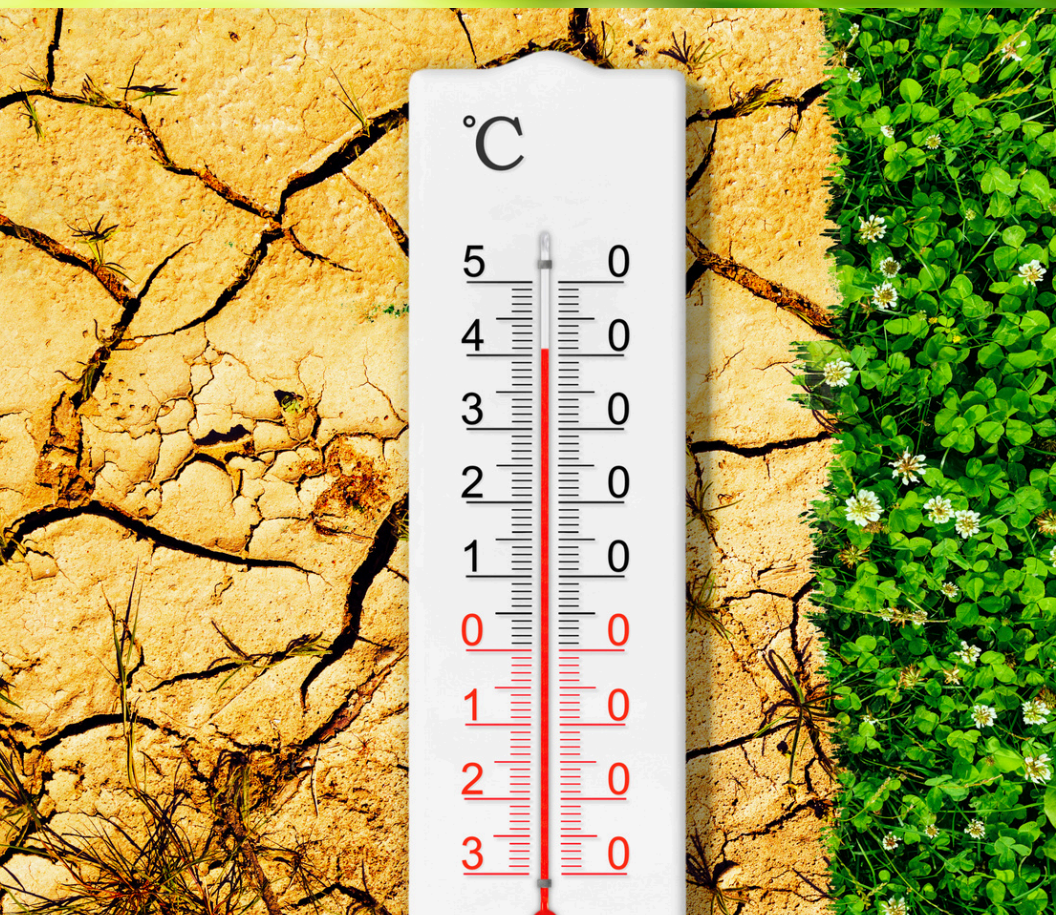




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"At MLGP4Climate, we believe that successful climate action begins with strong local partnerships and shared capacity."



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From Climate Plans to Climate Investments: Strengthening Local Action

Dear MLGP4Climate Community,

August has been a month of reflection on a critical question: how can cities transform climate ambition into real investments and measurable impact?

Across our region, municipalities are developing climate strategies, setting emission reduction targets, and identifying adaptation priorities. Yet the next challenge is clear: turning these plans into implementable projects that can access, deliver results, and improve the resilience of communities.

August, MLGP4Climate focused on this important bridge between Through our knowledge-sharing activities, we highlighted climate finance mechanisms, project preparation approaches, funding opportunities, and practical solutions that can support municipalities in moving from ambition to action.

From energy efficiency and sustainable mobility to nature-based solutions, climate adaptation, and resilient urban development, local governments are at the center of the transition.

The success of climate action depends not only on setting targets but also on strengthening the capacity to design, finance, implement, and monitor impactful projects as cities continue to face extreme heat and water challenges.

biodiversity loss and infrastructure risks—the need for collaboration becomes more important than ever. Local authorities, national institutions, financial partners, academia, civil society, and international networks all have a shared responsibility in accelerating this transformation.

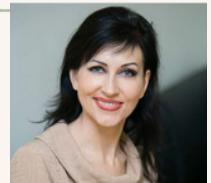
With COP31 approaching, 2026 represents an important opportunity to connect local experiences with global climate goals. Every prepared project, every shared practice, and every strengthened partnership contributes to building more resilient and sustainable communities.

Thank you for being an active part of the MLGP4Climate community. Together, we continue to support cities in turning climate ambition into financed projects and meaningful local action.

Let us keep building stronger partnerships and accelerating the transition towards climate resilient communities.

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August 2026 Focus: From Climate Plans to Climate Investments

THIS MONTH, WE EXPLORED

August 2026 focused on one of the most critical challenges for local climate action: transforming climate ambition into implementable and financeable projects.

Across many cities, climate plans and strategies are already in place. However, the journey from planning to implementation requires more than setting targets. It requires strong project preparation, reliable data, clear investment models, and access to appropriate financing mechanisms.

Throughout this month, MLGP4Climate explored the connection between local climate planning and climate finance, highlighting the importance of moving from strategies and action lists towards measurable projects that can attract investment and deliver real impact.

Through our knowledge-sharing activities, we discussed how municipalities can strengthen their capacity to develop finance-ready projects, improve project documentation, identify funding opportunities, and connect local priorities with available financial instruments.

From energy efficiency and sustainable mobility to climate adaptation, nature-based solutions, and resilient urban infrastructure, cities need practical pathways that turn climate goals into tangible outcomes.

As climate risks continue to increase, the ability of local governments to prepare, finance, and implement effective solutions will become a defining factor in building resilient communities.

**“Climate plans create direction.
Finance-ready projects create impact.”**





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30 August Victory Day: A Legacy of Resilience and Shared Vision

A legacy of resilience. A vision for a sustainable future.

**FROM A LEGACY OF RESILIENCE
TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

LEGACY



Unity



Determination



Resilience

FUTURE



Sustainable Cities



Climate Kinction



Shae-term Vision

30 August Victory Day represents the strength of determination, unity, and the collective will to build a shared future.

Today, the responsibility we carry is to transform the values inherited from the past into a vision for the future — creating cities and communities that are more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive.

On this meaningful day, we commemorate the determination and vision that shaped our journey forward.

In a world facing climate change, energy transition challenges, and increasing environmental pressures, strong societies are built through:



Collaboration



Shared knowledge



Long-term vision



Collective action



Happy 30 August Victory Day.

Climate Change Is No Longer a Future Risk: The World Is Experiencing Its Consequences Today

From extreme heat to floods and droughts, the climate crisis is reshaping our cities, economies and daily lives

For decades, climate change was described as a distant threat, something future generations might have to face. Today, that future has arrived. Across every continent, communities are living through more frequent and intense heatwaves, floods, droughts and storms. These are not isolated events — they are clear signs of a planet under stress.

A Planet Under Increasing Pressure

Global temperatures have already risen by about 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels. The past decade (2014–2023) is the warmest on record. Sea levels continue to rise, glaciers are melting at unprecedented rates, and extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and severe.

From record-breaking heat in Asia and Europe to devastating floods in Africa and Latin America, the impacts are widespread and accelerating. Water scarcity is deepening, food systems are under strain, and ecosystems are reaching their limits. Scientists warn that without urgent action, the world could face even more dangerous and irreversible impacts.



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**Today, that
future has arrived.**

The Human Face of Climate Change

Behind every statistic is a human story.

Families are losing their homes to rising waters. Farmers are struggling with unpredictable seasons. Workers face dangerous heat on the job. Children are growing up in a world of uncertainty.

And yet, in the face of these challenges, people are also showing resilience, innovation and solidarity. Communities are leading local solutions. Cities are investing in cleaner, smarter and more resilient infrastructure. Youth and civil society are raising their voices for change.





A New Era for Local Climate Action in Türkiye: From Plans to Implementation

Why the Adoption of Local Climate Action Plans (YİDEP) Matters



Climate change is no longer a distant global challenge. It is a local reality experienced through extreme heat, droughts, floods, water stress and increasing pressure on urban systems.

And increasingly, one fact is becoming clearer: The success of climate action will be determined not only by national commitments, but by what happens in cities and regions.

With the adoption of the Local Climate Change Action Plans (YİDEP) framework in Türkiye on 4 August 2026, a new chapter has started for local climate governance. This milestone represents a transition from fragmented local initiatives towards a more coordinated, measurable and implementation-oriented climate action model.

From Voluntary Efforts to a Structured Climate Governance Model

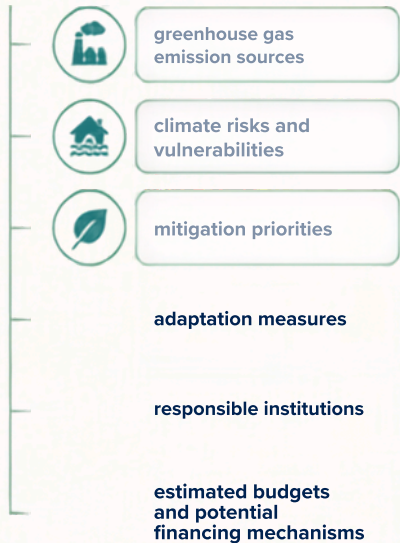
For many years, municipalities in Türkiye have been developing their own climate strategies, including Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs), sustainability strategies and resilience initiatives. These efforts created valuable experience and increased awareness among local governments.



How can local climate actions become part of a common national framework, with measurable targets, consistent monitoring and stronger access to finance?

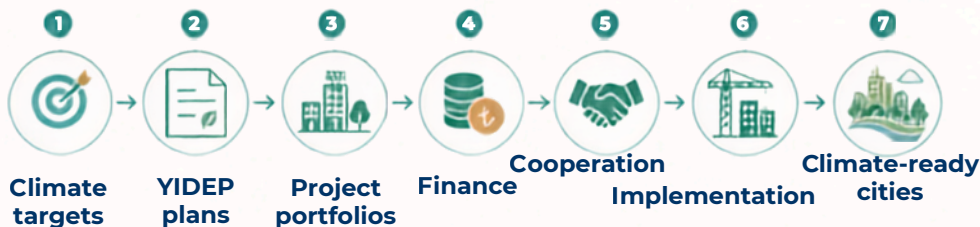
This means climate action is no longer only an environmental responsibility. It becomes a cross-sector development agenda involving energy, transportation, buildings, waste management, water resources, agriculture and urban planning.

YİDEP addresses this challenge by establishing a structured approach where each province will identify:




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Cities Are Where Climate Targets Become Reality



- National climate commitments provide direction, but cities deliver change.
- A renewable energy target becomes meaningful when a municipality installs solar systems on public buildings.
- A mobility strategy becomes meaningful when cities invest in clean transportation.
- A resilience goal becomes meaningful when neighborhoods are redesigned against heat waves, floods and water scarcity.
- The future of climate action will depend on the ability of cities to transform climate targets into concrete projects.
- This is exactly where YIDEP creates an important opportunity.

A New Opportunity for Climate Finance and Investment

One of the most important aspects of local climate planning is not only identifying challenges, but creating investable solutions.

Climate finance institutions, international organizations and development partners increasingly require:

- clear emission reduction pathways
- measurable impact indicators
- transparent governance structures
- implementation capacity

By linking climate objectives with concrete projects, YIDEP can help municipalities develop stronger project portfolios for national resources, development banks, international climate funds and cooperation programs.

A climate action plan should not remain as a document on a shelf. It should become a roadmap for investment, innovation and transformation.

How quickly can we turn plans into real transformation on the ground?



The Role of Cooperation and Knowledge Sharing

Climate change does not respect administrative borders. Cities learn from each other.

International networks such as the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) have demonstrated the importance of cooperation, transparency and shared methodologies among local governments worldwide.

Turkey's new local climate governance approach creates a valuable space for strengthening cooperation between municipalities, international networks, financial institutions, universities and civil society.



The next challenge is not only preparing plans. The real challenge is building the capacity to implement them.

From Documents to Climate-Ready Cities

- From reacting to climate impacts → to preparing for them.
- From isolated projects → to integrated strategies.
- From short-term actions → to long-term transformation.

The cities of tomorrow will not be defined only by their infrastructure or economic strength. They will be defined by their ability to protect people, ecosystems and future generations.

Türkiye has entered a new phase in local climate action.



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Resilient Cities Start by Preparing Today

Research and innovation help cities prepare before risks become crises.

From Climate Risks to Urban Resilience

CLIMATE RISKS

FROM RISK
TO RESILIENCE

RESILIENT CITY

As climate change intensifies, the resilience of cities is becoming more critical than ever. Across Europe, heatwaves and extreme weather events are becoming more frequent, longer, and more severe.

These impacts are not only increasing temperatures.

They are also putting pressure on:

- Urban infrastructure
- Ecosystems
- Public health and quality of life

So how can cities prepare for a changing climate?

Research and innovation are key drivers of climate adaptation.

Through Horizon Europe, projects are developing solutions that:

- Strengthen urban resilience
- Advance nature-based solutions
- Protect critical infrastructure
- Improve early warning systems

Climate adaptation is not only about preparing for the future. It is about managing today's risks more effectively.

For local governments, the key questions are:

- Are our cities ready for extreme heat?
- How can we integrate nature into urban solutions?
- Are our investments reducing climate risks?
- Are decisions supported by data and scientific knowledge?

The resilient cities of tomorrow will not simply respond to risks.

They will anticipate, prepare, and act.

Are our buildings ready for the climate of the future?

READY?

A new global analysis combines building age, architectural structure, and local climate data to reveal which regions face higher thermal vulnerability risk.



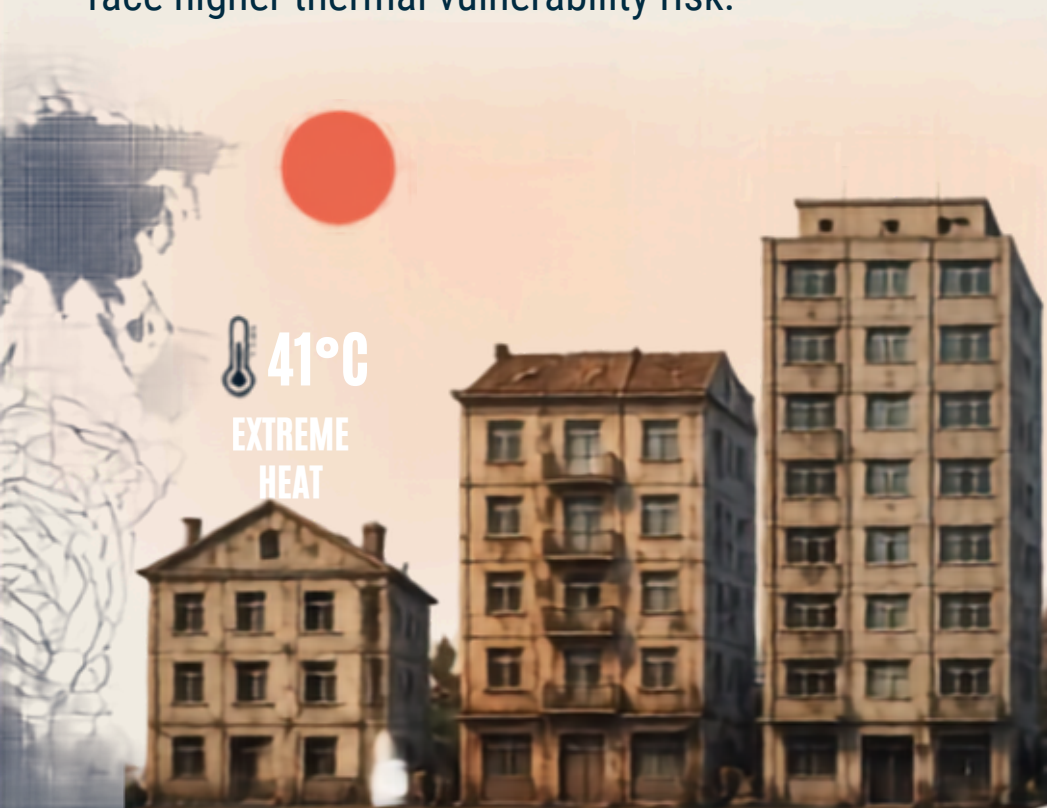
**48
MILLION
PEOPLE**

Around 48 million people worldwide live in buildings not designed for today's climate conditions.



**BY 2100
COULD
TRIPLE**

Research shows this number could triple by 2100 due to the impacts of climate change.



41°C
EXTREME
HEAT

VULNERABLE BUILDING

HIGH ENERGY USE • LOW COMFORT • HIGH RISK



**GREEN
ROOFS
AND
FACADES**



**RENEWABLE
ENERGY**



**HIGH
THERMAL
COMFORT**

24°C
A COOLER
FUTURE

CLIMATE-READY BUILDINGS

ENERGY-EFFICIENT • COMFORTABLE • RESILIENT

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE FINDINGS

The findings point to important priorities in



**Improve the energy efficiency
of existing older building stock**



**Promote climate-responsive design that can
withstand extreme heat and cold**



**Develop climate-sensitive zoning and building
standards**



**Reduce energy consumption from
heating and cooling**



For local governments, this study is a reminder that building climate-resilient cities starts at the building scale—not only with energy efficiency.

Planning and construction decisions made today will determine how resilient cities are to climate change in the future.

Read the study:
<https://lnkd.in/d3SMekTY>

COP31 Türkiye: Turning Climate Commitments into Local Action



A New Chapter for Implementation, Cooperation and Climate Resilience

Since the Kyoto Protocol in 1997, the global climate process has advanced through shared commitments and collective action.

Building on this foundation, the Paris Agreement in 2015 marked a turning point—uniting the world around a common long-term goal to strengthen resilience and keep 1.5°C within reach.

“How can we transform climate commitments into real action on the ground?”



From Climate Ambition to Climate Implementation

The world has set ambitious climate goals. Now, the priority is implementation—turning commitments into measurable, inclusive and lasting impact.

COP31 will focus on:

- Closing the implementation gap
- Scaling finance for real-economy transformation
- Strengthening transparency and accountability
- Advancing just transitions for people and nature
- Empowering all levels of society to act together



COP31 will take place in Antalya, Türkiye,
from 9–20 November 2026.



**Under the leadership of
COP31 President Murat Kurum.**



Cities: Where Climate Action Becomes Reality

More than 70% of the world's population will live in cities by 2050. Cities are on the front line of climate impacts—and at the forefront of solutions.

COP31 will highlight:

- Urban resilience and adaptation
- Sustainable mobility and low-carbon urban systems
- Nature-based solutions and green infrastructure
- Inclusive, people-centered urban development
- Local leadership and multi-level action



Climate Action, Delivered

From plans and finance to cooperation and measurable results



Climate Finance: The Bridge Between Plans and Action

Access to finance determines whether climate plans remain on paper or transform into tangible results. COP31 must deliver a fair, predictable, and accessible financial architecture that empowers local and regional authorities, unlocks private capital, and strengthens adaptation and resilience.

- **Direct Access for Local Authorities:** Simplify and expand direct access to climate funds for cities and regions.
- **Innovative Financing:** Mobilize green bonds, blended finance, and impact investment for local projects.
- **Capacity Building:** Strengthen financial and technical capacity to design, implement, and report bankable projects.
- **Equitable Allocation:** Ensure resources reach the most vulnerable communities and regions on the frontlines of climate change.

A Moment to Accelerate the Future

COP31 in Türkiye is more than a conference. It is a turning point. It is where commitments meet capacity, where local voices inform global decisions, and where implementation becomes the priority. The Mediterranean and the world are counting on us.

- From commitments to results.
- From plans to implementation.
- From finance to impact.
- From cooperation to collective resilience.

COP31 must deliver the enabling environment for local climate action that is ambitious, financed, inclusive, and measurable.

Cooperation as the Foundation of Success

The climate crisis is global, and so must be our response. COP31 is an opportunity to strengthen multilevel governance and build partnerships that connect local action with global ambition.

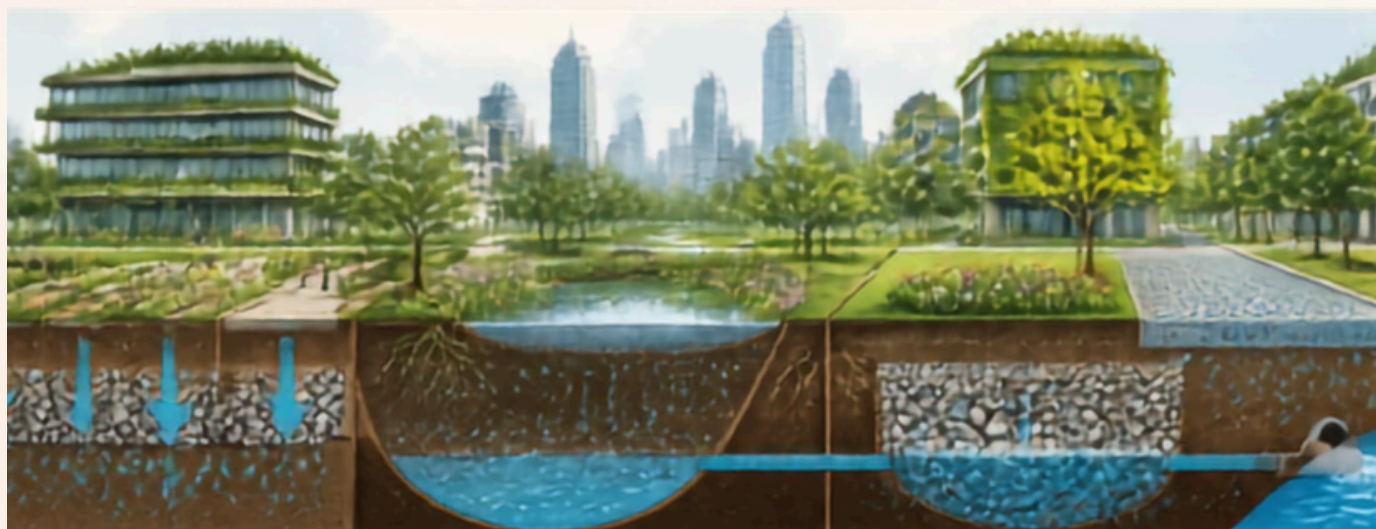
- **Multilevel Governance:** Institutionalize partnerships between national governments, regions, cities, and local communities.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Scale up South-South and triangular cooperation to exchange proven solutions and local innovations.
- **International Participation:** Ensure the active involvement of women, youth, indigenous peoples, and civil societies.
- **Regional Leadership:** Empower regional networks in the Mediterranean and beyond to drive collective progress.



The world does not only need new promises. It needs action.

The future of climate action will be measured not by what we announce, but by what we achieve together.

Can Cities Manage Water Instead of Simply Removing It?



"Climate change is creating a double challenge for cities: increasing risks from intense rainfall and urban flooding, while rising temperatures are making urban areas hotter and less comfortable."

The Sponge City approach offers a nature-based pathway to help cities restore their ability to absorb, store and manage water. Instead of treating rainwater as a problem that must be quickly removed, sponge cities aim to work with natural processes by allowing urban areas to capture and reuse water.

However, the sponge city concept is not only a landscape solution. It requires integrated urban planning and effective governance.

Key solutions include:

Reducing impermeable surfaces to increase water infiltration into the ground.

Using green roofs, rain gardens and urban vegetation to retain rainfall, reduce heat and improve energy efficiency.

Developing retention ponds and open water systems to manage stormwater during heavy rainfall events.

Expanding green and blue infrastructure to cool cities and support biodiversity.

Successful implementation depends on aligning:

Urban planning policies
Building standards
Infrastructure investments
Financing mechanisms
Community participation



As climate risks intensify, resilient cities will not be those that simply move water away as quickly as possible.

They will be cities that understand water as a valuable resource—capturing it, managing it, and designing urban systems that work together with nature.

Learn more about sponge cities and nature-based solutions:
<https://ow.ly/10xT50X7B2G>

Energy Efficiency: An Economic Investment for Cities

Energy efficiency is no longer only a climate priority; it is also an economic opportunity.

According to the European Commission's De-risking Energy Efficiency Platform (DEEP), rising energy prices have strengthened the financial case for energy efficiency investments.

By July 2026, DEEP included more than 89,400 energy efficiency projects, providing one of the most comprehensive open data sources on investment performance.

KEY FINDINGS

Key findings show that:

- ✓ Energy efficiency investments now achieve faster payback periods.
- ✓ Building and industrial projects deliver stronger economic returns.
- ✓ Reliable data helps investors and financial institutions assess projects with greater confidence.

For local governments, energy efficiency means more than reducing emissions. It can lower operational costs, improve public resource management, and support access to climate finance.

Data-driven decisions will continue to play a key role in helping cities identify, finance and implement effective climate investments.

Explore DEEP:

<https://deep.ec.europa.eu/>





Climate Change Is Moving the Timeline Forward



Climate projections that were once considered future scenarios are becoming today's reality. New estimates suggest that global average temperatures in 2027 could reach around 1.76°C above pre-industrial levels — a threshold previously expected around 2037.

1.76°C

projected global average temperature in 2027

2027

new estimate for reaching this level

2037

previously expected timeline

While natural climate variations such as El Niño can temporarily influence temperatures, the underlying trend is clear: human-induced climate change is increasing climate risks.

Climate risks are no longer a distant future challenge.

For cities, the key question is no longer “Will the climate change?” but:

These changes are already affecting:

- Urban planning and infrastructure
- Water management
- Energy systems
- Agriculture and ecosystems
- Investment decisions

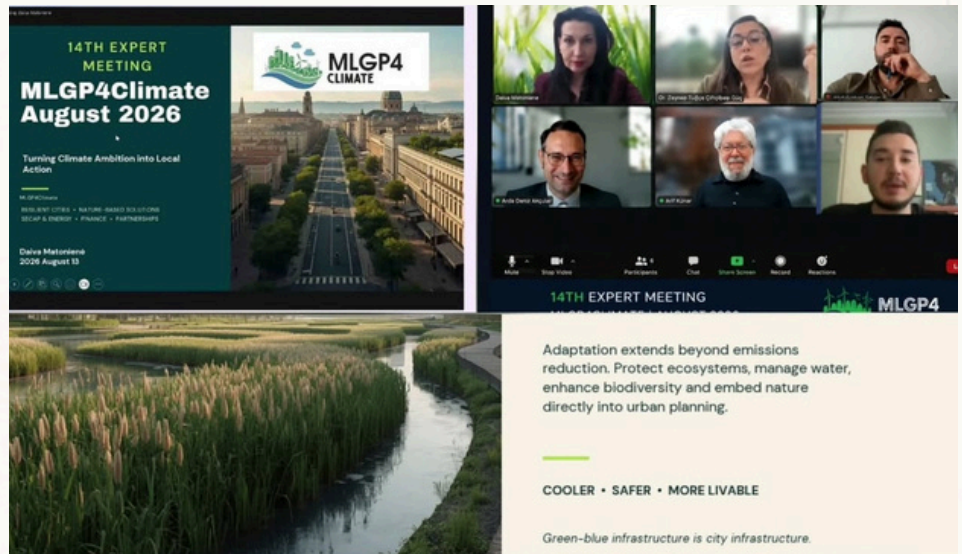
“How prepared are we for a changing climate?”

From the perspective of MLGP4Climate and GCoM, resilient cities are not built after crises occur; they are planned before risks become impacts.



From Climate Targets to Implementation: MLGP4Climate Held Its 14th Expert Meeting

MLGP4Climate convened its 14th Expert Meeting to align stakeholders around the next phase of local climate action.



FOUR MEETING FOCUSES



• Strengthening access to climate finance



• Turning SECAPs into investment-ready projects



• Building municipal financial capacity



• Elevating local governments toward COP31



COP31 needs a stronger local voice.



IN THE COMING PERIOD, MLGP4CLIMATE AIMS TO:



✓ Strengthen municipal access to climate finance



✓ Cooperate with banks, IFIs, and donors

✓ Transform SECAPs into investment opportunities

✓ Expand the climate action ecosystem

**Climate targets are implemented in cities.
Transformation starts locally.**



We thank all experts, municipalities, and partners who contributed to this important dialogue.


A NEW ERA IN CARBON MANAGEMENT:
Türkiye's Emissions Trading System Begins

Türkiye's Emissions Trading System (ETS)

A New Era in Carbon Management


KEY MESSAGE

Measuring emissions.

Managing carbon.

Supporting low-carbon transition.


Carbon management is becoming a key element of climate action, investment decisions and sustainable urban development.



UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE FINANCE:

Connecting Climate Goals with Investment Decisions

Climate action requires more than ambitious targets. It also requires understanding how climate investments are prioritised, evaluated and financed.

The 'Understanding Climate Finance' series by MLGP4Climate explores the key principles behind climate finance, from investment priorities and financial mechanisms to the role of data, impact measurement and risk assessment.

The series aims to provide local governments and climate stakeholders with practical insights into how climate objectives can be connected with effective investment decisions.

As cities accelerate their transition towards climate neutrality and resilience, understanding climate finance becomes essential for turning climate ambition into long-term impact.

**“Turning climate ambition
into long-term impact.”**



FROM CLIMATE PLANS TO CLIMATE INVESTMENTS



**Turning local climate ambition
into finance-ready projects.**



1. Climate Plan

Set a clear vision and priorities for a low-carbon, resilient, and inclusive future.



2. Project Development

Design and prepare bankable projects that meet local needs and investor expectations.



3. Climate Finance

Access funding and partnerships to turn projects into reality at scale.



4. Local Impact

Deliver measurable results for people, planet, and prosperity.



**Climate plans create direction.
Finance-ready projects create real impact.**

Climate Finance



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| From Plans to Projects



A climate goal is not yet an investment project.



To access finance, ideas must become structured, measurable, and bankable solutions.

A successful climate project requires:

- ✓ Clear objectives
- ✓ Reliable data
- ✓ Defined costs
- ✓ Measurable impacts
- ✓ A realistic implementation plan



The key question is not only:

What do we want to achieve?

but also:

How will we measure, finance, and deliver it?



Turning climate plans into investable projects is the bridge between **ambition** and **real impact**.



Türkiye's New Carbon Era: Emissions Trading System and the Path Towards a Low-Carbon Economy



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MLGP4Climate Voluntary Expert

Climate action is entering a new phase in Türkiye. With the introduction of the Türkiye Emissions Trading System (ETS), carbon emissions are becoming a measurable and manageable element of economic decision-making. This marks an important step in Türkiye's transition towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.

For many years, climate policies have primarily focused on setting targets, preparing strategies and defining long-term ambitions. However, achieving these goals requires a stronger connection between climate commitments and economic systems. Emissions Trading Systems represent one of the mechanisms that help create this connection by putting carbon performance at the centre of investment and production decisions.

The introduction of ETS does not simply represent a new regulatory framework. It signals a broader transformation in how organisations understand emissions, energy use and competitiveness.



From Measuring Emissions to Managing Transformation

The first requirement of effective climate action is knowing where we stand. Reliable emissions data allows institutions and businesses to understand their current carbon footprint, identify reduction opportunities and plan investments more effectively. Without accurate measurement, emission reduction targets remain difficult to implement and monitor.

ETS strengthens this principle by creating a structured approach for monitoring, reporting and verifying greenhouse gas emissions. This process will encourage organisations to improve their carbon management capacities and develop strategies for reducing emissions.

The importance of this transformation goes beyond compliance. In the coming years, carbon performance will increasingly influence investment decisions, supply chains, market access and competitiveness.

Organisations that understand their emissions profile and invest in efficiency and clean technologies will be better positioned in a rapidly changing global economy.

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Measuring carbon is the first step.

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A New Perspective for Cities and Local Governments

Although ETS primarily affects sectors with significant greenhouse gas emissions, its implications extend beyond industrial facilities.

Cities are at the centre of the climate transition. Urban areas influence energy consumption, transportation patterns, building performance, infrastructure development and resource management.

Local governments play a key role in creating the conditions for a low-carbon future through:

-  improving energy efficiency in public buildings,
-  developing sustainable mobility systems,
-  supporting renewable energy solutions,
-  increasing climate resilience of urban infrastructure,
-  integrating climate considerations into investment planning.

The transition towards a low-carbon economy requires alignment between national climate policies and local implementation capacity.

Cities will increasingly need to understand their own emission profiles, identify investment priorities and develop projects that can access climate finance.



Connecting Climate Goals with Investment Decisions

One of the most important lessons from global climate action is that targets alone are not enough.

A climate target becomes meaningful when it is supported by measurable actions, investment plans and implementation mechanisms.

This is where the relationship between carbon management and climate finance becomes critical.

Energy efficiency projects, renewable energy investments, sustainable transport solutions and climate adaptation measures all require strong financial planning. Reliable emissions data and clear impact measurement can help institutions demonstrate the value of these investments.

For local governments, this means moving beyond climate strategies towards finance-ready projects.

The future of climate action will depend not only on ambition, but also on the ability to prepare, finance and implement solutions.

Turning Challenge into Opportunity

The introduction of Türkiye's ETS comes at a time when countries and cities worldwide are adapting to new economic realities shaped by climate change.

Extreme weather events, energy security concerns and increasing expectations from global markets are accelerating the transition towards cleaner and more resilient systems.

Turkey's green transition will require cooperation between public institutions, municipalities, private sector actors, financial institutions, academia and civil society.

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Managing the transition is the real challenge.



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Sait Faik witnessed two great world wars, yet he didn't recount such "grand" events in his stories; he wrote directly and simply. He didn't live up to his powerful father's ideals, he couldn't hold a stable profession, he didn't even earn money from his writings; he simply pursued the simplicity of his island life. And he died in the very heart of his life on Burgazada; without severing ties with the island, placing it at the center of his literature.

Today, the islands are still like a fairytale on the edge of the crazy Istanbul, and thankfully, there are no motor sounds on the islands. But much of what Sait Faik described is also gone. Can one still swim in the sea at Madam Marta? Or can one still enjoy the fish caught from Kaplazankaya? We know that Sait Faik's concerns were very justified; he was not only against people dominating nature, but also against them believing they had the right to arrange everything according to their own liking. And today, Burgazada is preserved, in part, thanks to his spiritual legacy.

September is the month of parting. Leaves fall from the branches, rains fall. Holidays end, schools begin. Work intensifies. The islands empty, loneliness and sadness descend. If you go to Burgaz right now, you might see the rocks where Sait Faik fished and feel emotional. Even though he says they're gone, perhaps you can still see those Last Birds. Don't forget to wave, who knows, maybe they're migrating to new beginnings... as they say, humankind is like a bird.




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