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EU4 ENERGY TRANSITION: COVENANT OF MAYORS

IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TÜRKİYE



March Focus: MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass 12 weeks training completed

In March, during the **9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th weeks of the training program**, a series of interactive sessions brought together the average is about **200 participants per every training**, including local governments and national and international partners across Türkiye. These sessions equipped attendees with the knowledge and tools to develop effective **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs)** aligned with **Türkiye’s Net Zero 2053 target**.

Participants had the opportunity to engage with experts on key topics such as **cooperation, funding resources, nature-based solutions, and SECAP development**.

Overall, the program significantly strengthened participants’ capacity to **tackle climate challenges, implement sustainable solutions, and collaborate on the green transformation of their cities**.



Visit the [MLGP4Climate website](https://www.mlgp4climate.com) for training materials and video highlights.



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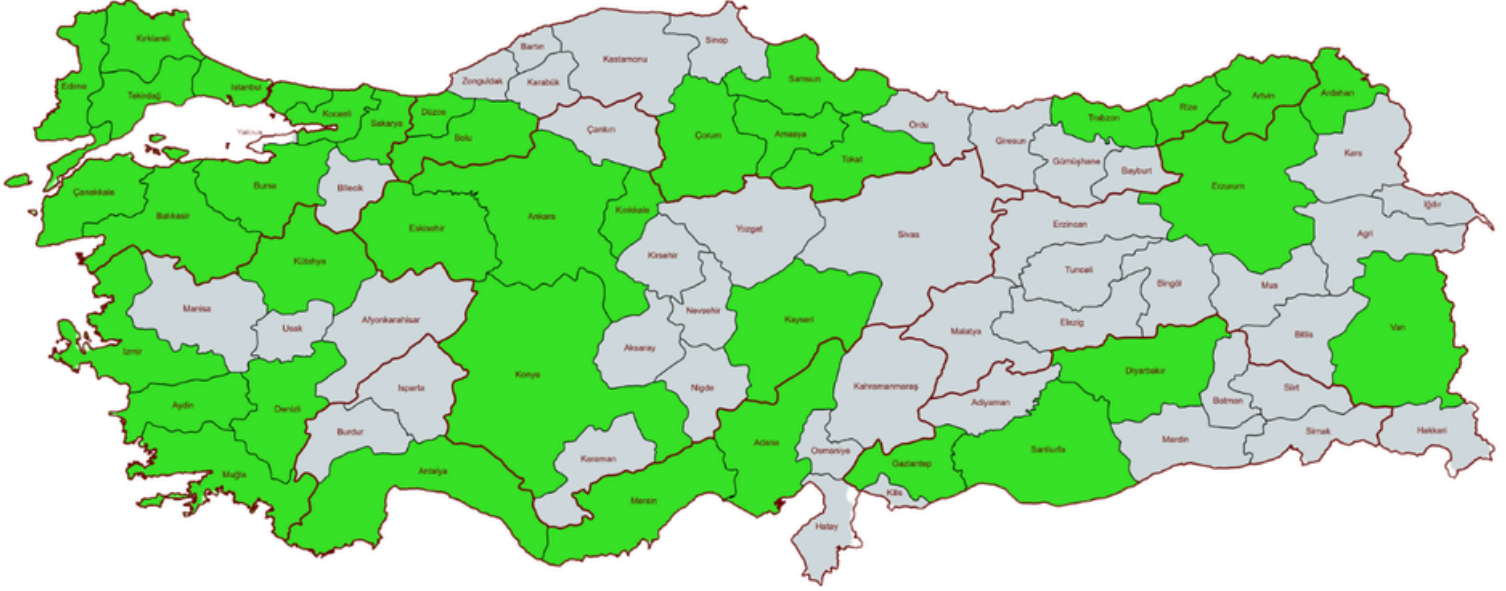


**CONGRATULATIONS FOR GROWING
COM FAMILY IN TÜRKİYE, ON
MARCH 97 COVENANT OF MAYORS
MUNICIPALITIES!**



Covenant of Mayors Türkiye

March 2025



1. Adana Metropolitan Municipality
2. Amasya Municipality
3. Ankara Metropolitan Municipality
4. Antalya Metropolitan Municipality
5. Ardahan
6. Ataşehir
7. Avcılar
8. Bağcılar
9. Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality
10. Bandırma
11. Bayındır
12. Bayraklı
13. Beşiktaş
14. Beylikdüzü Municipality
15. Bodrum
16. Bolu
17. Bornova
18. Bozcaada
19. Buca
20. Bursa Metropolitan Municipality
21. Büyükçekmece
22. Çankaya
23. Çiğli
24. Çine Municipality
25. Çorlu
26. Denizli
27. Diyarbakır
28. Dörtdivan
29. Edirne
30. Efeler
31. Erzurum Metropolitan Municipality
32. Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality
33. Eskişehir-Tepebaşı
34. Fındıklı
35. Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality
36. Gaziemir
37. Hopa
38. Inegöl
39. İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality
40. İzmir Metropolitan Municipality
41. İzmit
42. Kadıköy
43. Karaburun
44. Karatay Municipality
45. Karşıyaka - İzmir
46. Karşıyaka (Erdek - Balıkesir)
47. Kartal
48. Kırklareli
49. Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality
50. Konak
51. Konya
52. Küçükçekmece
53. Kuşadası
54. Maltepe
55. Melikgazi (Kayseri)
56. Mersin Metropolitan Municipality
57. Mezitli
58. Muğla Metropolitan Municipality
59. Muratpaşa
60. Narlıdere
61. Nilüfer
62. Pendik
63. Safranbolu
64. Sakarya Metropolitan Municipality
65. Samsun Metropolitan Municipality
66. Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality
67. Seferihisar
68. Serdivan
69. Silivri
70. Sındırgı
71. Şişli
72. Sultanbeyli
73. Suluova Municipality
74. Tekirdağ Metropolitan Municipality
75. Üsküdar
76. Uzunköprü
77. Yalova
78. Yenice
79. Yenimahalle
80. Yenişehir (Mersin)
81. Karabağlar (İzmir)
82. Marmaris
83. Alaçam (Samsun)
84. Trabzon Ortahisar
85. Selçuklu
86. Menteşe
87. Oğuzlar Municipality
88. Bakırköy Municipality
89. Van Metropolitan Municipality
90. Beyoğlu Municipality
91. Çukurova Municipality
92. Bergama
93. Esenler
94. Kütahya Municipality
95. Karaköprü Municipality
96. Seyhan Municipality
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Bergama Municipality



Congratulations to Bergama Municipality!



Bergama Municipality has once again demonstrated its commitment to climate action and energy transition by joining the **MLGP4Climate Platform**.

Through this significant move, Bergama will have the opportunity to share its **eco-friendly projects and sustainability efforts** within an international network. By engaging in knowledge exchange and showcasing best practices, the municipality will contribute to developing **innovative solutions for a greener and more livable future**.



Balıkesir Municipality



BALIKESİR
BÜYÜKŞEHİR
BELEDİYESİ





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Congratulations to Balıkesir Municipality!

Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality has strengthened its commitment to climate action and energy transition by **joining the MLGP4Climate Platform**.



With this membership, **Balıkesir's eco-friendly projects and sustainability initiatives** will be shared within a wider network, good practices will be spread, and collaboration in the **fight against climate change will be increased**.



Zile Municipality



Zile – A Historic Gem of Tokat: Zile is one of the oldest settlements in Tokat and is famously known as the place where Roman Emperor Julius Caesar declared his iconic phrase "Veni, Vidi, Vici" (I came, I saw, I conquered) in the 1st century BC.



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Congratulations to Zile Municipality!

Zile Municipality Strengthens Its Climate Action!

With a history dating back 7,000 years and traces of ancient civilizations, Zile has reinforced its commitment to climate action and sustainable energy by joining MLGP4Climate! 🌱🌿



Through the **MLGP4Climate Platform**, Zile Municipality will be able to take stronger local actions in climate finance, energy efficiency, and sustainable development goals. With a focus on eco-friendly practices, Zile aims to strengthen its resilience to climate change while advancing the well-being of its citizens through cleaner air, efficient energy use, and a more sustainable future.

Karaköprü Municipality



KARAKÖPRÜ
BELEDİYESİ

The area where **Karaköprü** is located has hosted various civilizations throughout history, and the remnants found in the region serve as significant archaeological evidence preserving this heritage to the present day.

Congratulations to Karaköprü Municipality!

Karaköprü Municipality is taking an important step towards a sustainable future **by joining the MLGP4Climate platform and supporting eco-friendly projects!**



We congratulate **Karaköprü Municipality** for this significant step and look forward to collaborating on climate-friendly solutions to create a more livable world, hoping that this visionary approach, which protects nature and contributes to **sustainable development**, **will inspire other local governments as well.**

Seyhan Municipality



SEYHAN
BELEDİYESİ



Adana's Seyhan Municipality is located in southern Turkey, known for its rich history, cultural diversity, and strategic position along the Seyhan River. As one of the largest districts in Adana, it is home to major landmarks like the historic Adana Central Mosque and the famous Stone Bridge.

Congratulations to Seyhan Municipality!

Another step towards a sustainable future! **Seyhan Municipality** has strengthened its commitment to energy transition by joining the **MLGP4Climate** platform. With this participation, Seyhan Municipality's **climate-friendly projects and energy efficiency** efforts will be shared within a broader network, best practices will be promoted, and **collaboration for sustainable solutions** will be enhanced.



Seyhan is also focused on enhancing its public transportation system to **reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality**. By joining **MLGP4Climate**, Seyhan Municipality is further advancing its role as a leader in **sustainable urban development**, contributing to Turkey's broader climate goals while **fostering innovation and collaboration for a greener future**.



Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality

METROPOLIS
GAZİANTEP



Gaziantep is a province located in the Southeastern Anatolia Region of Turkey, known for its historical and cultural richness. The city, which dates back to 3650 BC, has been home to many civilizations throughout history. Gaziantep is also strong in terms of industry; it is an important production center in the textile, food, and machinery sectors. Combining modern urbanism with traditional architecture, Gaziantep stands out with its dynamic structure that carries the heritage of the past into the future.

Congratulations to Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality!

Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality has taken another important step in the fight against climate change and the environment by joining the MLGP4Climate Network.



Since 2011, Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality has worked to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Gaziantep, the first municipality in Turkey to prepare a climate change action plan, committed to an 80% CO₂ reduction by 2050 and developed its Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan in 2018. The city aims to be a green, resilient city with net-zero carbon by 2050.





Karabağlar Municipality

Congratulations to Karabağlar Municipality!

Karabağlar Municipality has demonstrated its commitment to environmental protection and combating climate change by joining the MLGP4Climate platform. This step will strengthen the district's sustainable development goals and contribute to finding solutions to environmental issues through international cooperation!



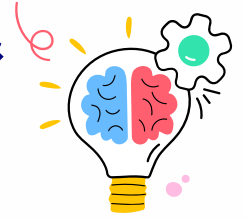
Karabağlar, as one of the largest districts of İzmir, serves with a municipal approach that embraces priorities such as sustainable development, environmental protection, and combating climate change. The municipality aims to create a fair, resilient, and sustainable district within the framework of law and values, while supporting social awareness through projects that involve stakeholders and enhance social interaction. With a vision of a smart and livable Karabağlar, efficient resource use is ensured through environmental and social responsibility projects, contributing to the district's development.



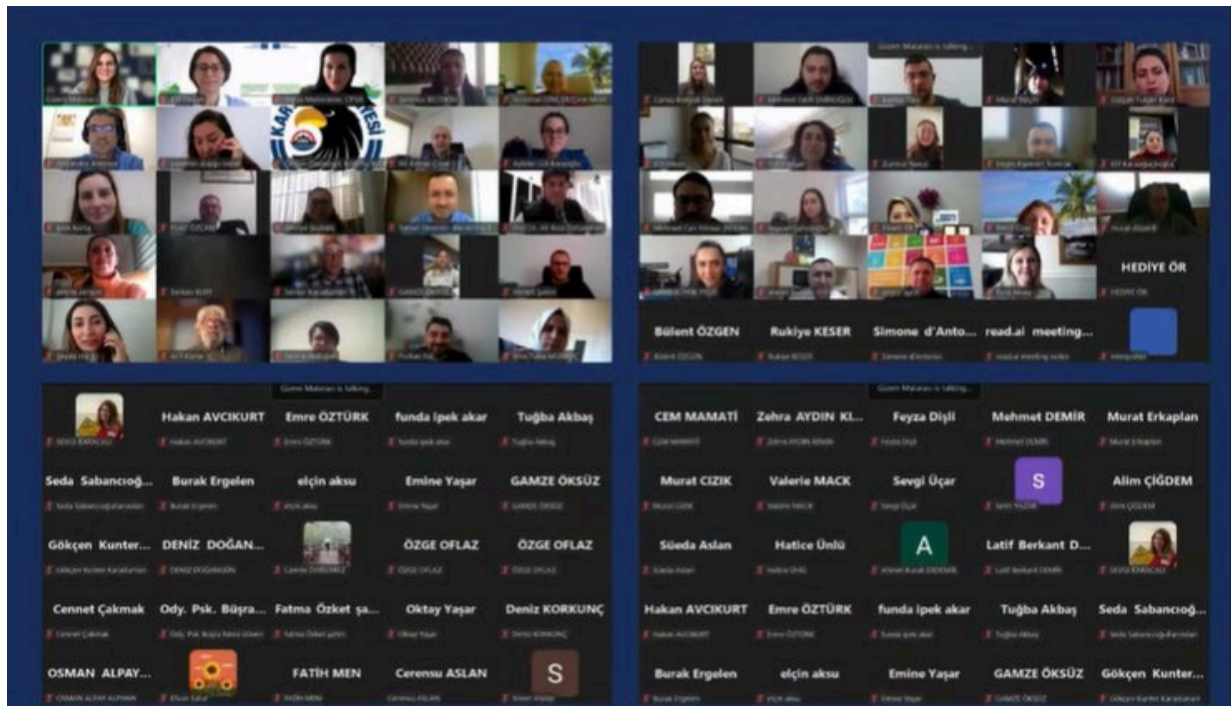
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Week 9: Unlocking Cooperation & Climate Adaptation Strategies

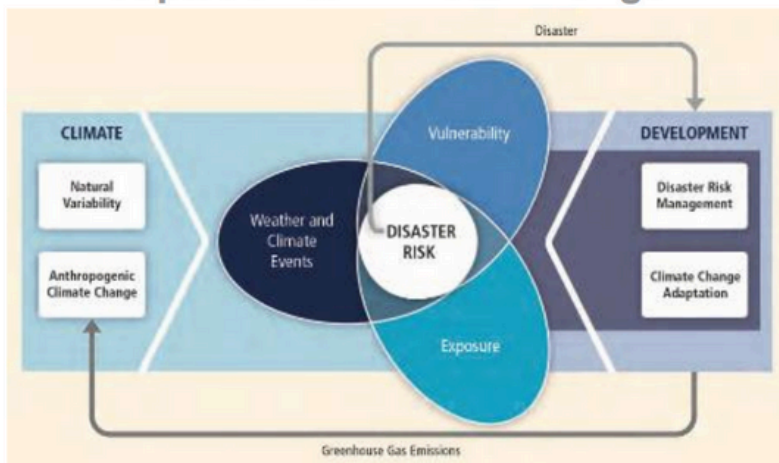
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Enhancing **urban resilience against climate change** requires international cooperation, financing mechanisms, and nature-based solutions. In this context, the **Cities Meet Cities Program** fosters knowledge sharing and collaborative solutions among municipalities in **SECAP implementation**.



Understanding climate Risk and Adaptation to Climate Change

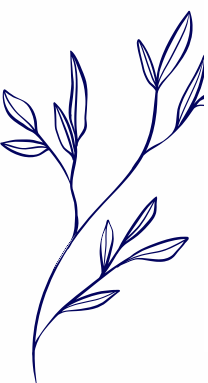


Adaptation & Mitigation: synergy

Adaptation options: aligned with: *national & local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies* –; Adaptation Target: aligned w/ NDCs & NAPs;

Adaptation options:

- Infrastructure,
- Nature-based Solutions
- Hybrid





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Additionally, EU Funding Programs provide local governments with access to financial resources for sustainable projects. Furthermore, **nature-based solutions and adaptation strategies** were explored through successful case studies from European cities.

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The clusters

Cities-meet-Cities

Cluster 1:
Energy efficiency/NBS/Adaptation

Cesis (Latvia)
Myrhorod (Ukraine)
Bilhorod (Ukraine)
Torres Vedras (Portugal)
Gavar (Armania)
Balti (Moldova)

Cluster 2:
Access to Energy/Adaptation

Antalya (Turkey)
Amman (Jordan)
Mingachevir (Azerbaijan)

Cluster 3:
Risks & vulnerability/
Adaptation/NBS

Blacktown/Sydney (Australia)
Hang Tuah Jaya (Malaysia)
Banda Aceh (Indonesia)
Nakuru (Kenya)

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Understanding Ecosystem Services at city scale

Examples of Nbs application:

- Protection, restoration or sustainable use of forest landscapes**
Secures water supply, erosion control and risk reduction
- Protection, restoration or management of coastal ecosystems**
Brings community resilience, disaster risk reduction, economic development
- Protection, restoration and management of wetlands**
Provides water storage, flood protection, food production
- Providing space for rivers to naturally flow**
Enables flood protection, water security
- Urban green and blue spaces**
Empowers climate regulation, better human health, social development, green jobs
- Sustainable management of agroforestry systems**
Offers food security, water regulation, economic and social development

Evidence:
<https://www.naturebasedsolutionevidence.info/evidence-tool/>




HAVE WE PASSED THE CRITICAL THRESHOLD?

MISCALCULATION IN GLOBAL WARMING RATE: FACTS AND IMPLICATIONS

1 Understanding Climate Risks

- According to the Paris Climate Agreement, global temperature rise should be limited to 1.5°C.
- A new study suggests that this threshold was exceeded in 2020.

2 Warnings from Sea Sponges

- Researchers at the University of Western Australia analyzed Caribbean sclerosponges.
- These sponges' calcium-strontium ratios reveal ocean temperatures dating back to the 1700s.

3 What the Data Really Tells Us

- The Earth started warming 80 years earlier than the IPCC estimated.
- By 2020, the temperature increase had reached 1.7°C.
- January 2025 was recorded as the hottest month ever: +1.7°C!

4 Climate Experts Speak Out

- Some experts argue that data from a single region may not fully reflect global temperature changes.
- However, global data also indicate that we are very close to the 1.5°C threshold.

Time is Running Out!

Immediate carbon emission reductions are needed to slow global warming.

Fighting climate change is the responsibility of all humanity!

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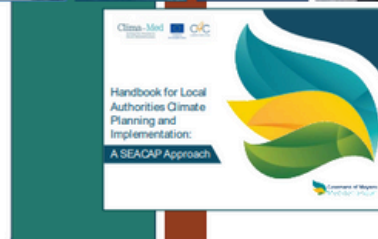
Week 10: SECAP Development Advancement: JRC Guide for Using MyCovenant & CoM-Mediterranean Collaboration Opportunities

11 March 2025

Organized with the support of the **Joint Research Centre (JRC)** and the **Covenant of Mayors-Mediterranean (CoM-Med)**, this event aimed to provide technical guidance, showcase the MyCovenant platform, and foster regional collaboration. Participants explored best practices, aligned their SECAPs with **JRC recommendations**, and identified opportunities to strengthen local climate action efforts.

Clima-Med and CoM Med progress and produced tools...so far (1)

- Extensive collaboration is set with National Authorities, primarily through 8 National Coordination Groups (NCG).
- 8 climate Action Strategies (CAS) prepared
- CoM Med set in 19 countries, (pop. 30 Million, in 198 cities with a very rapid increase).
- 92 cities prepared SEACAP in 69 documents (pop. 9 Million).
- Over 250 local authorities are engaged to prepare SEACAP, with a very rapid increase.
- 1 SEACAP Preparation Manual prepared, with Summary Templates & Communication guide



Clima-Med
Active for Climate in South Mediterranean

Role of the JRC in the Covenant



TAKE ACTION



GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS (GCOM) AND ITS REGIONAL COVENANTS

GCoM Regional Covenants

- European Union & Western Europe
- Middle East & North Africa
- Sub Saharan Africa
- Southeast Asia
- North America
- South Asia
- Eastern Europe & South Asia
- Oceania
- Latin America & The Caribbean
- East Asia

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) is the largest global initiative uniting cities and local governments in the fight against climate change.

To **provide region-specific support** and strengthen local climate actions, GCoM operates through regional alliances that tailor strategies to local needs, policies, and challenges.

GLOBAL GOALS BECOME A REALITY THROUGH LOCAL ACTIONS: STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT CITIES WITH REGIONAL COVENANTS!

WHY REGIONAL COVENANTS MATTER?

- ➔ Provide **localized technical support** to cities.
- ➔ Strengthen **city-to-city cooperation** for knowledge sharing.
- ➔ Facilitate **access to climate finance** and policy alignment.
- ➔ Ensure **global commitments** are adapted to local contexts.

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MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP Masterclass

Week 11: Multi-Level Solutions to Energy Poverty

18 March 2025

This week's session covered key topics, including the **challenges** and **socio-economic impacts of energy poverty**, strategies for improving energy access in underserved communities, and the role of local governments in ensuring fair energy policies. The speakers included Daiva Matoniene (EU4 Energy Transition Project Team Leader, CPVA), Arif Kunar (National Expert, CPVA), and Çağlar Tükel (Izmir Metropolitan Municipality), who shared insights on successful initiatives and best practices.

Bağcılar Belediyesi Enerji Masası Eğitimleri

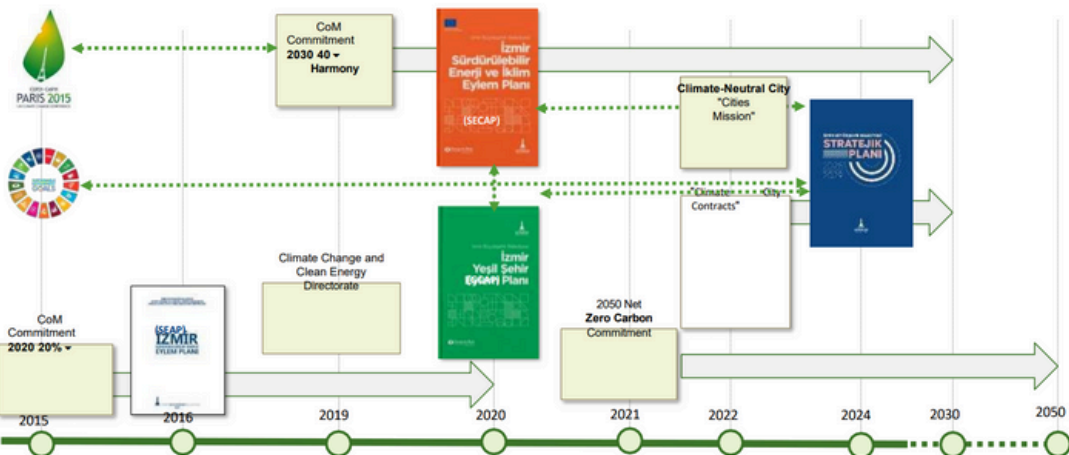


Bağcılar Belediyesi Enerji Verimliliği Eğitimleri



This training is implemented by "EU4 Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in Western Balkans and Turkey" project

IBB Climate Change Studies Roadmap



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Week 11: Multi-Level Solutions to Energy



Poverty

18 March 2025

The training addressed the **social and economic impacts of energy poverty**, innovative strategies for fair energy access, and the crucial role of local governments in this process. Participants exchanged knowledge on best practices and developed concrete proposals to implement inclusive energy policies in their municipalities.

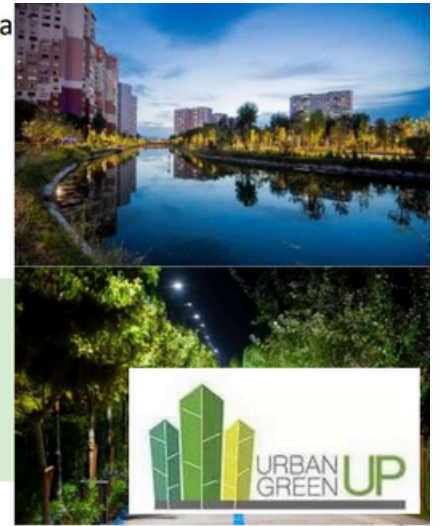
Nature Based Solutions - An Ecological Corridor to Reconnect City and Nature

- The corridor was created as part of **URBAN GreenUP**, an EU-funded project in which Izmir is one of "leading cities."
- **41.000 m²** green belt **Mavişehir Peynircioğlu**
The opening of the **Stream Ecological Corridor**.
- To make the city and the environment more liveable against climate change **Nature Base Solutions (NBS)** principles were applied as a way to make it resilient
- It creates a model to be replicated in other parts of the city.
- "Healthy Cities Best Practice Competition" won an award in the "Environment" category

Objectives of the project:

- ✓ Reducing **carbon emissions**
- ✓ Reducing the **urban heat island effect**
- ✓ Increasing **biodiversity**
- ✓ Creating new **green spaces** for citizens, including outdoor activity space, children's playgrounds, sports fields, zen gardens.

<https://www.urbangreenup.eu/news-events/news/an-ecological-corridor-to-revitalize-the-city-and-nature-114>



 **İZMİR BÜYÜKŞEHİR BELEDİYESİ**



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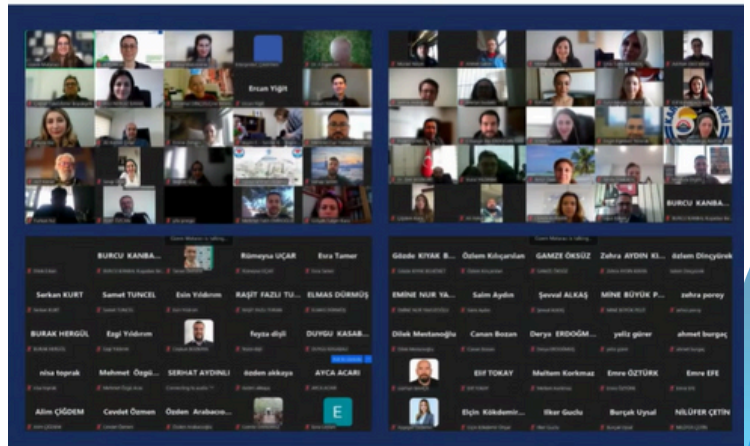
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ENERJİ DÖNÜŞÜMÜ İÇİN AB: BATI BALKANLAR VE TÜRKİYE'DEKİ
BELEDİYE BAŞKANLARI SÖZLEŞMESİ PROJESİ

MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass 2025'in
11. oturumu başarıyla gerçekleştirildi!

18 Mart 2025





SECAP ENERGY POVERTY: ENSURING AFFORDABLE & SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL

What is Energy Poverty?

Energy poverty occurs when households lack access to **affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy**, leading to inadequate heating, cooling, lighting, and essential services. It affects well-being, health, and economic stability, particularly in vulnerable communities.

Why Does It Matter?

- ◆ Impacts low-income households the most
- ◆ Leads to poor indoor conditions, affecting health
- ◆ Increases social inequality and energy insecurity
- ◆ Contributes to higher carbon emissions due to inefficient energy use

Key Actions Under SECAP

Energy Efficiency Measures:

Retrofitting buildings, promoting energy-saving appliances, and improving insulation

Renewable Energy Integration:

Supporting solar, wind, and other clean energy solutions in low-income areas

Financial Support & Incentives:

Grants, subsidies, and financing mechanisms for vulnerable groups

Community Awareness & Education:

Energy literacy programs to help residents reduce consumption and costs

Recommendations for Municipalities

- Conduct an **Energy Poverty Assessment** to identify at-risk groups
- Develop targeted **financial aid programs** for energy-burdened households
- Promote **energy cooperatives** to empower communities
- Encourage **public-private partnerships** for innovative solutions
- Integrate **smart metering and demand-side management** for better efficiency



MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP Masterclass

Week 12: Financing for SECAP Actions

25 March 2025

High Engagement in Municipal Finance Training!

Securing financial resources is crucial for municipalities in Türkiye and the Western Balkans to implement their Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs).

In this context, the "MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass 2025" was successfully completed on March 25 with 162 participants.

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12. oturumu başarıyla gerçekleştirildi!

25 Mart 2025



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The session covered national and international funding sources, grant programs, and financial strategies for SECAP implementation. **Participants gained insights into best practices for accessing climate finance.**

MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP Masterclass

Week 12: Financing for SECAP Actions

25 March 2025

The final week featured an interactive quiz, testing knowledge on:

- Horizon Europe funding programs
- The role of AI in project development
- Climate finance for SECAPs

A final evaluation test took place on March 27! Participants can access training materials here:

[Training materials](#)

Thank you to all participants, with strong engagement and participation, SECAP Masterclass 2025 was a great success!





Unlocking Finance for SECAPs: Pathways to Sustainable Investment



Achieving SECAP (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan) goals requires substantial financial resources, yet funding remains fragmented.

The key to creating cities that lead the green transformation is smart project preparation!



Main Financing Sources for SECAPs

- **Grant Programs:** International and national grant funds provide direct support for climate actions, such as Horizon Europe, Interreg, and IPA (Pre-Accession Assistance).
- **Green Financing Models:** Long-term financing can be secured through green bonds, carbon markets, and energy efficiency investments.
- **Public-Private Partnerships (PPP):** Municipalities can collaborate with the private sector to finance infrastructure projects.
- **Development Banks and Financial Institutions:** Organizations such as the World Bank, the European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and the Asian Development Bank support large-scale projects.

Making Your SECAP Projects Bankable

- ✓ **Develop Concrete and Feasible Projects** – Preparing impact-oriented and economically sustainable projects attracts investors.
- ✓ **Align with Grant Providers' Priorities** – Demonstrate clear climate impact and co-benefits.
- ✓ **Build Strong Partnerships** – Engage public and private sector stakeholders in the process.
- ✓ **Break Down Projects into Financeable Components** – Create hybrid financing structures using grants, loans, and private sector investments instead of relying on a single source.
- ✓ **Engage Stakeholders in the Process** – Establish strong collaborations with local governments, the private sector, civil society, and academic institutions.
- ✓ **Leverage Technical Support Programs** – Benefit from early-stage supporters such as GCoM, the City Climate Finance Gap Fund, and others.

MLGP4CLIMATE SECAP MASTERCLASS 12 WEEKS TRAINING OVERVIEW



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 6



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 5



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 4



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 12



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 11



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 10



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 3



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 2



MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 1



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 9



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 8



MLGP4Climate SECAP Masterclass
2025 Week 7





MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP 12 WEEKS TRAINING SPEAKERS



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Lithuania



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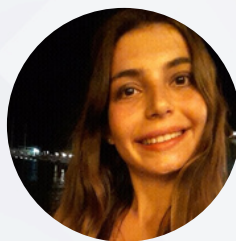
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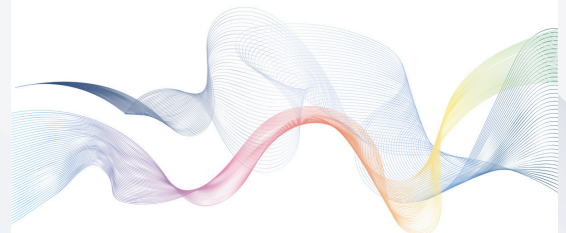
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MLGP4Climate: SECAP Masterclass Organizational Presenters



CPMA

EU4ETTR projesinin ana uygulayıcısı ve Türkiye'deki SECAP Masterclass eğitimlerinin organizatörü.

Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments

Yerel yönetimler arasında iş birliğini teşvik etti, üyelerinin Bakanlar Kurulu ile yapılan müzakerelerdeki çıkarlarını temsil etti.

Litvanya Enerji Bakanlığı

Belediye için önemli olan Temel Emisyon Envanteri hesaplamaları üzerine sunum yaptı.

GCoM (Global Covenant of Mayors)

Şehirlerin İklim Eylem Planları geliştirmelerine ve uygulamalarına destek verir.

Gap Fund

Erken aşamadaki sürdürülebilir enerji projeleri için finansal ve teknik destek sağladı.

Joint Research Centre (JRC)

İklim Değişikliği Uyumu ve Risk & Hassasiyet Değerlendirmesi (RVA) üzerine odaklandı.

CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project)

İklim ve enerji eylemleri konusunda şeffaflık ve raporlama teşvik etti.

CoM-MED (Covenant of Mayors for the Mediterranean)

Uygulamalı deneyimleri paylaştı ve iş birliğini teşvik etti.

MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS 12 WEEKS TRAINING SUBJECTS

TRAINING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

W1	What is SECAP and Why is it Important?	W7	Adaptation Actions and Success Story From Copenhagen Municipality
W2	Baseline Emission Inventory-Part 1	W8	Enhancing Climate Action Reporting: Usage of CDP-ICLEI Track
W3	Baseline Emission Inventory-Part 2	W9	Experience for Cooperation & Funds Attraction: Nature-Based Solutions and Other Adaptation Practices for SECAP
W4	GCoM Experience and Introduction to SECAP Mitigation Actions	W10	Advancing SECAP Development: JRC Guide for MyCovenant Usage & Cooperation Opportunities by CoM-Mediterranean
W5	Driving Transition: SECAP Mitigation Actions & Renewable Energy Integration	W11	Addressing Energy Access and Poverty: Pathways to Inclusive & Sustainable Solutions
W6	Building Resilient Cities: Sustainable Urban Development, Innovative Governance & Sustainable Tourism	W12	Finance calls, tools, programs for climate actions

12-week training program provided a comprehensive roadmap for enhancing the **capacity to develop and implement SECAPs**. Throughout the program, participants gained knowledge and skills on a wide range of topics, starting from the fundamental principles of **SECAP** to the **preparation of emission inventories, climate mitigation and adaptation actions, sustainable urban development, renewable energy integration, and climate action reporting**. Additionally, advanced topics such as best practice examples, access to funding opportunities, nature-based solutions, and inclusive sustainability policies were covered, strengthening participants' strategic planning and international cooperation capabilities.

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SUCCESSFUL MOMENTUM IN MASTERCLASS SERIES PARTICIPATION!

Participation

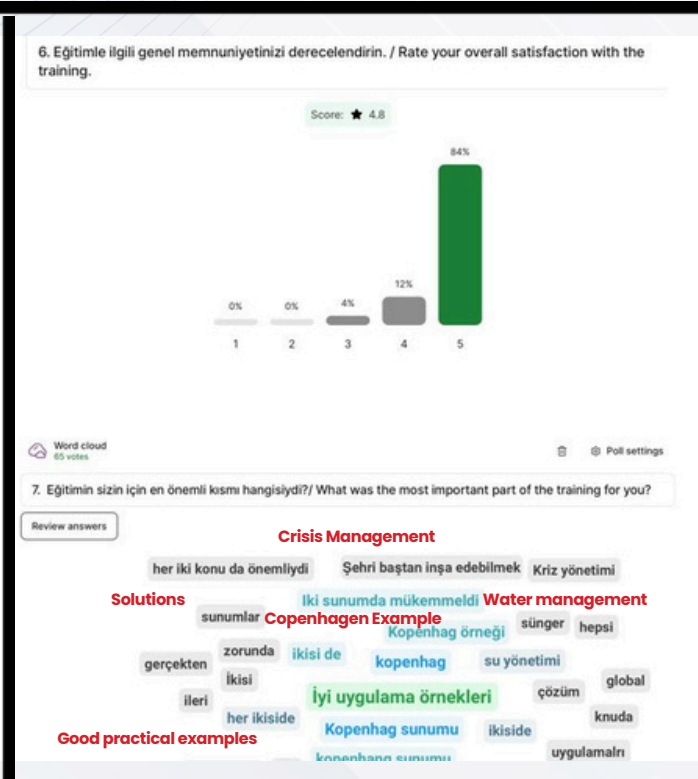
197 average participants/ per one training



The **MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP Masterclass** implemented by CPMA made a strong start and attracted a large audience. The program gained attention and overall, it maintained a steady course, **achieving sustainable success with an average participation of 197 per one training session attendees of 12 series.**

MLGP4CLIMATE: SECAP MASTERCLASS 12 WEEKS TRAINING INTERACTIONS

Participants shared their feedback by completing the survey conducted at the end of each training session, and through their insights, they provided valuable suggestions on how we can improve and be more effective in future trainings.



ANTALYA METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY - CLIMAAX

- Climate Change and Zero Waste Department: A trailblazer in climate change adaptation (Achieving a Score in Adaptation in CDP 2023) and a frontrunner in the fight against climate change, it stands as one of the inaugural Climate Change Departments in Turkey.
- Collaboration with the Information Technology Department, GIS Branch, and Disaster Affairs Department in accordance with the municipality's expertise.
- Effective strategies utilizing SEAP (v2, 2019) and SECAP (2022).
- Member of numerous environmental networks (CoM, METROPOLIS, Cities4Forests, NZCs, ClitaSlow, EIT, FEE, etc.).
- 21 Awards for Environmental Conservation and Climate Change Initiatives.
- Collaboration for MUHIR:
- Antalya Metropolitan Municipality Environmental Council (ANTENB).
- Akdeniz University Department of Space Sciences and Technologies: Associate Professor Dr. Nusret Demir, Associate Professor Dr. Çağdaş Şimşek.
- Boğaziçi University Climate Change and Policy Research Center: Professor Dr. Murat Türkeş.
- EU4ETTR's Multi-Level Governance Platform for Climate (MLGP): Daiva Matonienė.

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Please share your suggestions if any for future trainings? / Gelecek önerileriniz varsa paylaşır mısınız?

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Karbon Ayak İzi ve Su Ayak İzi mantığının anlatılabileceği bir eğitim verilebilir

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Carbon Footprint

Hibe programlarına katılacak Litvanyalı belediyeler ile proje ortaklığı konusunu bir araya getirme

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Project Cooperations with Lithuanian Municipalities

Projelerin özeti

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Project Summaries

Finansal araçlar için bilgi

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Information on financial instruments

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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.

Climate Finance Meeting Held at Karatay Municipality

4 March 2025

Karatay Municipality hosted an important meeting within the scope of the EU4 Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Türkiye project. The event focused on financing opportunities, bringing together representatives from the public and private sectors, academics, and municipal officials to explore collaboration **opportunities for implementing climate-friendly projects.**



The discussions covered key topics such as the financing of SECAP (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan) actions and climate targets, renewable energy solutions for school buildings in Karatay, alternative financing models, and strategies to strengthen municipalities' capacity to attract investments.



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Climate Finance workshop organised at Karatay Municipality

4 March 2025



Participants exchanged ideas on enhancing municipalities' access to climate finance and took concrete steps towards supporting Karatay's sustainable transition. At the end of the event, significant decisions were made to strengthen cooperation on green transition and climate actions.





Climate Finance Meeting Held at Karatay Municipality

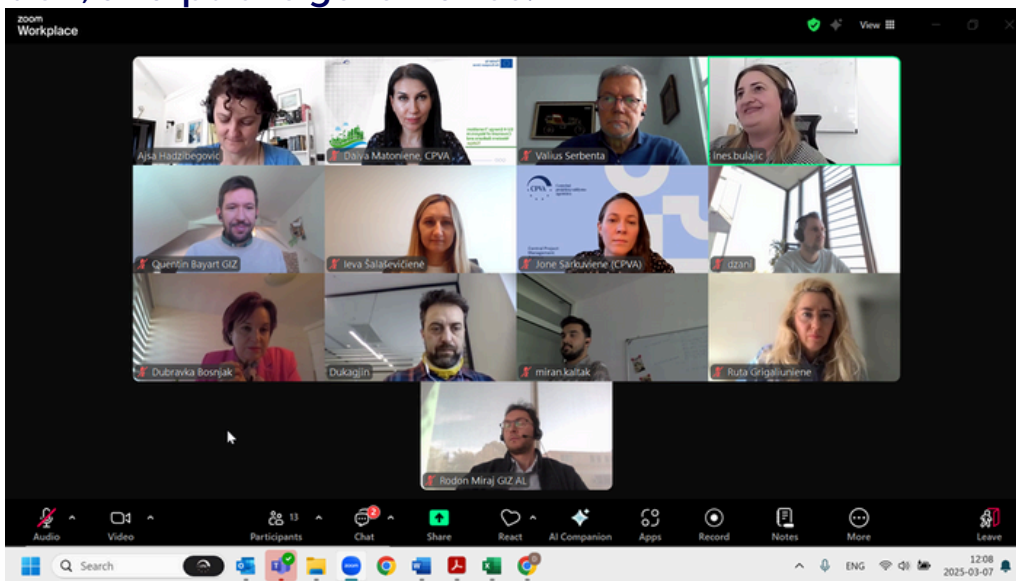
4 March 2025

All important key stakeholders participated in the workshop from
Municipalities, Ministry of Education, Universities and NGO.



ORF-Energy, Transport and Climate Protection PROJECT PARTNER MEETING: CPMA & GIZ meeting 7 March 2025

EU4ETR project implemented in partnership GIZ and CPVA. CPVA is a Lithuanian public agency specializing in project management, financial administration, and technical assistance for EU-funded and international programs. It plays a **key role in supporting public institutions**, municipalities, and private-sector stakeholders in executing projects related to climate action, energy transition, and public governance.



GIZ is a German development agency dedicated to sustainable development, economic growth, and climate action worldwide. It operates under the **German Federal Government** and **collaborates with international organizations to implement energy efficiency, climate resilience, and governance projects.**

Cooperation is key for success!

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NARLIDERE MUNICIPALITY CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

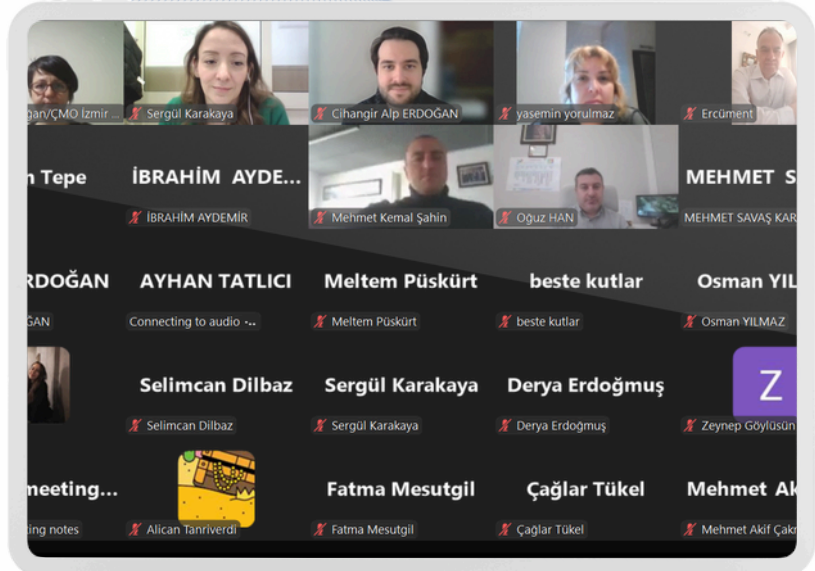
7 March, 2025

Narlidere'nin Geleceği Şekilleniyor: Yeşil Dönüşüm ve Dirençli Kent Stratejileri

The Focus Group Meeting and Workshops organized by Narlidere Municipality addressed critical issues **shaping the future of the district.**

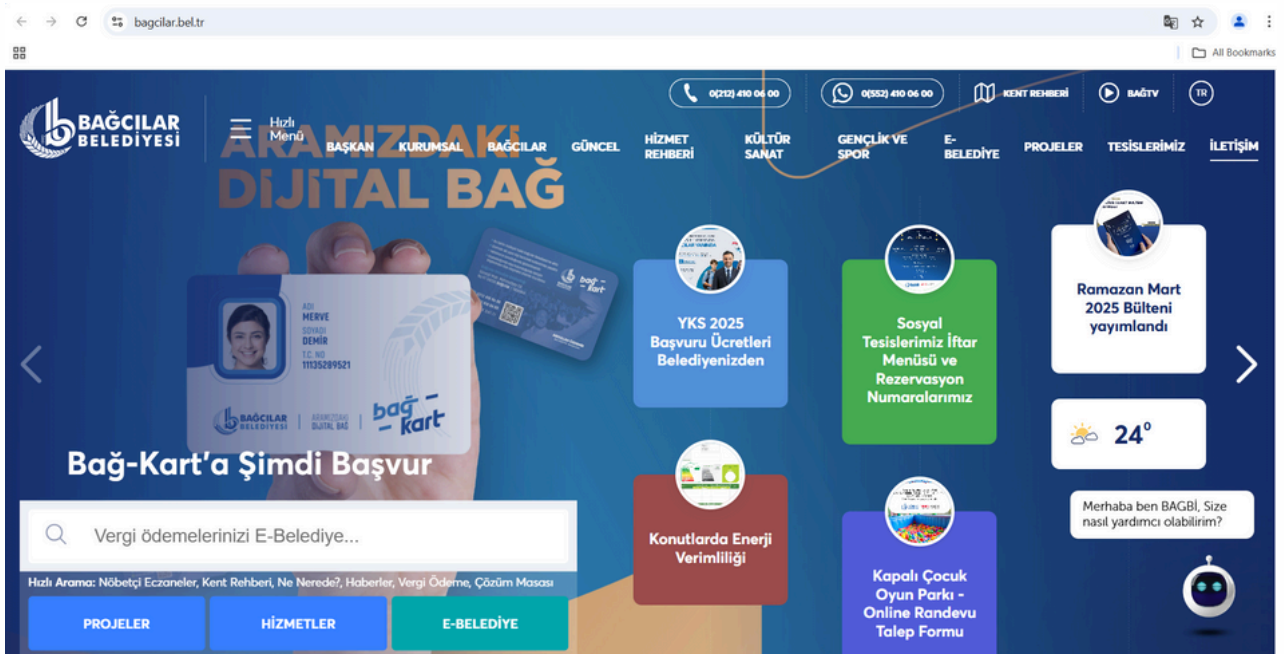


Experts shared their insights on a wide range of topics, **from sustainable urban transformation to water management, green infrastructure, and disaster risk.**



Bağcılar Municipality Leads the Way in Energy Efficiency!

Bağcılar Municipality has established **energy poverty desk** to promote sustainable energy use and reduce carbon footprints. This initiative helps residents adopt **energy-saving habits** and access government incentives.



Additionally, the **AI-powered assistant BagBi** now offers energy-saving tips and practical guidance. With this innovative step, **Bağcılar Municipality sets an example for other cities**, proving that technology and sustainability can go hand in hand.



Visit their [official website](http://bagcilar.bel.tr) for more information!

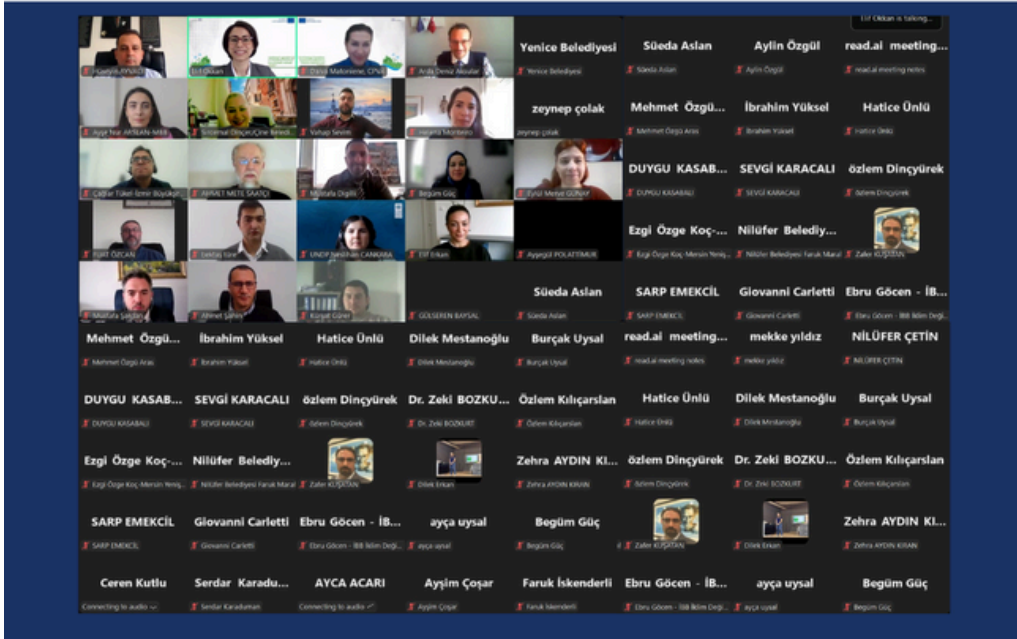


MLGP4Climate WG-2 Meeting: A Deep Dive into International Cooperation & Climate Finance!

20 March 2025

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

MLGP4Climate Uluslararası İş Birliği, Proje Geliştirme ve
Finansman Çalışma Grubu 2 toplantısı başarıyla
gerçekleştirildi!



@eu4energytransitiontr

@EU4EnergyTR

The **MLGP4Climate International Cooperation, Project Development, and Financing Working Group 2 Meeting** was a successful event with **87 participants**. During the meeting, representatives from the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs EU Presidency and Gap Fund delivered important presentations on climate-related projects. Topics discussed included **EU financing programs, the project evaluation process, selecting the right partners, the Global Participation Fund** and the opportunities it offers to municipalities, the importance of SECAPs, access to climate financing, and environmental financial models.



Regional and Inter-Regional Cooperation for Climate Goals Brussels, Belgium

March 25-26, 2025

The EU4 Energy Transition event held in **Brussels on March 26, 2025**, successfully brought together stakeholders from Turkish municipalities, the European Commission, and key **international partners to discuss climate actions and the energy transition.**

This collaborative gathering aimed to foster **regional and inter-regional cooperation** while sharing valuable practical experiences and highlighting the critical role municipalities play in achieving **energy and climate targets.**

The event focused on:

- Promoting the EU4 Energy Transition project and MLGP4Climate platform.
- Strengthening partnerships for climate action between Turkish municipalities and international stakeholders.
- Sharing experiences on Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs).
- Discussing energy efficiency, resilient buildings, and sustainable urban mobility.

Regional and International Cooperation for Climate Goals

Meeting in the Committee of the Regions Brussels, Belgium

March 25, 2025

The increasing role of **local and regional authorities** in shaping European Union policies was the focus of a significant session. **Teresa García Pérez, CoM ENVE coordinator** delivered a comprehensive presentation, **highlighting the influence of local governments** in the fields of climate, energy, and sustainability.



Key takeaways from the session included:

- Active participation of local governments in EU decision-making processes is crucial.
- **The European Committee of the Regions (CoR)** provides strong guidance and advocacy on issues such as the implementation of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAP), energy transition, and resilient cities.



Regional and Inter- Regional Cooperation for Climate Goals

Brussels, Belgium

March 25, 2025

Bilateral meeting of the Brussels program started meeting was held with **H.E. Ambassador Faruk Kaymakçı, Permanent Delegate of Türkiye to the European Union**. He emphasized the importance of enhancing cooperation between local authorities in Türkiye and the EU, particularly by encouraging stronger involvement of municipalities through the Committee of the Regions.





Regional and Inter-Regional Cooperation for Climate Goals Brussels, Belgium

March 26, 2025

Regional and Inter-Regional Cooperation between the Turkey CoM Municipalities and International Partners for Climate Goals', the second day of the event addressed local and international cooperation to achieve Turkey's climate goals. Representatives from **European Commission departments such as DG ENEST, DG ENER, DG CLIMA and JRC provided information on climate actions and city-based co-operation.** Representatives from the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) and the European Committee were also present. During the event, Turkey's priorities on environment and energy transition were shared, while SECAP achievements and cooperation of local municipalities were also highlighted. The event ended with an interactive discussion on the importance of co-operation at local level to combat climate change.



Workshop Regional and Inter-Regional Cooperation for Climate Goals Brussels, Belgium

March 26, 2025

Valuable speakers: Georg Houben, DG ENER, Orhan Solak Deputy Director, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Türkiye. Bilal Duzgun, Head of Energy Efficiency and Environment Directorate, Ministry of Türkiye, Mr Andy Deacon, GCoM Co-managing director, Mr.dr. Arda Deniz Aksular, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye, Ms Laurence Graff DG CLIMA, Ms Giulia Melica, Joint Research Center, representatives from Kuşadası, Karatay and Antalya metropolitan and more shared interesting insides about sustainable development and green smart cities.





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INTERVIEWS

Interview of Bağcılar Municipality's Advisor of Mayor- Mustafa Araç



1. How do you interpret the meaning of SECAP at both the national and municipal levels?

SECAP (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan) provides a strategic framework for combating climate change at national and local levels. At the national level, it aligns with Türkiye's commitments under the Paris Agreement and international climate pledges, aiming to reduce carbon emissions and support sustainable development. At the municipal level, SECAP is an action plan that guides local governments in increasing energy efficiency, promoting renewable energy sources, and adapting to climate change. In the case of Bağcılar Municipality, SECAP is implemented to reduce carbon emissions by 40% in the district.



Interview of Bağcılar Municipality's Advisor of Mayor- Mustafa Araç

2. What does the EU4ETR project mean to you, how do you see the project from your perspective?

The EU4ETR (EU4 Energy Transition) project supports energy transition in municipalities across the Western Balkans and Türkiye. It has helped Bağcılar Municipality implement SECAP measures by providing technical and financial support, particularly in renewable energy investments, energy efficiency projects, and public awareness. This project is a key step in accelerating Türkiye's integration into sustainable energy policies.

3. What are the works carried out by Bağcılar Municipality on SECAP, in which areas did the EU4ETR project play a facilitating role?

Bağcılar Municipality has taken the following actions as part of SECAP:

Buildings and Energy: Improving energy efficiency in public buildings and installing renewable energy systems.

Transportation: Supporting electric vehicle infrastructure and expanding bicycle lanes.

Waste Management: Developing Zero Waste projects and expanding recycling efforts.

Climate Adaptation: Increasing green spaces, implementing water management solutions (e.g., drought-resistant landscaping and rainwater harvesting), and launching infrastructure improvement projects.



Interview of Bağcılar Municipality's Advisor of Mayor- Mustafa Araç

The EU4ETR project has supported these efforts by:

- Providing technical and financial support to accelerate project implementation.
- Enhancing stakeholder engagement through awareness and training programs.
- Supporting pilot projects in renewable energy and transportation.

4. What are your suggestions for future development of the MLGP4Climate platform in Türkiye?

The MLGP4Climate platform is crucial for building capacity and sharing knowledge among municipalities in their fight against climate change. To make the platform more effective in the future, the following recommendations can be considered:

- **Data Integration:** Developing a digital system that enables municipalities to monitor energy consumption and emission data in real-time.
- **Training and Awareness:** Expanding and improving online training programs for municipal staff and citizens.
- **Local Collaborations:** Encouraging partnerships with universities, the private sector, and NGOs to develop joint projects.
- **Access to Funding:** Providing municipalities with information on grants and financial opportunities from the EU and international organizations.



Interview of Bağcılar Municipality's Advisor of Mayor- Mustafa Araç

5. In your opinion, what is the most important "lesson learned" in this project?

The most important lesson from this project is that combating climate change cannot succeed without the active participation of local governments. Municipalities can make a significant impact not only through large-scale projects but also by implementing small-scale energy efficiency and awareness initiatives. Furthermore, the project has demonstrated that leveraging international cooperation and funding is critical for ensuring the long-term sustainability of climate-related projects.





Interview of Melikgazi Municipality Project Expert, Özcan Caymaz



1. What does the EU4ETR project mean to you, how do you see the project from your perspective?

Municipalities play a key role in fighting climate change through physical projects like roads, parks, and green spaces, as well as significant climate-focused initiatives. Organized and disciplined efforts, along with collaborations with various institutions, enhance the effectiveness of these actions. The EU4ETR project, led by Project Coordinator Ms. Daiva, has made a strong impact across the country, thanks to the team's dedication. The project has provided municipalities, including Melikgazi, with valuable support, technical assistance, and best practice solutions to improve their institutional capacities.



Interview of Melikgazi Municipality Project Expert, Özcan Caymaz

2. Can you tell us about the Solar City Project that was carried out in Melikgazi Municipality?

The Solar City Project, supported by the EU4ETR initiative, showcases how municipalities can turn geographical conditions into opportunities. Melikgazi, a district where population, agriculture, industry, and trade intersect, served as a model for these efforts.

A solar power plant was installed on the municipality's roof to meet energy needs, inspiring public adoption. A solar-powered EV charging station and carport were built, enabling clean energy use. Additionally, a 100% electric waste collection vehicle, charged at this station, now supports recycling efforts, creating a complete sustainability cycle.

A solar power plant has been installed on one of the water pumps used for irrigation in an agricultural district, demonstrating the potential for renewable energy in agriculture. The project, focusing on both climate change and renewable energy, is actively contributing to Melikgazi Municipality's climate change efforts.





Interview of Melikgazi Municipality Project Expert, Özcan Caymaz

3. In which areas did the EU4ETR project inspire and facilitate the implementation of the Solar City Project?

The EU4ETR project laid the groundwork for The Solar City Project's goal of "unlocking potential." Its financial support helped establish model structures and raise public awareness.

To make solar energy tangible, semi-transparent panels were installed on a municipal carport, allowing people to see and experience renewable energy firsthand. This hands-on approach has enhanced awareness and engagement in the fight against climate change.

4. What are your suggestions for future development of the MLGP4Climate platform in Türkiye?

The MLGP4Climate platform plays a key role in supporting municipalities, expanding their vision, and turning knowledge into action. To sustain this effort, umbrella institutions should build on the project team's experience.

The work done over the past five years must continue beyond the project's end. While municipalities will support the platform's sustainability, transitioning it into a systematic framework integrated into municipal workflows would be a strategic step.



Interview of Melikgazi Municipality Project Expert, Özcan Caymaz

5. In your opinion, what is the most important "lesson learned" in this project?

Time-bound pilot projects are designed to address specific needs. The EU4ETR project has contributed to Türkiye's net-zero emissions goal by providing municipalities with proven experiences, helping to prevent resource waste.

As Melikgazi Municipality, we see this project as a valuable lesson in the importance of experience sharing, collaboration in climate action, and prioritizing the human factor in the fight against climate change.



Implementation of Sustainable Projects



Solar City Project (2024)



Fully-Electric Garbage Truck (2024)



MONTHLY SECAP PROGRESS

Sustainability efforts across Turkey continue at full speed. Here are the latest updates on municipalities' **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAP)** for March:



- **Selçuklu Municipality** is in the design phase of its SECAP. Strategic steps are being taken to outline the main framework in line with sustainable development goals.



- **Balıkesir, Karaköprü, and Çeşme Municipalities** are currently in the data collection phase. Detailed analyses on greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, and climate adaptation are being conducted.



- **Diyarbakır Municipality** has completed its SECAP. The climate action plan is now finalized with actionable strategies ready for implementation.

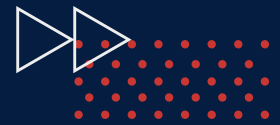


- **Kuşadası and Narlıdere** have completed their plans and are preparing to present them to the municipal council for approval.

These plans will guide future actions for climate resilience and sustainability.



Strategic Solutions for Sustainable Energy Transition



Energy poverty is a major problem affecting low-income households.
Households have great difficulties in accessing energy services.
This situation leads to health problems and economic inequalities.

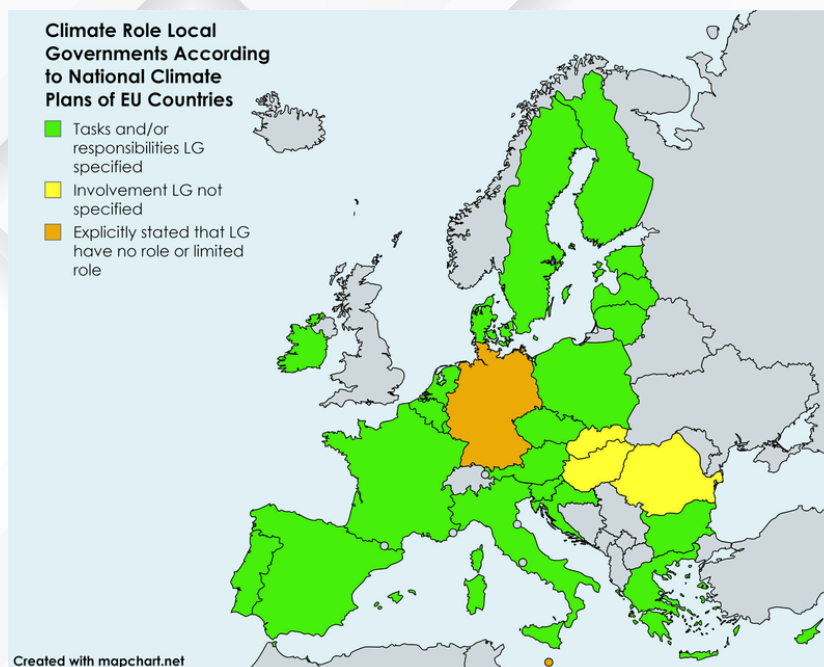
Significant savings can be achieved through energy efficiency.
Smart technologies optimise energy use by reducing costs.
Carbon tax revenues can support vulnerable households.

Transition to clean energy can be achieved with renewable energy sources.
Energy efficiency of buildings should be increased and insulation should be improved.
SECAP is an important planning for sustainable energy transition.



INTERESTING TO READ...EUROPEAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: KEY PLAYERS IN CLIMATE POLICY

Local governments are at the **heart of climate action across EU member states**, playing a crucial role in implementing national climate policies. A recent study highlights both the opportunities and challenges they face in **achieving climate goals**. You can visit the [article](#) to read more.



Challenges

Legal and financial limits restrict local governments' independence, as they can't create their own laws and rely on national funding. Managing large-scale climate projects is especially challenging for smaller municipalities.

Opportunities

Fast and Effective Solutions: Local governments can implement climate policies more efficiently than central governments.

Citizen Engagement: Direct interaction with communities helps raise awareness and drive action.

Collaborative Governance: Partnerships with national and international entities enhance policy effectiveness.

Adaptability: Local authorities can tailor climate initiatives to regional needs for better impact.





Interesting to read...EU Invests €4.2 Billion in 77 Groundbreaking Decarbonisation Projects

The European Union is accelerating its clean energy transition with 77 innovative decarbonisation projects, funded by the EU Emissions Trading System. These projects aim to develop net-zero solutions in challenging sectors like industry, energy, and transport, with an expected reduction of 397.6 million tonnes of CO₂.

Key Targets and Opportunities:

- €1.4M - €262M in funding
- Focus on Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA) aligned clean tech manufacturing
- Strengthening industrial competitiveness & supply chain resilience
- Positioning the EU as a global leader in clean technology

EU Innovation Fund 2024 Calls Open!

Applications for net-zero tech and electric vehicle battery projects are open **until April 24, 2025**.





Nature: The Smartest Solution

As climate challenges grow, nature-based solutions (NBS) offer a powerful way to restore ecosystems while improving lives. These solutions work with nature, not against it, creating long-term resilience and sustainability.

- ◆ **Think Local, Act Smart** – Understanding the local ecosystem is key. Native species and natural landscapes should be prioritized for lasting impact.
- ◆ **Engage Communities** – Solutions thrive when people are involved. Local knowledge and participation make projects more effective and sustainable.
- ◆ **More Than Just Green** – NBS isn't just about the environment; it boosts climate resilience, biodiversity, and economic well-being. Restoring wetlands, for example, prevents floods, cleans water, and supports wildlife—a triple win!
- ◆ **Nature + Innovation** – Blending green infrastructure with smart engineering—like green roofs, urban forests, and wetland buffers—creates stronger, more adaptable cities.
- ◆ **Plan for the Future** – Sustainable funding, education, and policy support are crucial. Governments, businesses, and communities must collaborate to scale up impact.

By embracing nature, science, and community-driven action, we can tackle environmental challenges while creating healthier, more resilient places to live. Nature isn't just an option—it's the solution.



Planetary Solvency Finding Our Balance with Nature- Global risk management f...

We are committed to empowering the Covenant of Mayors municipalities in Türkiye and wider partner...

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By embracing nature, science, and **community-driven action**, we can tackle environmental challenges while creating healthier, more resilient places to live. Nature isn't just an option—it's the solution. As highlighted in the [MLGP Library](#), cities worldwide are already implementing [Nature-Based Solutions](#) (NBS) to combat climate risks and enhance urban resilience (Nature-Based Solutions in Cities).



Integrating NBS into **global risk management is essential** for long-term human prosperity (**Planetary Solvency**).

From restoring ecosystems to greener urban planning, these solutions are shaping a more balanced, sustainable future.

The evidence is clear: working with nature is the smartest way forward.



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The MLGP4Climate Platform is delighted to celebrate a major achievement in advancing climate action at the local level: our resource library has now surpassed **454 expertly curated tools, reports, and guidelines. You can look some of the articles below!**

You can find some of the articles from here:

- Sustainable tourism
- Climate Change
- Waste Management
- Water Management
- Climate Financing
- Carbon Neutrality
- Capacity Building
- Urban Sustainability
- Renewable Energy
- Energy Efficiency



Our unwavering commitment to advancing this knowledge hub ensures that local governments receive the critical support needed to implement transformative climate solutions. Together, we are forging a future that is both sustainable and resilient.

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



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Important Days:



The project has efficiently conveyed important insights across multiple channels, such as news updates, announcements, and guidebooks. Thanks to the vital backing of both national and international collaborators—like the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), the Covenant of Mayors (CoM), and other significant partners—we've successfully reached a diverse audience with essential information and updates.





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Our Note:

“Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds.

Alexander Graham Bell

Climate change is reality... Every of you actions is important. Just do it, Just not stop, Just go forward. Steps power... Thanks for your cooperation and great work...

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