actions and Success Story From Copenhagen Municipality

18 February 2025

The seventh session of the 12-week MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass 2025, held under the EU4ETTR Project, brought together over 200 engaged participants! This session provided insights into best practices for conducting Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (RVA) and integrating findings into climate action planning.



Copenhagen Municipality stands out as a global leader in climate adaptation, having successfully implemented innovative solutions such as flood management systems, nature-based solutions, and urban resilience strategies.

Mr. Aldo Treville, from Joint Research Center, gave a presentation on RVA, tips, best practices, and recommendations.

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy - Turkey

Turkish Signatories already reporting in MyCovenant platform:

Antalya	Biyikokmece	Sanit	Municipality
Ankara	Cantayy Municipality	Kachyay	Samsun
Anadoluy Metropolitan Municipality	Çiğli	Karaburun	Bahçeşehir
Ardahan	Çorlu	Karapınar (Denizli)	Sanlıoğlu
Arcilic	Düziçi Metropolitan Municipality	Karşıyaka (Denizli)	Silivri
Bahçeşehir	Erdiñevir	Karlıova	Sığırcı
Bandırma	Edirne	Karşıyaka	Sarıyer
Bayındır Belediyesi	Eğirir	Kayseri	Sarıyer Belediyesi
Beyoğlu Metropolitan Municipality	Erciyes	Kayseri	Sivrihisar
Beyoğlu Metropolitan Municipality	Eskişehir	Kazanlı	Tekirdağ
Bodrum	Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality	Kayseri	Üsküdar
Bolu	Erzurum Metropolitan Municipality	Kocaeli	Üsküdar
Bornova	Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality	Konya	Yatağan
Burçin	Erzurum	Konya	Yatağan
Bursa Metropolitan Municipality	Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality	Konya	Yatağan
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# SECAP Reporting

## MANAGING YOUR CITY'S CLIMATE JOURNEY TRANSPARENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY

### IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING

- Monitoring climate action and evaluating progress
- Accessing finance and attracting investment opportunities
- Increasing transparency and accountability
- Contributing to global and national goals

### REPORTING TOOLS

CDP-ICLEI TRACK



MYCOVENANT

### CDP-ICLEI TRACK

Suitable for use by all GCoM signatory municipalities.

Provides access to investors and financial institutions with its global database.

Offers a wide range of climate risk analysis opportunities.

### MYCOVENANT

Platform accepted by GCoM and CoM EU.

Designed specifically for SECAP reporting in Europe.

Suitable for use by CoM EU signatories.

A step-by-step tool guiding the SECAP process.

Facilitates access to EU funds and technical assistance programs.

### HOW TO DO SECAP REPORTING?

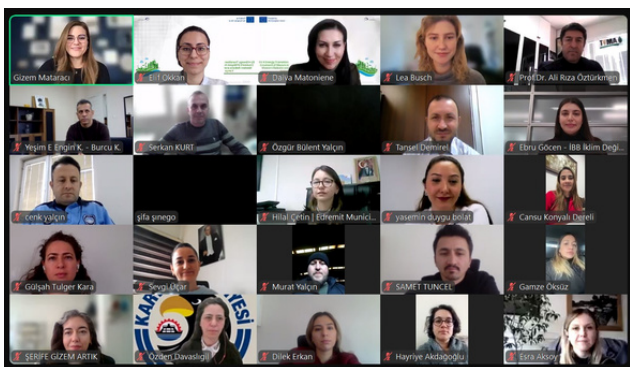
- ◆ **Step 1:** Log in to your chosen platform. Click the link: [CDP-ICLEI Track](#) or [MyCovenant](#)
- ◆ **Step 2:** Collect required data (BEI, RVA, action plans, etc.)
- ◆ **Step 3:** Complete forms and document progress.
- ◆ **Step 4:** Evaluate feedback after submitting your report.



# MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 9: ICLEI CDP tracking, Istanbul metropolitan municipality success story

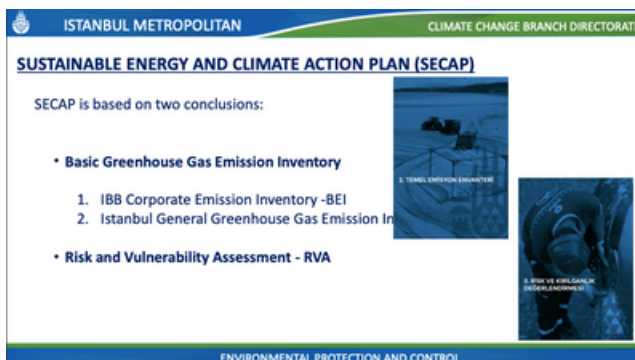
25 February 2025

We successfully completed the 8th week of the SECAP Masterclass with 180 engaged participants! On February 25, 2025, the session titled “Improving Climate Action Reporting: Use of CDP-ICLEI Track,” provided a dynamic and insightful discussion on enhancing data collection and transparency in climate action planning.



CDP-ICLEI Track, a globally recognized platform, was at the heart of the discussions, offering municipalities a structured approach to documenting climate risks, actions, and opportunities.

Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality’s success story, presented by Ebru Göcen, highlighted how comprehensive reporting can unlock international funding opportunities and strengthen collaboration on global climate initiatives.

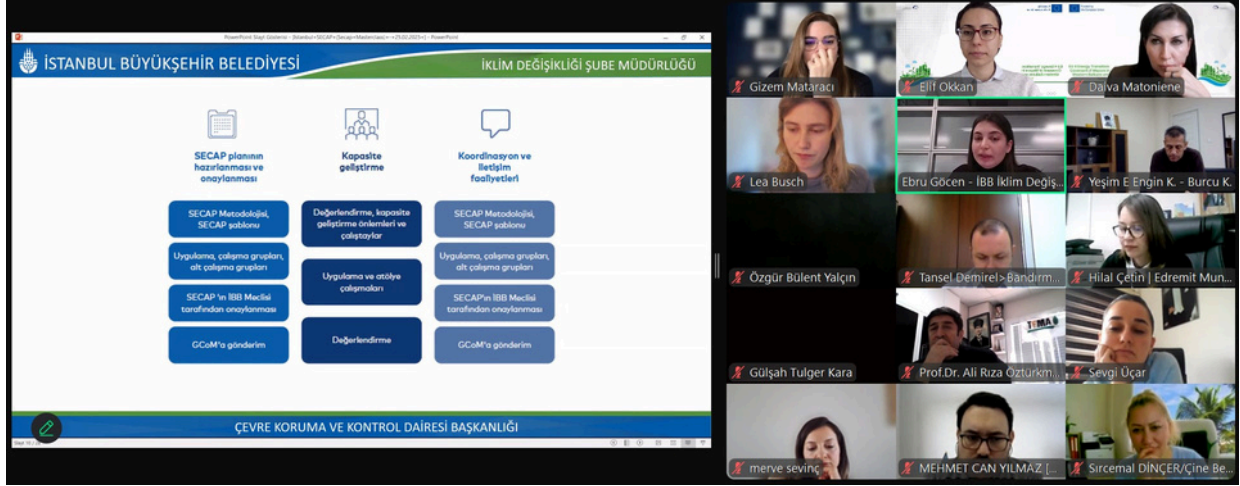


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# MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS WEEK 9: CDP ICLEI tracking and Istanbul metropolitan municipality success story

25 February 2025



Participants actively engaged in Q&A sessions, exchanging ideas and best practices on overcoming challenges in local climate reporting. The interactive nature of the session fostered a collaborative atmosphere, ensuring that attendees left with not only theoretical knowledge but also practical tools to implement in their municipalities.



As the session concluded, it was evident that the MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass had successfully equipped local governments with essential knowledge and strategies to advance their climate action reporting.

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# HALFETI, ŞANLIURFA



Şanlıurfa is a city in southeastern Turkey, rich in history, culture, and gastronomy. Known as the "City of Prophets," Urfa is home to many historical sites considered sacred in Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. It is also the location of Göbekli Tepe, the world's oldest known temple, which has reshaped our understanding of human history.





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# CLIMAAX AND PATHWAYS2RESILIENCE PROJECT LAUNCH EVENT

21 FEBRUARY 2025

MLGP4Climate platform were presented in the CLIMAAX and Pathways2Resilience project launch event, where we explored Şanlıurfa's environmental roadmap. It was inspiring to engage in presentations on climate adaptation, participate in sectoral group discussions, and evaluate steps toward a more sustainable future. Every step toward a livable world matters!







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# CLIMAAX AND PATHWAYS2RESILIENCE PROJECT LAUNCH EVENT

21 FEBRUARY 2025



It was truly inspiring to witness the dedication and enthusiasm of experts and stakeholders working toward a shared vision of sustainability. As we move forward, embracing innovation and collective action will be key to ensuring a resilient and thriving future for Şanlıurfa and beyond.





# BAĞCILAR MUNICIPALITY SECAP CONSULTATION MEETING

19 FEBRUARY 2025

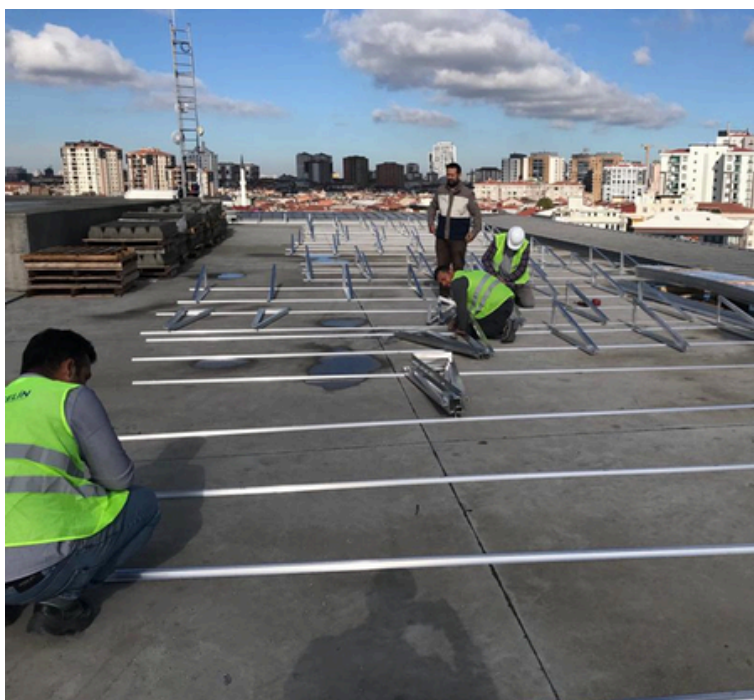
EU4ETTR Project Team Leader Ms. Daiva Matoniene congratulated **Bağcılar Mayor Mr. Yasin Yıldız** for his significant efforts in the fight against climate change and SECAP implementation.

During the meeting, expert Mr. Arif Kunar presented and discussed Bağcılar's energy desk development, the municipality's valuable efforts under SECAP, and the next steps. Bağcılar Municipality is one of the great success stories in SECAP preparation, implementation, and monitoring. Now, with the establishment of its energy desk, it is determined to strengthen its actions even further.



## **BAĞCILAR ENERGY BASED MITIGATION PROJECT: FIRST YEAR MONITORING RESULTS**

Within the 'Bağcılar Energy Based Mitigation Project,' a solar power plant with a capacity of 171.72 kWp was installed in the Bağcılar district.



Solar panels installed on the roof of the municipality building.

The project, implemented over a 12-month period, had a total budget of EUR 142,419.00. The first-year monitoring report results indicate that the project has been successfully implemented, meeting and even exceeding key performance indicators. The investment for Bağcılar Municipality will pay off in approximately 6,8 years.



# BAĞCILAR ENERGY BASED MITIGATION PROJECT: ANNUAL MONITORING RESULTS

- The installed solar power plant achieved a final capacity of **171.765 kWp, exceeding the planned capacity.**



- The financial management of the project was highly efficient, with the final expenditure amounting to **EUR 142,227.38, representing 99.9% of the planned budget.**



- The solar PV plant generated **207.96 MWh** of electricity over the observed one-year period, surpassing the estimated **203.9 MWh** by approximately **2%**.
- **The project initially aimed to reduce annual CO2 emissions by 100,318 kg.**

Monitoring is crucial for ensuring transparency, accountability, and continuous learning in municipal energy transition projects. By analyzing real-world results, municipalities can refine their planning processes, mitigate potential risks, and optimize future renewable energy investments.

Access the monitoring report via the MLGP4Climate platform:

[https://mlgp4climate.com/uploads/examples/Ba%C4%9Fc%C4%B1Iar/Monitoring\\_Report\\_Bagcilar\\_Final.pdf](https://mlgp4climate.com/uploads/examples/Ba%C4%9Fc%C4%B1Iar/Monitoring_Report_Bagcilar_Final.pdf)



# KARAKÖPRÜ, URFA



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# KARAKÖPRÜ MUNICIPALITY VISIT

24 FEBRUARY 2025

## **Karaköprü Municipality declared priorities for climate actions!**

Great event with Mr. Nihat Çiftçi, Mayor of Karaköprü Municipality held on introducing the GCoM and MLGP4Climate platform and discussed Karaköprü Municipality participation. Together, we are stronger, and by collaborating, we can drive positive change and create a more sustainable future for our communities!



By embracing renewable energy solutions, smart urban planning, and nature-based adaptation measures, Karaköprü is setting a strong example for other municipalities. The event also provided a platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and aligning local policies with global sustainability goals.





# CITIES MEET CITIES PROGRAMM

5- 6 February 2025

These international collaborations lay a strong foundation for promoting sustainable urbanization and raising environmental awareness. The ideas and projects presented during the meeting mark a pivotal milestone in cities' green transformation journey, shaping forward-thinking strategies and actionable solutions.



Beyond serving as a strategic platform for discussions on sustainable urban development, environmental responsibility, and innovative solutions, the meeting also fostered meaningful partnerships and knowledge exchange, paving the way for long-term, impactful change.







# GCOM CITIES MEET CITIES EVENT IN ANTALYA

5- 6 February 2025

A significant gathering aimed at strengthening collaboration among cities in the fields of climate and energy took place in Antalya. Organized under the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and hosted by the Antalya Metropolitan Municipality, the meeting served as a strategic platform for discussing sustainable urban development, environmental responsibility, and innovative solutions.





# GCOM REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETINGS

24 February 2025



CoM Türkiye held GCoM Regional meetings, the progress of projects from different regions was discussed in detail. Each region presented information on the advancements made in sustainable development and environmentally friendly projects, and the successes as well as the challenges encountered in these processes were discussed.



EU4Energy

CoM East in figures  
(as of 31.01.2025)

	Active SIGNs	Residents % of total population	Developed	
			SEAPs	SECAPs
Armenia	16	2 276 172   17%	10	4
Azerbaijan	7	861 064   9%	1	6
Belarus (suspended)	32	3 990 421   4%	10	15
Georgia	27	2 297 267   6%	10	10
Moldova	77	1 354 319   3%	13	42
Ukraine	222	21 502 571   51%	79	124
	381	32 289 814   4%	123	201



The importance of this collaboration in areas such as regional development, eco-friendly energy solutions, and the fight against climate change was emphasized.

**It was highlighted that CoM Türkiye could take a leadership role in this process and create a stronger impact through joint strategies.**



# COM-MED & COM TÜRKIYE BILATERAL MEETING

25 February 2025

An important meeting was held in cooperation with **CoM Türkiye and CoM MED**. At the meeting, strategies for creating more effective **SECAPs (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans)** with strong inter-regional cooperation were discussed. In addition, the **importance of sustainable action plans** was emphasized and plans were made to step into a stronger future together.



The meeting also focused on enhancing the capacity of local authorities to tackle climate change challenges and promote sustainable urban development. Collaborative efforts in knowledge exchange and resource mobilization were highlighted as essential components for scaling up action in cities across the Mediterranean region. **As a result, a shared vision for green transformation was outlined, and participants expressed their commitment to accelerating the implementation of climate actions that benefit both people and the planet.**



**"Success is not how high you have climbed, but how you make a positive difference to the world." – Roy T. Bennett**







# The Environmental Revolution

## 10 SUCCESS STORIES SHAPING THE FUTURE AND GREENING THE WORLD

As nature's recovery process rapidly continues, humanity is also taking significant steps to fulfill its environmental responsibilities. Recent developments in the environmental field mark a critical turning point for the future of our planet, while global projects, innovative solutions, and international collaborations present an encouraging roadmap for a sustainable future!







# The Environmental Revolution

## Protecting the Arctic Glaciers: United Forces, Global Agreement

A global step was taken for the future of the Arctic glaciers. Through international agreements, historic cooperation in the fight against climate change emerged, bringing a wave of hope for the preservation of polar regions.



## Ocean Cleanup: A New Victory in the Battle Against Plastic Pollution



Ocean cleanup projects gathered tons of plastic waste from the depths of the sea. This success became a major step for the future of marine ecosystems, marking a nature-friendly victory for humanity.





# The Environmental Revolution

## The Revival of a Natural Heritage in Canada: The Rediscovery of an Extinct Tree Species

A tree species long thought to be extinct was rediscovered in Canada's forests. This historic discovery showcased nature's surprising resilience and highlighted the vital importance of conservation efforts.



## Advancing Clean Transportation in Europe: A Boom in Electric Vehicles

Europe experienced a major surge in electric vehicle sales. This year, electric vehicles outpaced fossil fuel-powered cars, rapidly shaping a greener future of transportation that spread across every corner of the continent.







# The Environmental Revolution

## End of Hawaii's Dark Past: The Closure of the Last Coal Plant



Hawaii made a historic move by erasing the last trace of fossil fuels. The islands closed their last coal plant and began sourcing energy from renewable resources. The installation of a massive battery system marked a milestone in the renewable energy revolution.

## A Wind Revolution from the UK: The Rise of Floating Wind Turbines



The UK dove deep into the seas to build the world's largest floating wind farm. This giant leap opened the doors to a new era of offshore wind energy, merging the power of clean energy with the sea.





# The Environmental Revolution

## Australia's Underwater Healing: The Natural Rebirth of Coral Reefs

Australia's coral reefs entered a natural healing process after enduring long periods of danger. The marine ecosystem revived through the power of nature, while environmental awareness also grew.



## A Major Step Forward in Africa's Battle Against Desertification: The Tree Planting Initiative

Africa took a bold step towards greening the continent's future by planting millions of trees. This massive reforestation project, aimed at combating desertification, became a beacon of hope for sustainable living across Africa.







# The Environmental Revolution

## Asia's Fight Against the Plastic Crisis: New Laws for a Clean Future

Asia took bold steps to reduce plastic pollution. Radical measures, such as the ban on single-use plastics, led to a significant victory in the battle against environmental contamination.



## South America's Indigenous Power to Save the Rainforests: Guardians of Nature

Indigenous communities in South America showcased incredible resistance in protecting the rainforests. These communities, advocating for sustainable management, became role models in safeguarding nature for a greener future.





# MLGP4CLIMATE LIBRARY UPDATED WITH NEW VALUABLE ARTICLES

The MLGP4Climate Platform is delighted to celebrate a major achievement in advancing climate action at the local level: our resource library has now surpassed 400 expertly curated tools, reports, and guidelines. You can look some of the articles below!

This extensive repository equips municipalities and stakeholders with critical insights on energy efficiency, climate resilience, sustainable urban development, and funding mechanisms. From drafting SECAPs to pioneering innovative projects and keeping up with emerging global practices, this dynamic library serves as a key resource for knowledge and inspiration.



Our commitment to expanding this knowledge hub remains steadfast, ensuring that local governments have the support they need to drive impactful climate solutions. Together, we are shaping a more sustainable and resilient future!

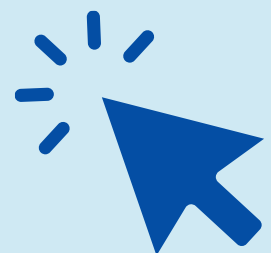
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# MLGP4CLIMATE : CONSULTANCY PROVIDED FOR 5 TURKISH MUNICIPALITIES



**MLGP4 CLIMATE**

Within the scope of “Financial Call: EU-TR Climate Change Grant Program (CCGP) for Sustainable Energy And Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) Actions Implementation” various meetings were held with project partners and cooperatives for ten projects.



The process included extensive support in enhancing concept notes, with specific attention given to aligning them with the call’s objectives. This support involved providing detailed guidance, suggestions, and corrections to ensure the concept notes were well-structured and SECAP target-oriented.

Within the project's scope, active engagement took place with various municipalities, universities, directories, and NGOs. Bilateral meetings were conducted with the applicants to facilitate the review of the concept notes.



Efforts were focused on improving the content and structure of the concept notes, accompanied by strategic recommendations to strengthen their alignment with the call requirements.

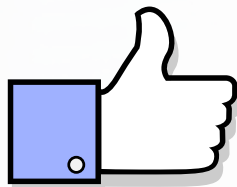




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## RECOMMENDATIONS



Assisting in the preparation of concept notes for project applications across ten diverse institutions within a condensed timeframe has offered a valuable and enriching experience.

It has been observed that various institutions adopt distinct methodologies for formulating project concept notes. These approaches are influenced by the team's prior experience with European Union projects, the size of the team involved, and the specific priorities of municipalities.



Understanding the priorities of municipalities and clearly demonstrating how these priorities align with specific projects can enhance engagement and encourage institutions to take ownership of the initiatives. Municipalities which have prepared SECAPs demonstrated good understanding of priorities and important actions.

Training organizing sessions can be considered for candidates to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of project applications. These sessions could be conducted online or in person to facilitate thorough project preparation.



# KOCAELI







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

## Welcome Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality!



The Greater Municipality of Kocaeli has joined the MLGP4Climate Platform, underlining its commitment to sustainability and environmentally-friendly practices. This partnership highlights the municipality's dedication to combating climate change and promoting green initiatives for a more sustainable future.

With a vision of becoming a green and smart city, the Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality is actively working towards achieving energy efficiency and sustainable development goals. Joining the platform will further strengthen its ongoing projects, including renewable energy initiatives and smart city applications. This milestone highlights Kocaeli's dedication to advancing energy transformation and sustainable urban development. Congratulations to the Kocaeli metropolitan municipality on this important step!





# Çukurova, Adana

Agriculture, innovation, sustainability, progress







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

## Çukurova Municipality!



Çukurova, Adana's dynamic district, has transformed from agriculture to urban development. With a population of 400,000 and an area of 240 km<sup>2</sup>, it blends tradition and modernity. The district is dedicated to advancing climate action and sustainability efforts, working towards a greener future through various local initiatives.

Çukurova took a significant step toward sustainability by joining the Multi Level Governance Platform (MLGP). This global alliance unites cities and local governments committed to addressing climate change, reducing emissions, and adapting to its impacts.

Local governments can explore collaboration and capacity-building through the MLGP4Climate Platform for a sustainable future.





# Van Castle

History, progress, nature







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

## Van Municipality!



Van, a city in eastern Turkey, has evolved from a historical hub to a modern urban center. With a population of 1,127,612 and an area of 19,069 square km, it blends heritage with contemporary development. The city is focused on sustainable growth and climate action through various local initiatives, working towards a greener future.

By joining the Global Covenant of Mayors for Multi Level Governance Platform (MLGP) contributes to global efforts to tackle climate change, reduce emissions, and enhance resilience. Local governments can leverage the MLGP4Climate Platform to foster collaboration and strengthen sustainability initiatives for a greener future.



# Turkish Offshore Wind Energy Association

Sustainability, offshore wind, cooperation





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

## Turkish Offshore Wind Energy Association (TOWEA).



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**DÜRED**

The Turkish Offshore Wind Energy Association (TOWEA), located at the forefront of renewable energy development, has committed to promoting offshore wind energy as a key solution to climate change. By joining global initiatives, TOWEA aims to foster sustainable energy practices and strengthen cooperation in the renewable energy sector

With its expertise, strategic vision, and dedication to innovation, TOWEA plays a crucial role in shaping the future of offshore wind energy in Turkey, ensuring a greener and more sustainable energy landscape.





**Zile Municipality**  
**Transformation, Innovation, Culture**







# Congratulations Zile Municipality: New Member of Global Covenant of Mayors

## Zile Municipality



Zile Municipality is taking proactive steps to support sustainable energy practices and contribute to the global fight against climate change. By joining the Global Covenant of Mayors, it aims to strengthen local collaborations in reducing carbon emissions, enhancing resilience, and addressing climate change effectively.

GCoM will significantly support Zile Municipality's ongoing efforts towards a greener and more sustainable future, creating a meaningful impact on both local and global sustainability initiatives.





# Visibility for climate actions:

## Climate Change and Climate Action News:



The project has effectively shared valuable insights through multiple platforms, including news updates, announcements, and guidebooks. Thanks to the significant support of both national and international partners—such as the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), the Covenant of Mayors (CoM), and other key resources—we have successfully disseminated crucial information and updates to a broad audience.





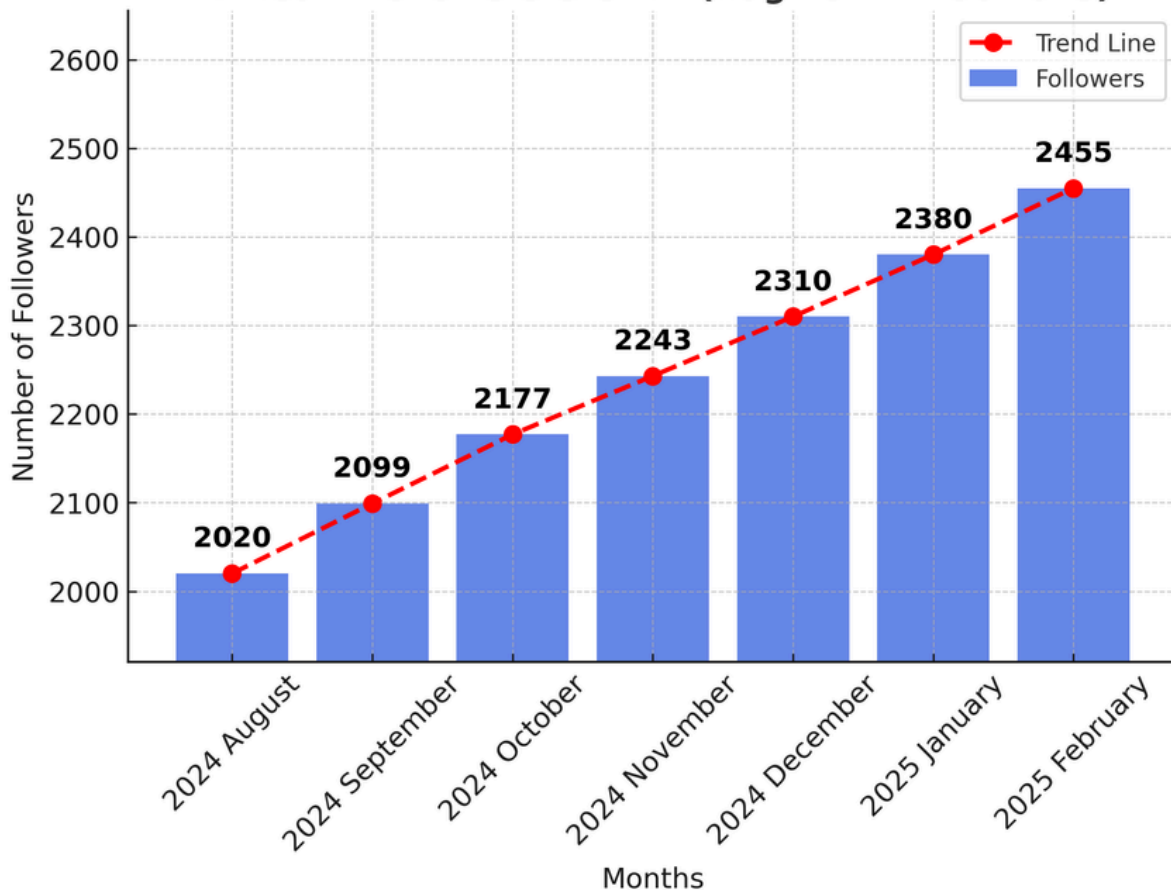


# Visibility for climate actions:

Visibility and communication activities play a vital role in successfully implementing climate actions and driving the energy transition. Clear and effective communication not only highlights project achievements but also engages stakeholders, builds strong partnerships, and amplifies the impact of our collective efforts.

Thank you all for your dedication, collaboration, and support on this important journey toward a sustainable future!

LinkedIn Followers Growth (Aug 2024 - Feb 2025)





# Announcements from EU4ETTR Side: UPCOMING EVENTS



**Karatay Municipality financial  
workshop**

March 2025



**MLGP WG 2 Meeting**

March 2025

**12 Weeks SECAP Training**

January-March 2025



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

## **Our Note:**

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**"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief  
that someone else will save it."**

**– Robert Swan**

### **A More Sustainable Future is Possible Together!**

Every step we take today will lay the foundation for a greener, healthier, and fairer world tomorrow. By fulfilling our responsibilities together, we can make a meaningful difference in protecting our planet. By acting together, we have the power to shape the future.

