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PROJECT: EU4 Energy Transition Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Türkiye

Multi-level governance platform: MLGP4Climate

Colaboration for sustainable future

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[The 2024 Europe report on health and climate change: unprecedented warming demands unprecedented action.](#)





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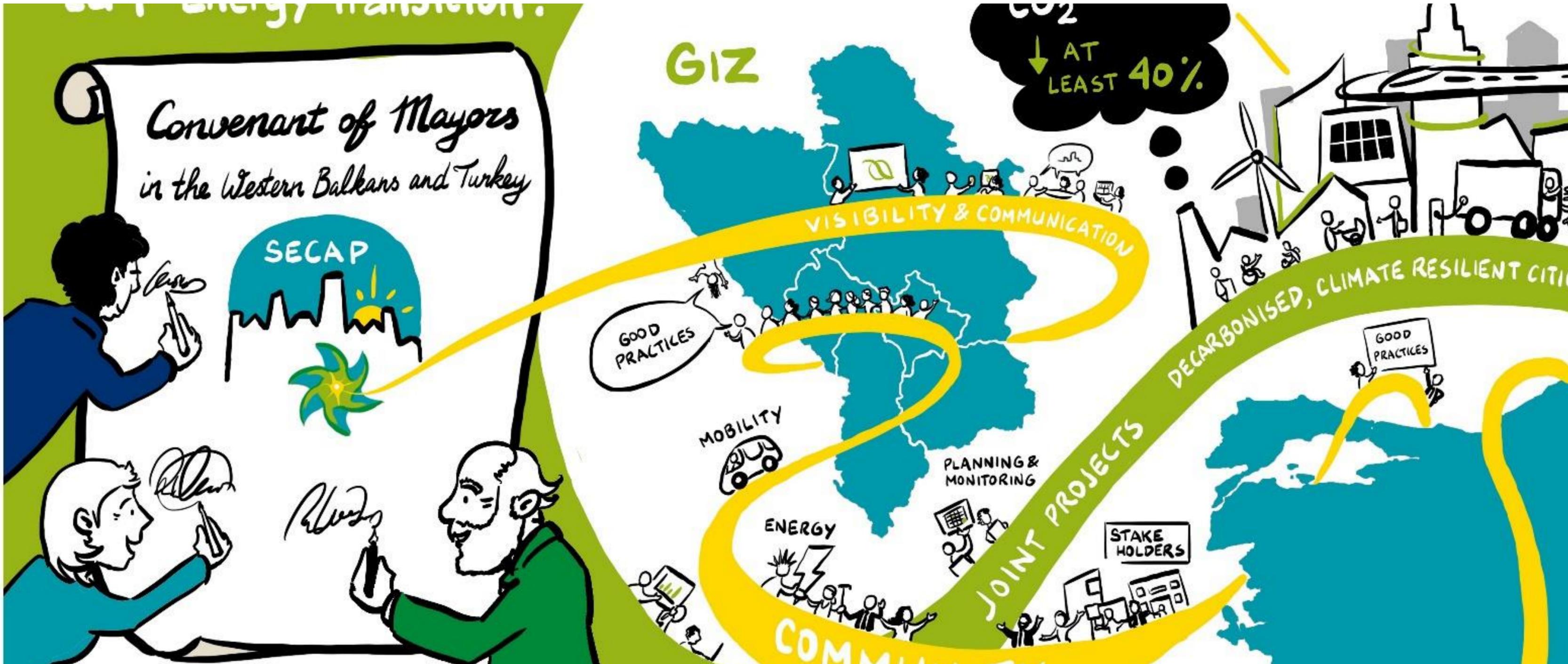




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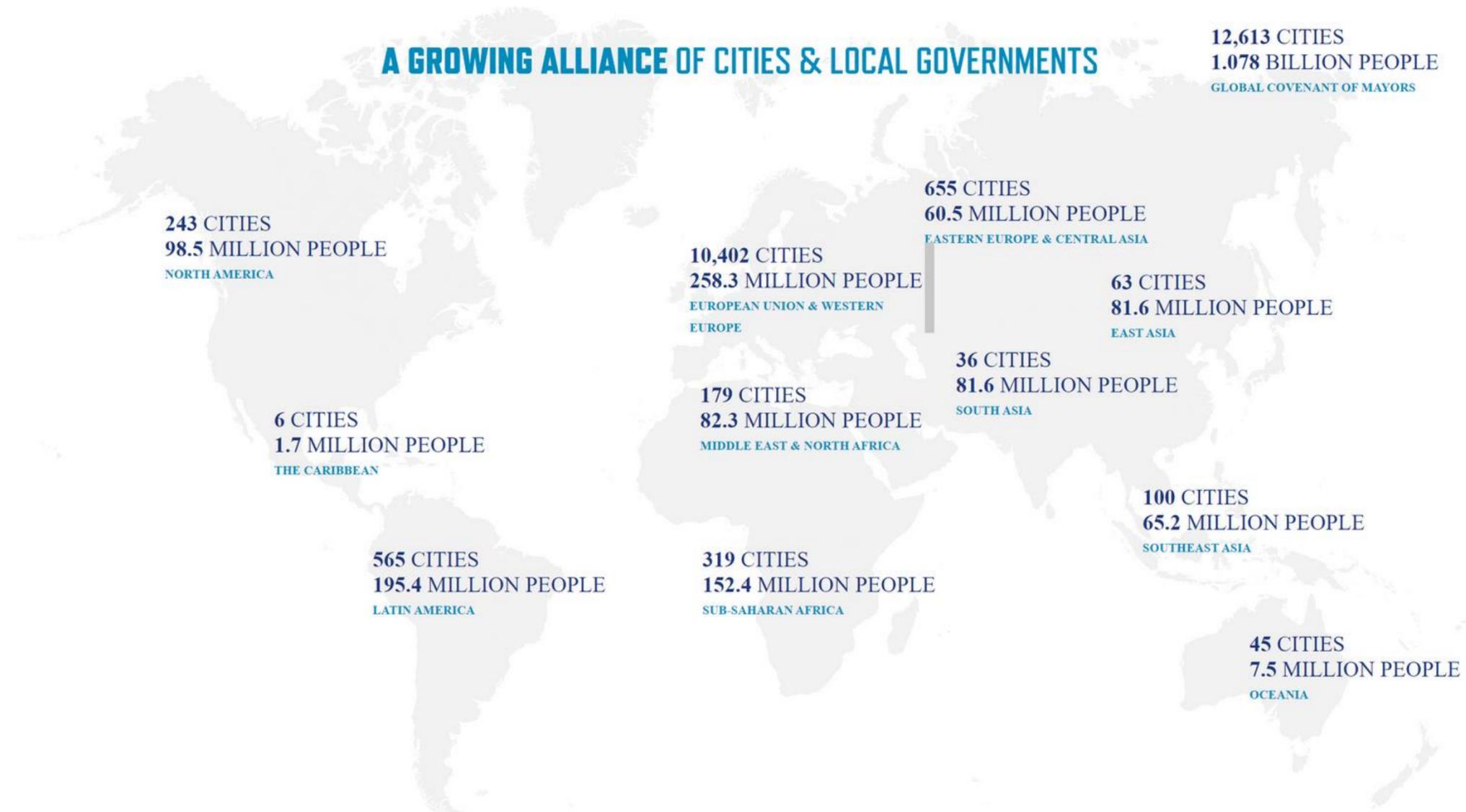




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A GROWING ALLIANCE OF CITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



GCOM: ONEWORLDALLIANCE

+12.500 cities, > 1 billion people, 13 Regional Covenants



Sürdürülebilir Enerji ve İklim Eylem Planı (SECAP) SÜRDÜRÜLEBİLİR GELECEK İÇİN YOLCULUK



The Covenant of Mayors is the world's largest movement for local climate and energy actions.

CoM municipalities in Türkiye growing trend

+137%

76

2024-August
Now



32

2021-March
Beginning the project



11,077
Signatories

244
Supporters

237
Coordinators

55
Countries

341,213,729
Inhabitants



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**“Nothing in life is more important than the ability to communicate effectively.”
– Gerald R. Ford**



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MLGP test phase in 2023



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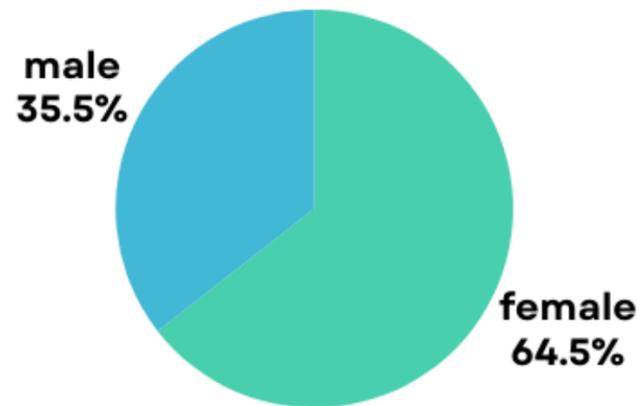


RESULTS & OUTCOMES:

Increased CoM
municipalities
by 116%



Good level of
participation and
impact: **225
participants**



Capacity
Building in
SECAP
preparation

10 Observer
municipalities

10 test
municipalities

Cooperation with international
partners GCoM, JRC, MMU, UMT
strengthening





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MLGP wide expansion in 2024

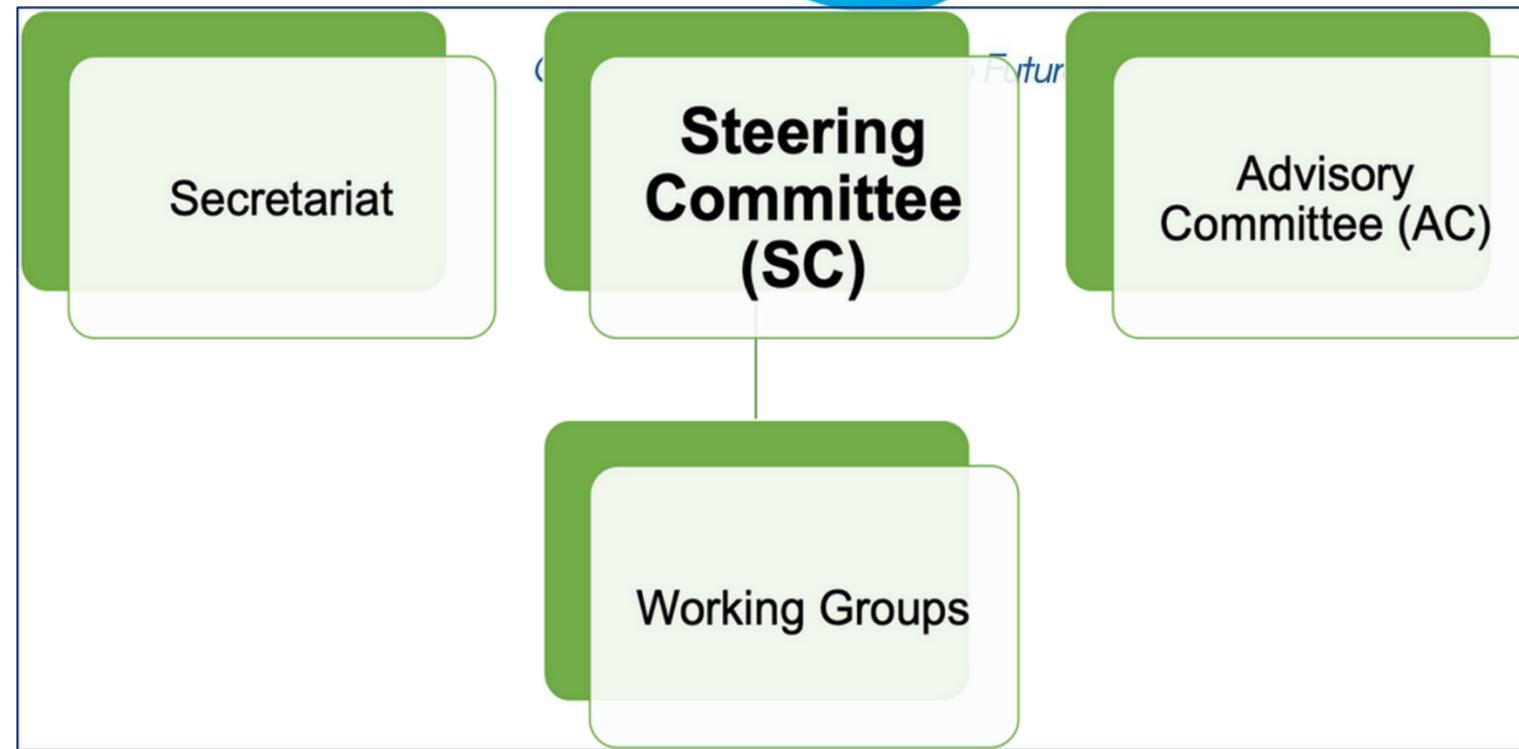


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MLGP priorities: communication, innovation and finance



Improved
air quality



Greater citizen
well-being



Reduced traffic
congestion



More attractive
for investment



Ensuring key
services to all



Energy poverty
alleviation

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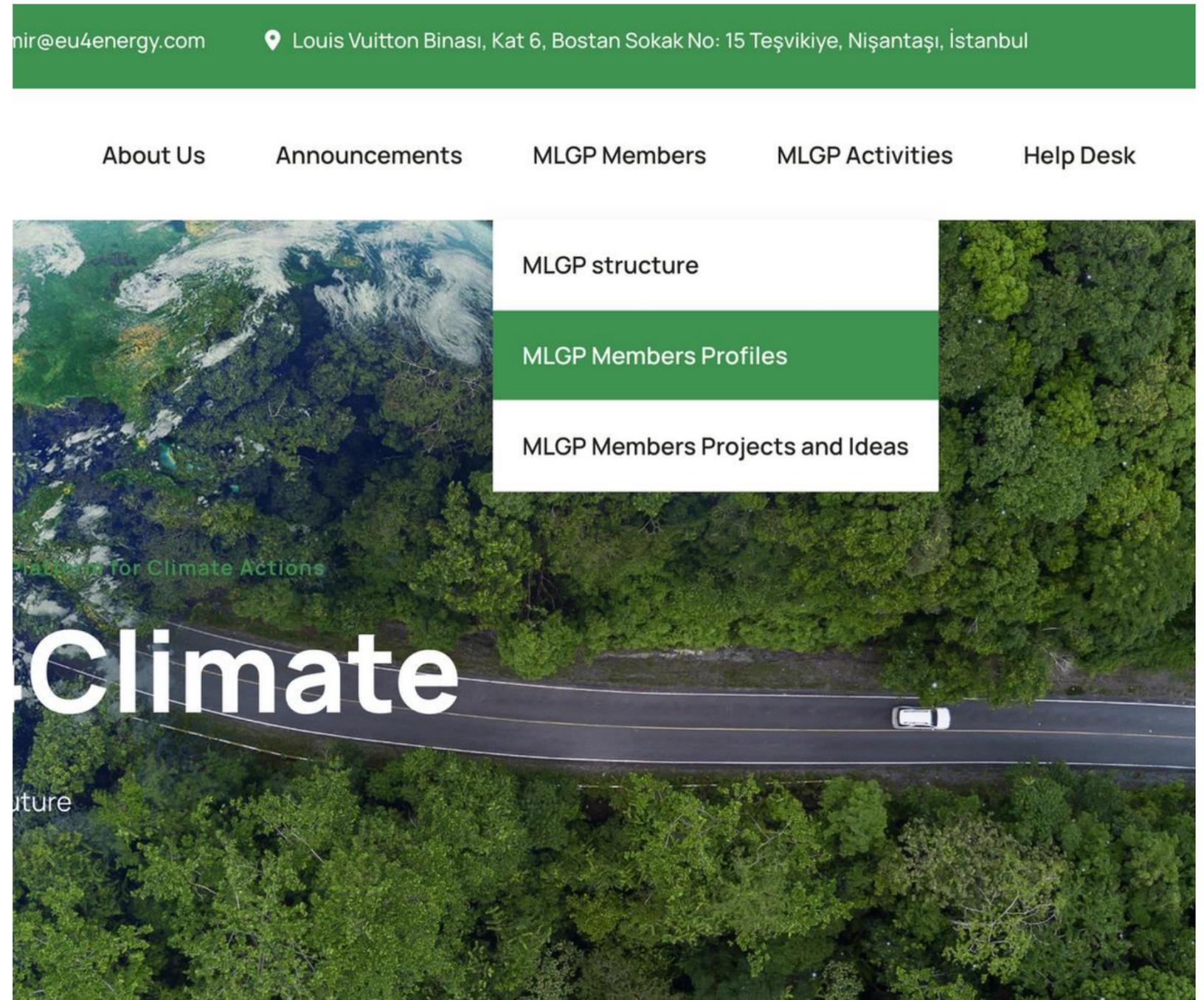
MLGP4Climate portal- MLGP Members' Profiles

*Information Included in the Profiles

- ① *A description of the institution*
- ① *Key activities and projects*
- ① *Cooperation Areas*
- ① *Role in the MLGP and involved stakeholder groups*

*Visibility & Networking Benefits

- ✓ *Enhanced Visibility*
- ✓ *Networking Opportunities*
- ✓ *Cooperation Areas*
- ✓ *Financial Donor Attraction*
- ✓ *Collaboration Potential*





Kent-Lab

The Urban Strategies and Local Practices Association

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Çine Municipality

Çine is a municipality and district of Aydın Province, Türkiye.

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ÇEDBİK

The Environmentally Friendly Green Buildings Association

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Kuşadası Municipality

Kuşadası is a municipality and district of Aydın Province, Türkiye.

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Bodrum Municipality

Bodrum is one of the 15 districts of Muğla. The district is currently renowned as a significant tourism center.

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Çiğli Municipality

Çiğli is a district of Izmir province. It exhibits typical Mediterranean climate characteristics.

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Çorlu Municipality

Çorlu is the largest district of Tekirdağ province. After Istanbul, Çorlu is the second largest settlement in Eastern Thrace (Turkey Thrace).

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Edirne Municipality

Edirne is a border city located on the highway connecting Turkey to Europe. Situated in the Thracian region of the Balkans Region, it lies near the borders of Greece and Bulgaria.

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MLGP4Climate continues to grow!

~ 100 members

- Municipalities
- Ministries
- Associations
- Academy
- NGOs
- Experts



SHURA Energy Transition Center

SHURA Energy Transition Center contributes to decarbonisation of the energy sector via an innovative energy transition platform.

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Profinstance

The company provides services such as project finance, public-private partnership, corporate finance, financial modeling, and financial management.

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Oculus Insights

Oculus is a strategic market research and consultancy company founded in October 2019.

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University of Ankara, Ernst Reuter Center for Housing and Urban Studies

Research Center within the Faculty of Political Sciences of Ankara University

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Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality

Known as a university town and a hub for technology, Eskişehir blends ancient heritage with contemporary attractions, including its picturesque Porsuk River and iconic Ottoman architecture.

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İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality

Istanbul, spanning Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus Strait, is Turkey's dynamic cultural and economic center, renowned for its rich history, iconic landmarks, and vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere.

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İzmit Municipality

Izmit is a district located in Kocaeli province, Turkey, situated on the western side of the Sea of Marmara and connecting Asia and Europe.

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Küçükçekirce Municipality

Küçükçekirce is a district located to the west of Istanbul, established around a lake of the same name.

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Resource, Environment and Climate Association (REC)

An international organization with a mission to support the addressing of environmental issues.

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NDC Partnership

Gathers countries and institutions to create and deliver on ambitious climate action that help achieve the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Energy Digitalization Association (EDIDER)

Türkiye's forefront technology organization in energy aims to position Türkiye as a leader in rapidly evolving digital energy technologies.

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Environmental Energy Association (ÇED)

ÇED aims to promote renewable energy use, provide legislative support for investments and cooperatives, and protect the natural environment with renewable energy.

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Melikgazi Municipality

Melikgazi is Kayseri's largest district with a population close to 600,000.

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Mersin Metropolitan Municipality

Mersin is a port city located in the Mediterranean Region of Turkey.

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Muğla Metropolitan Municipality

Muğla, situated in southwestern Turkey, spans over 15,000 square kilometers and hosts a population exceeding 1 million. Its economy thrives on agriculture, tourism, and commerce, with Bodrum and Marmaris serving as prominent tourist hubs drawing visitors worldwide.

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Sakarya Metropolitan Municipality

Sakarya, located in northwestern Turkey, is distinguished by its industrial prowess, anchored by automotive and manufacturing sectors.

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MLGP4Climate Website Tour - Help Center

Help Desk

Contact Us >>

The most informative section of the website

- ✓ Full of resources, starting from the beginning of the project
- ✓ General documents such as laws, legislations, guidebooks,
- ✓ FAQ with very detailed answers
 - ✓ *****Financial calls there!***

Guide SECAP

FAQ

MLGP Library

Capacity Building

Financial Calls

Find a Partner



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**MLGP4CLIMATE
KICK-OFF
MEETING**

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

Collaborate for Sustainable Future

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

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



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

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



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



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





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BİRLİK PROGRAMLARI

UFUK AVRUPA PROGRAMI

Ünvanın en büyük sivil ar-ge ve inovasyon programı olan **Ufuk Avrupa** 2021-2027 yılları arasında dijitalleşme, verimlilik, ar-ge, ve girişimcilik alanındaki projeleri destekliyor. Toplam **95,5 milyar €** fon sağlıyor.

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AÇIK ÇAĞRI

TBB'nin SÜRECE KATKILARI

- Platformun tanıtımına ve yaygınlaştırılmasına yardımcı olmak
- Platformun bilgi ve veri tabanına katkıda bulunmak
- Platformun diğer paydaşlarla olan bağlantılarını güçlendirmek
- Platformun sürdürülebilirliğine katkıda bulunmak



What is the gap?

- Project preparation accounts for 3-5% of total project investment costs, rising to 10% in emerging markets.
- For the estimated USD 90 trillion climate investment needed by 2030, approximately **USD 4.5 trillion will be required for project preparation**, equivalent to USD 300 billion per year.
- Cities lack detailed climate strategies, or often their strategies lack prioritization based on analysis and impact potential assessment.
- PPFs tend to focus on later stages of project preparation, with lower risk and closer to implementation.
- Projects face challenges in securing financing due to inadequate preliminary studies conducted during project preparation.



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MLGP4Climate
Collaborate for Sustainable Future

5. HELP-DESK

- Guide SECAP:** access a comprehensive guide to prepare SECAP
- FAQ:** find answers to frequently asked questions about SECAP, finance, contacts, projects
- MLGP Library:** explore a repository of resources, documents, and publications related to SECAP and climate actions
- Capacity Building:** engage in training, workshops, and educational programs to enhance skills and knowledge for SECAPs
- Financial Calls:** stay updated on funding opportunities, grants, and financial support for SECAP projects
- Find a Partner:** connect with potential partners and stakeholders for you climate project

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Value created by the investment Based on Lithuanian example



- Investment in infrastructure can be increased by 5 times
- Invested funds are returned, so the capital can be increased to reinvest the returned funds
- Provide financing for public sector investments aimed at promoting sustainable development in the areas that are experiencing market failures
- Returning cash flows can be reinvested in priority areas (*for example - actions on energy poverty reduction*)
- A grant may be combined with a loan in order to increase the availability of finance
- More risky projects that commercial banks do not finance may be financed to meet the Ministry or Municipality strategic objectives

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BAĞCILAR BELEDİYESİ

GES PROJESİ

COP28 UAE

Belediyemizin elektrik ihtiyacı %12'si karşılandı

171.72 kwp Santral Gücü	203.9 MWh Elde Edilecek Enerji Miktarı	Yılda ortalama 100.318 KG karbon salınımının engellenmesi	142.419 Euro Hibe Miktarı
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EU4ETTR: MLGP4CLIMATE CHALLENGES

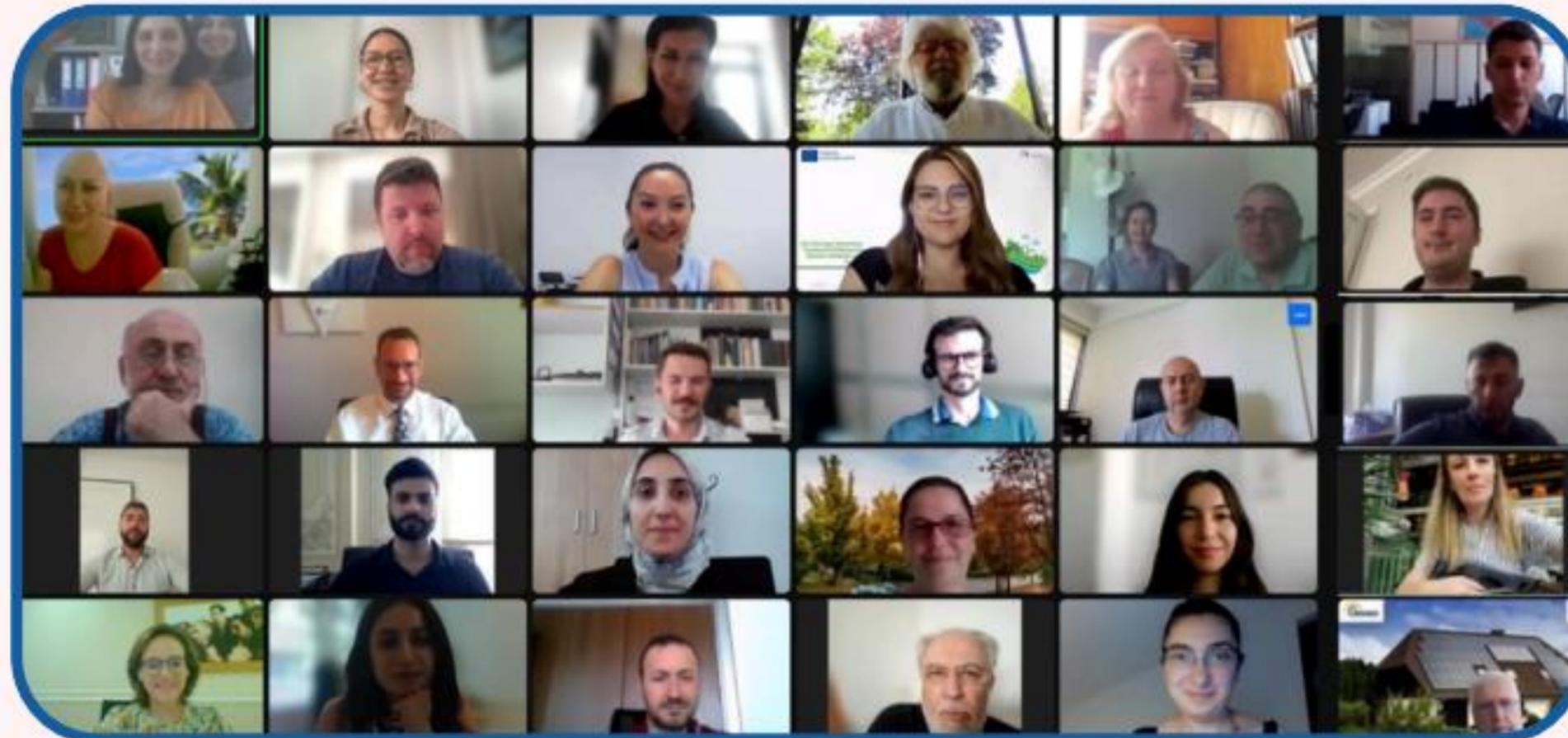
& SOLUTIONS WORKING GROUP 1

MEETING: SESSION 1

11 June 2024



The 1st session of the June meeting of the EU4ETTR Multi-Level Governance Platform (MLGP4Climate) Challenges and Solutions Working Group 1 was held with more than 70 participants!





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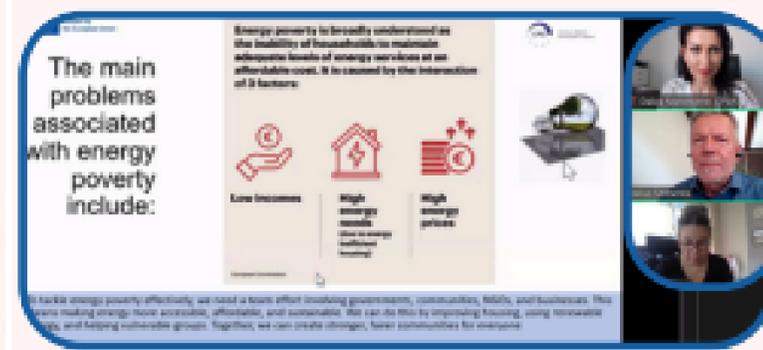
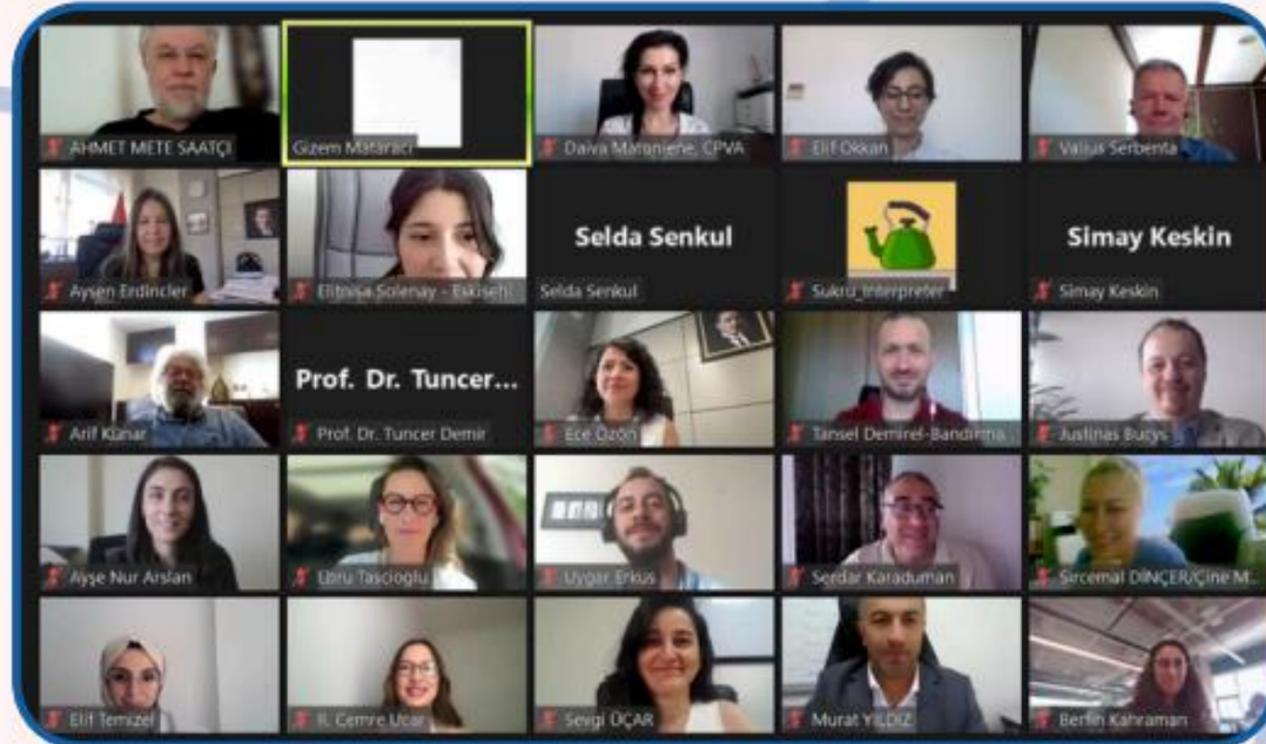
Mr. Marco Pittalis from the Joint Research Centre (JRC), presented in detail the approach and objectives of the **GCoM on the Energy Access and Energy Poverty pillar**. The **MLGP4Climate** is a key collaborator of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Türkiye, providing scientific support and capacity building for effective local



In his presentation, the national expert **Mr. Arif Künar** showed the concrete steps taken by **Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality**, in particular **the Energy Desk**, in cooperation with the **EU4ETTR MLGP4Climate**.

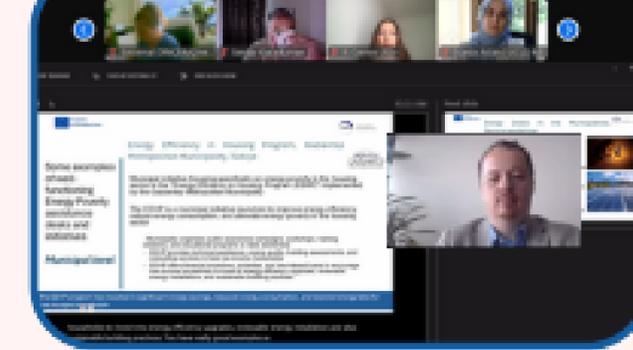
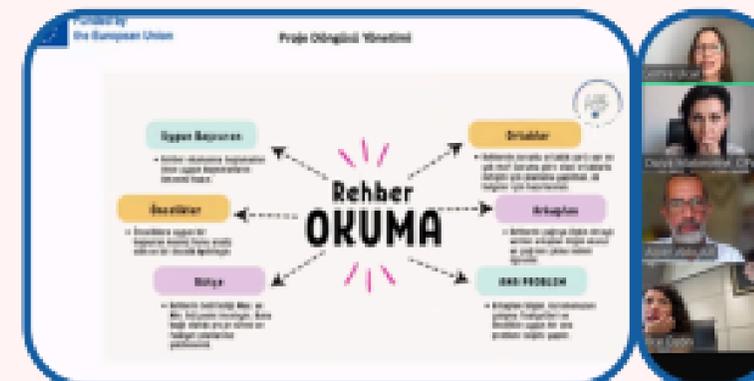
EU4ETTR: MLGP4CLIMATE PLATFORM CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS WORKING GROUP 1 MEETING: SESSION 2

25 June 2024



Mr. Valio Serbenta, international expert, shared international examples and practices on energy poverty:

- Issues related to energy poverty, low income, high energy demand and high energy prices were explained.
- Successful case studies and best practices from different countries were highlighted.
- The importance of a collaborative approach involving governments, communities, NGOs and businesses was emphasized.
- Strategies to reduce energy poverty were shared, such as increasing building efficiency and promoting the use of renewable energy.



Mr. Justinas BUCYS, business area manager, discussed renewable energy initiatives:

- Provided insights from his community's experience with renewable energy projects.
- Presented data on the impact of these initiatives on local communities.
- Highlighted challenges and lessons learned in implementing renewable energy solutions.

The discussion session was moderated by national expert **Ms. Cemre UÇAR**:

- An overview of the various financing options and mechanisms available for energy projects was provided.
- The role of municipal governments in facilitating access to finance was emphasised.
- Survey results, PCM system, potential consortium groups and the use of artificial intelligence were presented.
- A sample project proposal was shared.



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**MLGP4Climate:
International
Cooperation, Project
Development and
Finance
Working Group
Meeting
WG2 (ICPDF-WG)**

30 JULY 2024

*EU4 Energy Transition: Covenant of Mayors
in the Western Balkans and Türkiye*

**MLGP4Climate Working Group-2
was held with an incredible number
of 100 participant!**

Presentations on;

- Finance Programs and Funds for SECAPs Implementation
- Türkiye Case Study: Flooding & Heavy Precipitation & Droughts & Water
- Tallinn Municipality's practices

***Interactive discussions in divided
3 groups.***



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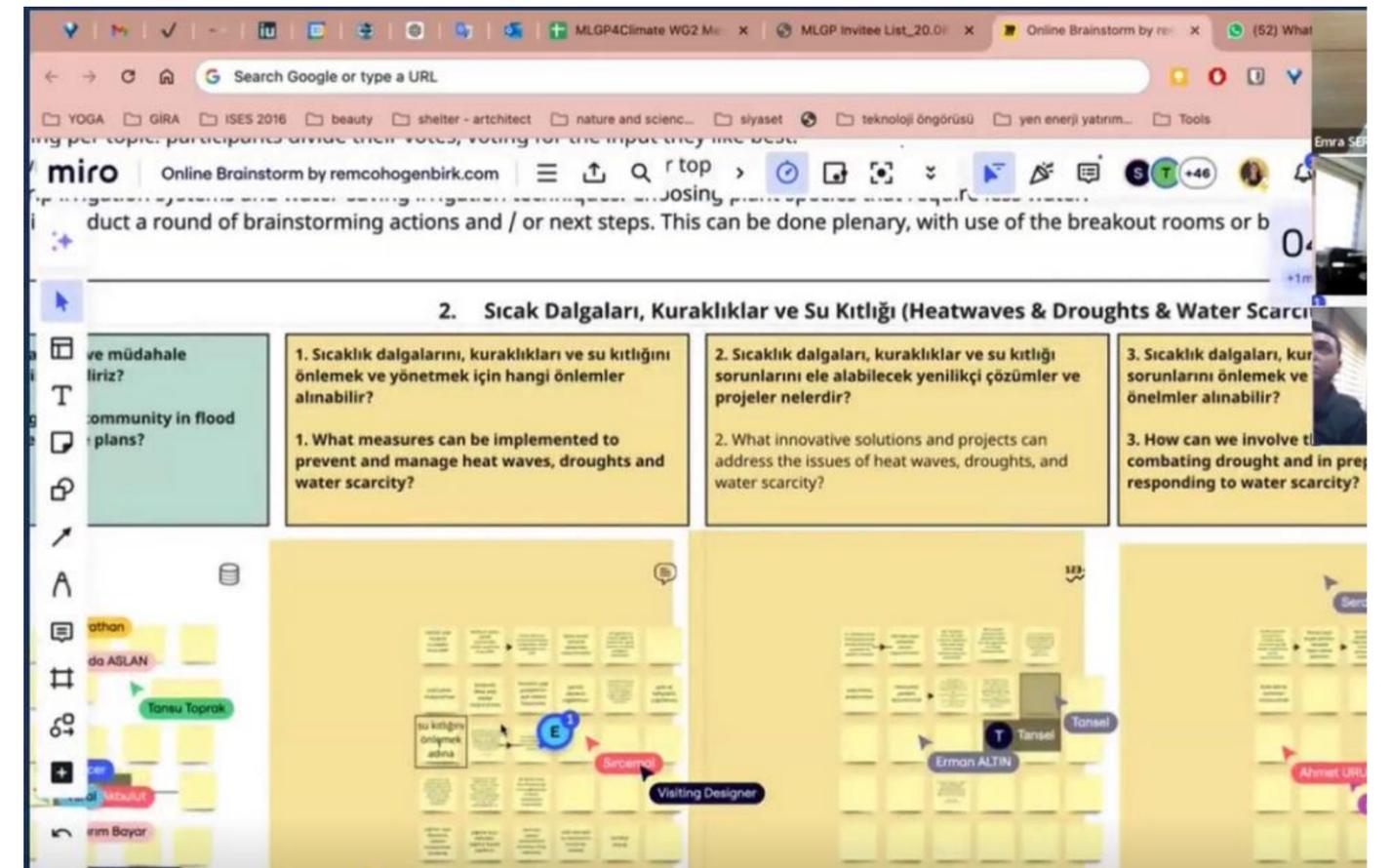
Practical example: Energy Cooperatives



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Municipalities join hands through an energy cooperative

Depending on national legislation, energy cooperatives can also foster cooperation between municipalities, as has been the case in a southern German region. In the county of "Neustadt an der Waldnaab", 17 municipalities have formed an energy cooperative called "NEW-Neue Energien West eG" in order to jointly implement renewable energy projects. The 17 member municipalities have purchased shares of at least 5000 euros each. The cooperative's governing board is led by three mayors, with other municipal representatives on the advisory board.





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Technical Support for Financial Call

Applications



RESULTS OF THE FIRST OPEN CALL

• Municipality of Tirana // TRA4CRA	Albania
• Municipality of Dobrich // ARCADIA	Bulgaria
• Municipality of Garmen // CRAG	
• Municipality of Ruse // Climate Ready	
• Silistra Municipality // TOR: Towards Climate Resilience	
• Department of La Réunion // RISC RA	France
• Dimos Egaleo // Isthemes	Greece
• Municipality of Rafina-Pikermi // RAFRVA	
• Municipality of Xanthi // CARE_X	
• Periferia Attikis // AtticaReAdy	
• Region of Central Macedonia // Datable	
• Region of Crete // CRETE	
• Municipality of Hegyvidék // MARCAadapt	Hungary
• Marche Region // CLIMArcheX	Italy
• Mountain Community of Valchiavenna // CMV4Clima	
• Municipality of Hegyvidék // MARCAadaptHungary	Netherlands Antilles
• CIM Beira Baixa // CLIMAAX-BeiraBaixa	Portugal
• CIM Beiras e Serra da Estrela // BSE_CLIMAAX	
• CIM Baixo Alentejo // CLIMAAX-4-BA	
• Municipality of Viana do Castelo // VC_Climaax	
• IDA Cluj Metropolitan Area // MECRA-Cluj	Romania
• National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management // CARE-ROPutna	
• Municipality of Târgu Secuiesc // KEZDI_adapt	
• Provincial Secretariat for Urban Planning and Environmental protection // CLIMACHANGE	Serbia
• Banská Bystrica Region // CLIMAAXInsight	Slovakia
• City of Košice // SCOPE	
• Municipality of Quart de Poblet // QdP Climate Adaptation Toolbox Implementation	Spain
• Provincial Council of Alicante // CLIMAAX4CAST	
• Antalya Metropolitan Municipality // MUHIR	Turkey
• Aydın İli Damızlık Sığır Yetiştiricileri Birliği // ClResDalry	
• İzmir Metropolitan Municipality // CRIZ-ERS	
• Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality // CRAS	



4 winners from
Türkiye in Climaax
1st call.

3 of them were
supported by
EU4ETTR project.

Congratulations!

- Antalya MM
- Aydın İli Damızlık Sığır Yetiştiricileri Birliği
- İzmir MM
- Şanlıurfa MM

Declaration of Commitment to Multi-Level Cooperation for Climate Actions and Energy Transition

28 August 2024 | İstanbul, Türkiye



Preamble:

Recognizing the urgent need for coordinated and sustained efforts to address the global climate crisis and acknowledging the critical role of local governments in achieving climate goals, we, the participants of the Multi-Level Governance Platform for Climate Actions in Türkiye, hereby declare our commitment to collaborate towards a sustainable future.

Declaration:

We, the undersigned, representing various levels of government, municipalities, associations, NGO and business, commit to the following:

1. Strengthen Collaboration:

Via MLGP4Climate platform we will work together to strengthen of the Multi-Level Governance dialogue to bring all stakeholders together, fostering better cooperation and synergy in our climate actions, energy transition and finance attraction.

2. Promote Strategic Document SECAP Implementation:

We will ensure a better understanding of the importance of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) implementation and the critical engagement of municipal leadership and key partners involvement.

3. Facilitate Stronger Communication:

We agree to strengthen communication and negotiations between all levels of stakeholders, including municipalities, ministries, and international organizations, financial partners and donors, to promote strategic climate action and energy transition.

4. Share Best Practices:

We commit to sharing successful practices and experiences from our cities to inspire and guide other municipalities in their climate action efforts.

Conclusion:

We are fully committed to taking a more proactive approach in addressing the pressing challenges of climate change and advancing the energy transition. We believe that through united actions, we can achieve our shared goals for a sustainable and resilient future.

Success is a
decision, not a gift.

Steve Backley

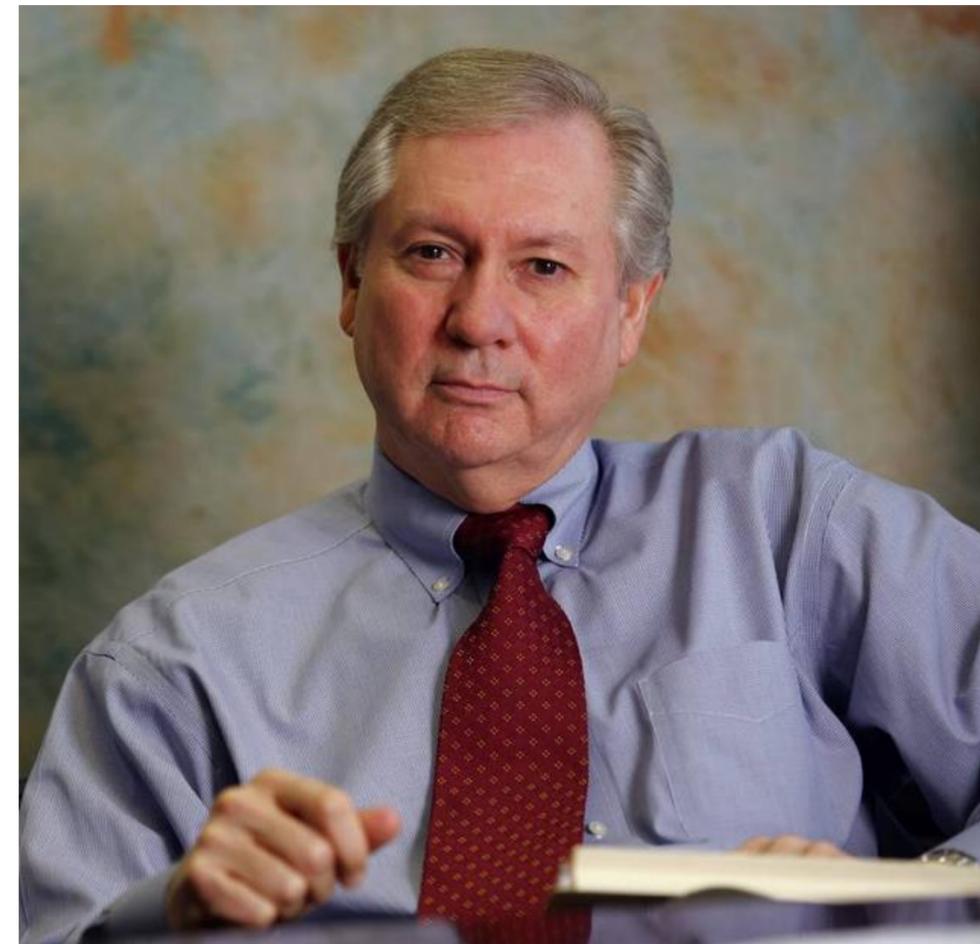
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“Excellent communication doesn’t just happen naturally. It is a product of process, skill, climate, relationship and hard work.”
– Pat McMillan, author, CEO





**Don't wait for the right
opportunity: create it.**

- George Bernard Shaw