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*"Individually, we are one
drop. Together, we are an
ocean."*

- Ryunosuke Satoro

November Focus

In November, Türkiye announced its Long-Term Climate Strategy in line with its 2053 net zero emission target. This strategy reinforces Türkiye's determination to combat climate change and provides a comprehensive roadmap for energy transformation.

Municipalities are implementing this strategy at the local level with Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs). These plans offer local solutions in line with Türkiye's climate targets.

In addition, national and local authorities came together at the Multi-Level Governance Platform (MLGP4Climate) and shared experiences and good practices on climate action and energy transition. MLGP4Climate continues to help ensure more effective co-operation.

November was a turning point in Türkiye's climate struggle. These developments provide great momentum for a sustainable future.



SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD!



2053

LONG TERM CLIMATE STRATEGY

SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR TÜRKİYE: THE LONG-TERM STRATEGY IS ANNOUNCED

Türkiye has taken a major step toward its 2053 net-zero emissions target with the publication of its Long-Term Climate Strategy. This comprehensive roadmap outlines strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation while aligning with the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Key Highlights:

Net Zero Commitment: Following the ratification of the Paris Agreement in 2021, Türkiye's Long-Term Climate Strategy reinforces its commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2053.

Integrated Approach: The strategy is closely linked with the Climate Change Mitigation Strategy and Action Plan (2024-2030), the Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan (2024-2030), and the updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).



Legal Framework in Progress: A draft Climate Law is underway to provide a robust legal infrastructure supporting green growth and the net-zero target.

Türkiye's efforts are guided by the Paris Agreement's objectives of limiting global warming to 1.5°C and the SDGs, **particularly SDG 13: Climate Action**. The strategy integrates these priorities across policies to promote sustainable development, resilience, and institutional capacity.



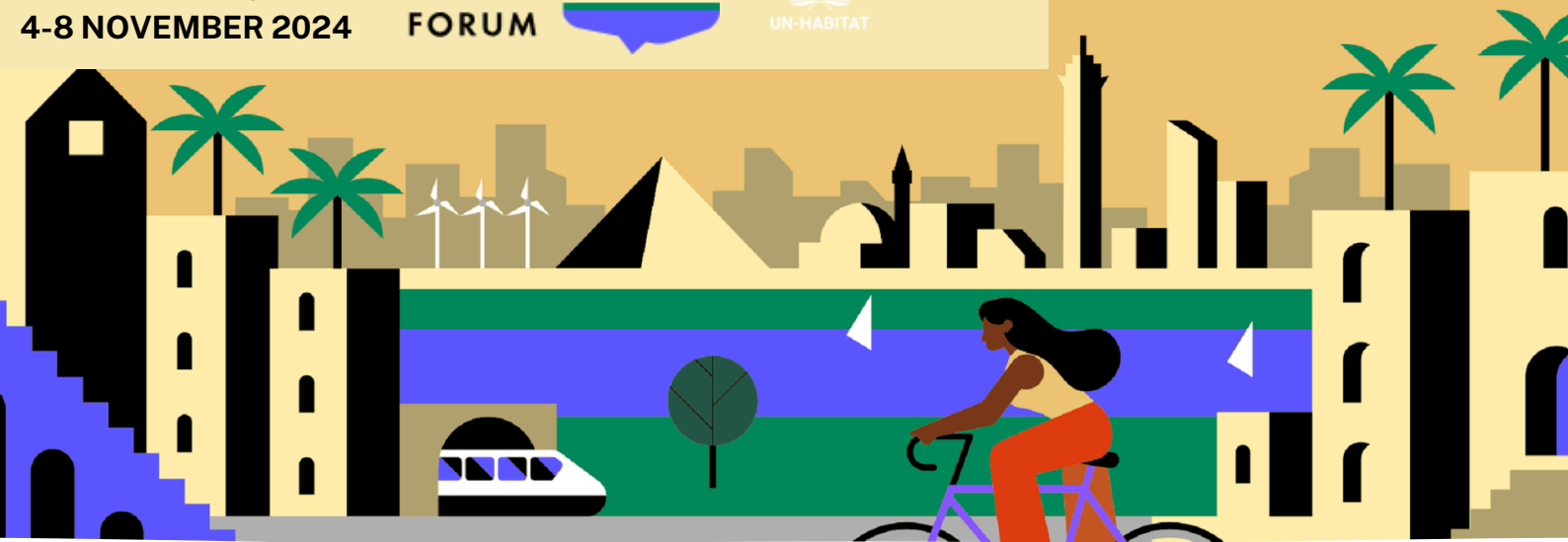
Türkiye's Long-Term Climate Strategy sets the stage for actionable policies and implementation tools, fostering collaboration across sectors for a greener and more resilient future.



MLGP4CLIMATE MUNICIPALITIES WERE PROUDLY REPRESENTED AT WUF12!

WUF12
CAIRO, EGYPT |
4-8 NOVEMBER 2024

WORLD
URBAN
FORUM



MLGP4Climate, with its member municipalities, attended the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF12), organized by UN-Habitat in partnership with the Government of Egypt, took place from November 4 to 8, 2024, at the Egypt International Exhibitions Centre in Cairo. Amid unprecedented urban challenges—rapid urbanization, housing shortages, and climate impacts—WUF12 highlighted the theme “It all starts at home: Local actions for sustainable cities and communities”.





WORLD URBAN FORUM 12

4-7 November 2024

Through the EU4ETTR project, the success stories of CoM signatories İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipality and Bandırma Municipality were shared during the session at the GCoM booth at WUF12.



EU4ETTR Project Team Leader Daiva Matoniene highlighted MLGP4Climate's role in strengthening climate action in Türkiye by connecting local governments with national and international stakeholders in the fight against climate change.

WORLD URBAN FORUM 12

4-7 November 2024

Mr Tansel Demirel, Head of the Energy Management Unit of Bandırma Municipality, shared the municipality's experience in preparing its SECAP within a record 3-month period with MLGP4Climate's support and highlighted areas of cooperation required for SECAP actions.



Diyarbakır Metropolitan Municipality's Head of the Department of Climate Change and Zero Waste, Ms. Evin Dinar, and SECAP Team Leader Mr. Nevroz Kavak emphasized the city's high vulnerability to the climate crisis and discussed climate projects aimed at building resilience.



WORLD URBAN FORUM 12

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Prof. Dr. Ayşen Erdinçler,
Head of the Istanbul
Metropolitan
Municipality's Department
of Environmental
Protection and Control,
presented Istanbul's
success story.



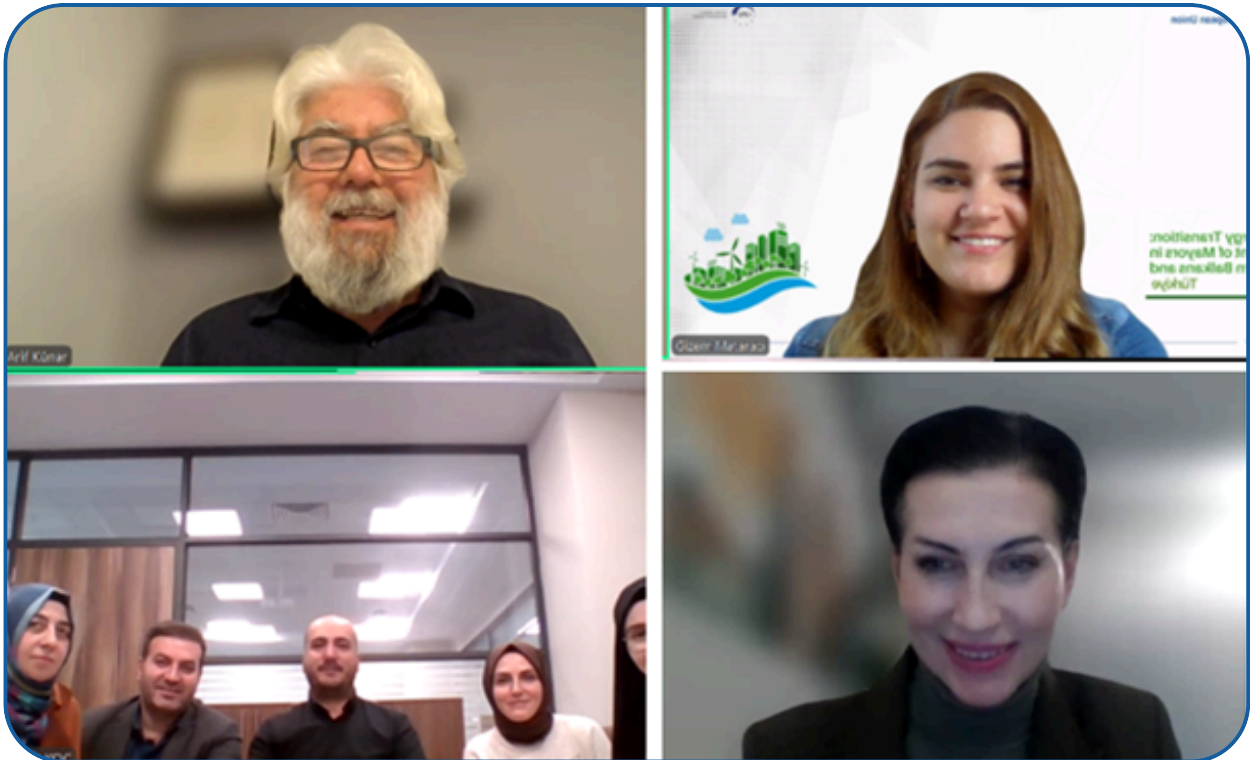
We are proud to have represented our municipalities at WUF12 through MLGP4Climate, contributing to critical discussions on sustainable urban development and showcasing our commitment to local climate action!

BAĞCILAR MUNICIPALITY MEETING

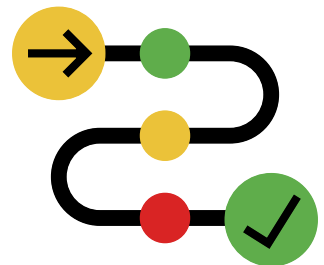
14 November 2024



In the monthly meeting held with Bağcılar Municipality, steps to combat energy poverty were discussed. Topics included enhancing SECAP with an "Energy Poverty" section and implementing actions to support this important cause through collaborative projects.



A Roadmap for the Upcoming Period: A roadmap was created to take concrete steps toward reducing energy poverty, bringing Bağcılar closer to its sustainable energy goals. Additionally, activities aimed at raising climate awareness among students were highlighted in the meeting.



Climate Awareness Event with the EU4ETTR Project!
This month, in collaboration with the EU4ETTR project, an event was held to further climate awareness in Bağcılar.



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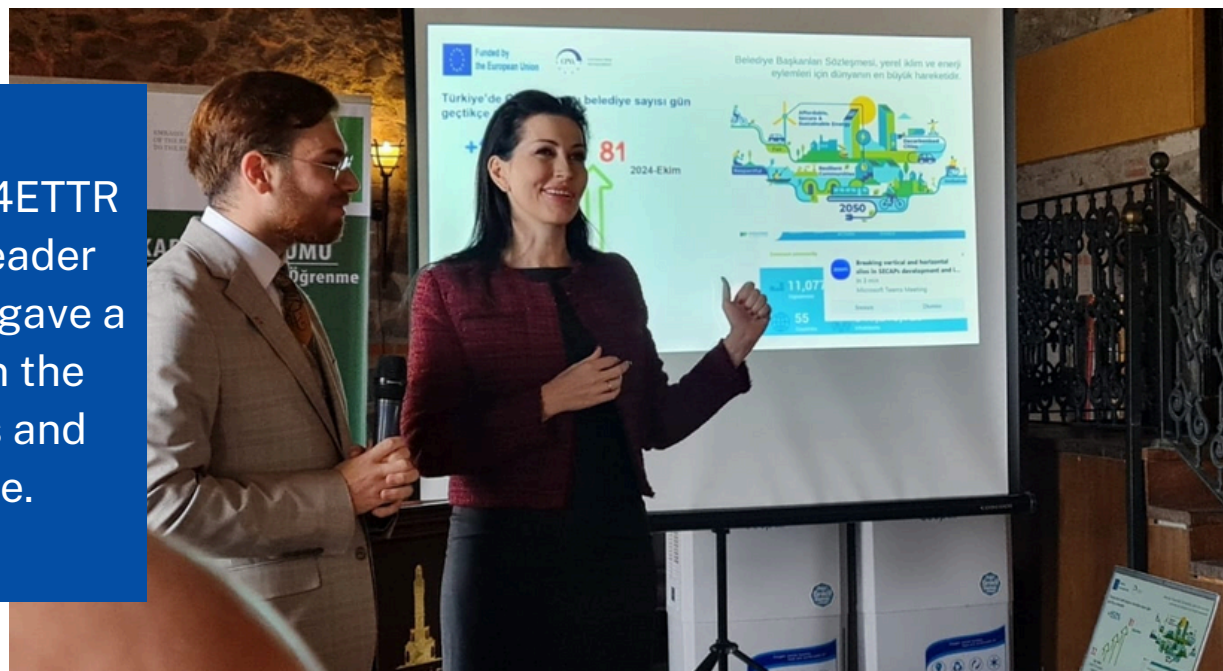
TLM-3C COLLABORATIVE INCLUSIVE FORUM

İzmir Historical Elevator Building
20 November 2024



The Inclusive Forum TLM-3C (Collaborative Türkiye-Lithuania Missions as a Learning and Networking Tool to Address Climate Change Challenge) was organized in İzmir on 20 November 2024.

In the Forum, EU4ETTR Project Team Leader Daiva Matonienė gave a presentation on the SECAP process and MLGPClimate.





TLM-3C COLLABORATIVE INCLUSIVE FORUM

20 November 2024



This event was an important step towards strengthening co-operation and developing joint solutions to combat climate change and energy transition



COOPERATION IS KEY FOR SECAP IMPLEMENTATION!

RAPID AND SUCCESSFUL SECAP NOVEMBER PROCESS BY SAFRANBOLU MUNICIPALITY



Safranbolu Municipality has made remarkable progress in preparing its Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP), which it initiated in September.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of its team, the municipality has completed the baseline emissions inventory, the risk and vulnerability assessment, and the identification of mitigation and adaptation actions in just two months.

A key highlight of Safranbolu Municipality's achievement is that all these efforts have been carried out using its own resources and team.



This exemplary case demonstrates how a motivated and committed team can achieve outstanding results in a short period, serving as an inspiration to other municipalities.

With SECAP preparation nearing completion, Safranbolu Municipality is setting an example of how effective local climate actions can be implemented. Their determination and hard work underline the significance of strong teamwork in achieving sustainability goals, offering guidance to other local governments on the path to a sustainable future.



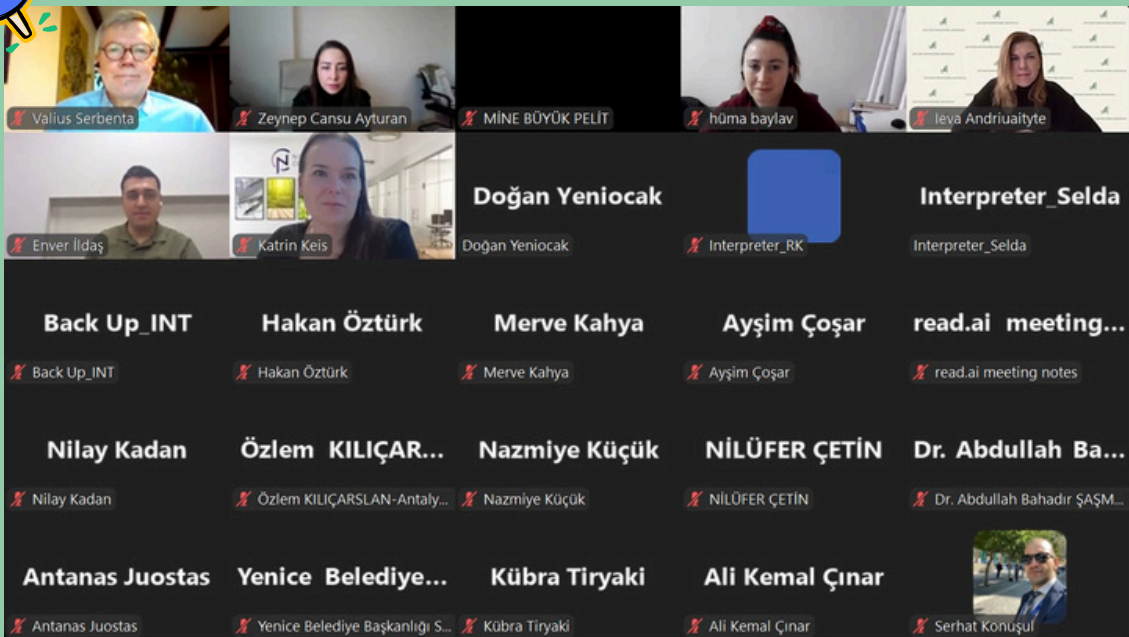
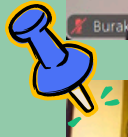


MLGP4CLIMATE STEERING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

27 November 2024



The MLGP4Climate Steering and Advisory Committee meeting was successfully held on November 28th, bringing together 80 esteemed participants from ministries, associations, municipalities and international partners to discuss strategies for advancing local climate action.





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27 November 2024



The meeting aimed to enhance collaboration, share best practices, and explore opportunities for capacity-building, focusing on integrating Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) into municipal policies.



Ms. Jūratė Lepardinienė, Deputy Director of Central Project Management Agency (CPMA), in her opening speech underlined the support provided to local governments through the MLGP4Climate initiative. She also underlined that the number of signatories of the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) in Türkiye has increased from around 30 when the EU4ETTR project started to 85 now.

Ms. Daiva Matonienė, EU4ETTR Project Team Leader, shared the results of the **Capacity Building Needs Assessment Survey** conducted by the EU4ETTR project. She stated that the survey, conducted in October, received responses from 59 out of 79 CoM signatory municipalities at the time, representing 71% of the total signatories in Türkiye.



SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!



She shared statistics about the SECAP preparation status of these municipalities:

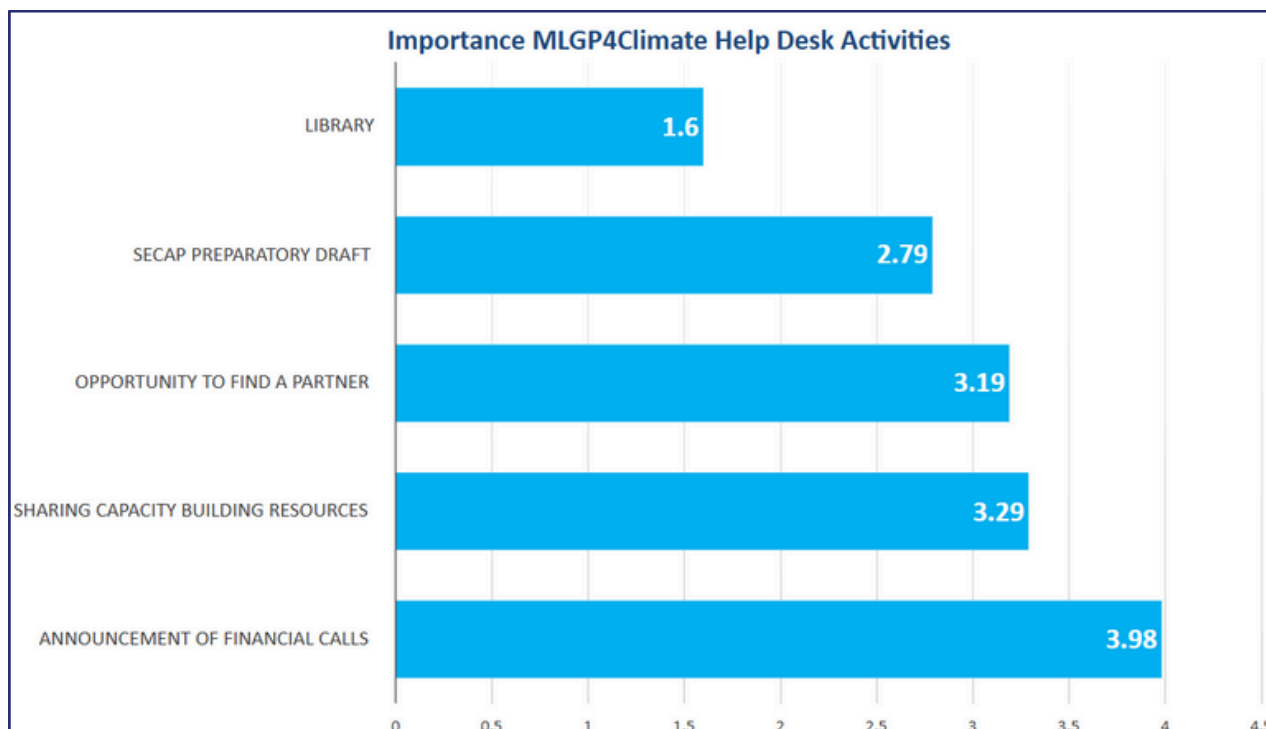
- 41% have completed their SECAPs,
- 23% have completed their SECAPs and will report soon to platform
- 20% are in the preparation stage

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Ms. Matoniene, then presented responses regarding which MLGP4Climate Helpdesk activities were considered most important.



She, also shared tips for drafting project proposals under the EU-Türkiye Climate Change Grant Programme (EU-TR CCGP) call and emphasized the importance of the "logical framework" approach, and the concept of "SMART". **Ms. Matoniene** highlighted that tips and explanations for the EU-TR CCGP call are available on the MLGP4Climate Platform.

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Gizem Mataracı

Ahmet Şahin

Daiva Matoniene, CPMA

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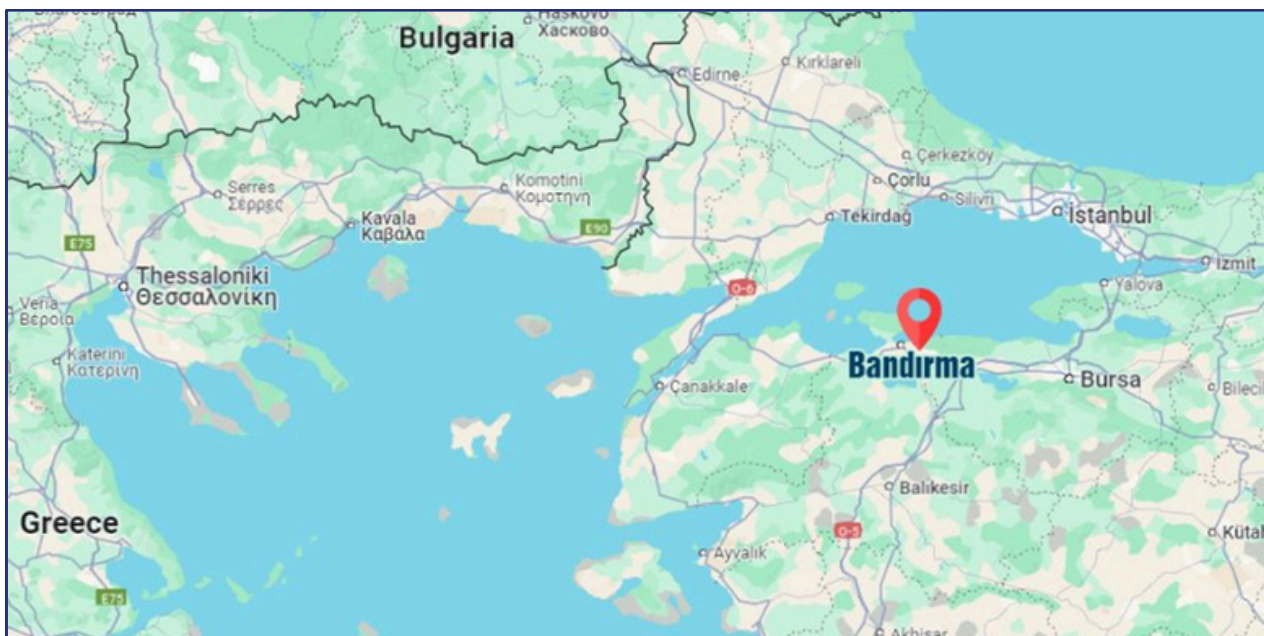


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Mr. Ahmet Şahin, Strategy Development Director of Bandırma Municipality, **shared the success story of their SECAP**, which was prepared in a record time of 3 months with the support of MLGP4Climate. His presentation emphasized the importance of teamwork and the vision of the municipality in preparing the SECAP in such a short time.



In 2017, Bandırma Municipality invested in a 1 MW solar power plant, which meets 90% of the energy needs of municipal service buildings and serves as a model for other municipalities.

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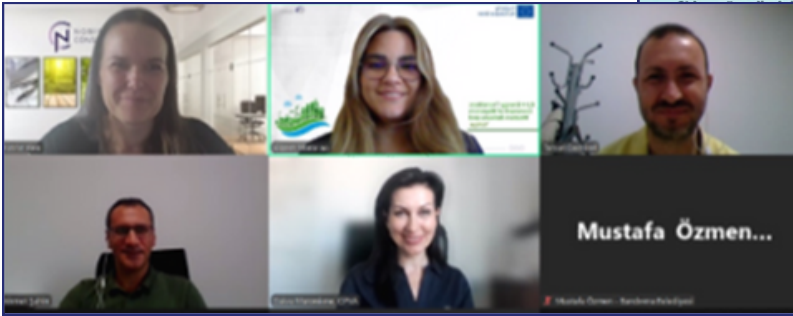
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Mr. Şahin, emphasized their openness to collaboration in areas such as smart city technologies, zero-waste strategies, and micro wind turbine applications. These efforts align with the municipality's vision to achieve ambitious climate and energy goals.



Bandırma Municipality's 3-month SECAP Journey



**Bandırma'nın
Sürdürülebilir Enerji ve İklim Eylem Planı'nı
Birlikte Hazırlıyoruz!**

İklim ve Enerji için Belediye Başkanlar Sözleşmesi imzalayan Bandırma Belediyesi, EU4ETTR Projesi kapsamında MLGP4 Climate İklim Platformuna katılarak Sürdürülebilir Enerji ve İklim Eylem Planı (SECAP) hazırlama çalışmalarına devam etmektedir.

Bu proje ile bölgemizde sürdürülebilir enerji çözümlerine geçişi hızlandırmayı ve enerji verimliliğini arttırmayı hedefliyoruz.

Hazırladığımız bu anketi cevaplayarak sürece katılabilir, bizlerle paylaşabilirsiniz.

Mustafa Özmen...

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BANDIRMA BELEDİYESİ

Dursun MİRZA

BANDIRMA BELEDİYE BAŞKANI





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Mr. Özcan Caymaz, Project Coordinator of Melikgazi Municipality, shared the success story of their "Solar City Project," implemented with the support of EU4ETTR.



Supported by European Union funding, this initiative installed solar energy systems for agricultural irrigation and municipal buildings, alongside electric vehicle charging stations and waste collection vehicles.



The project began in 2023, lasted for 12 months, and was completed in 2024.



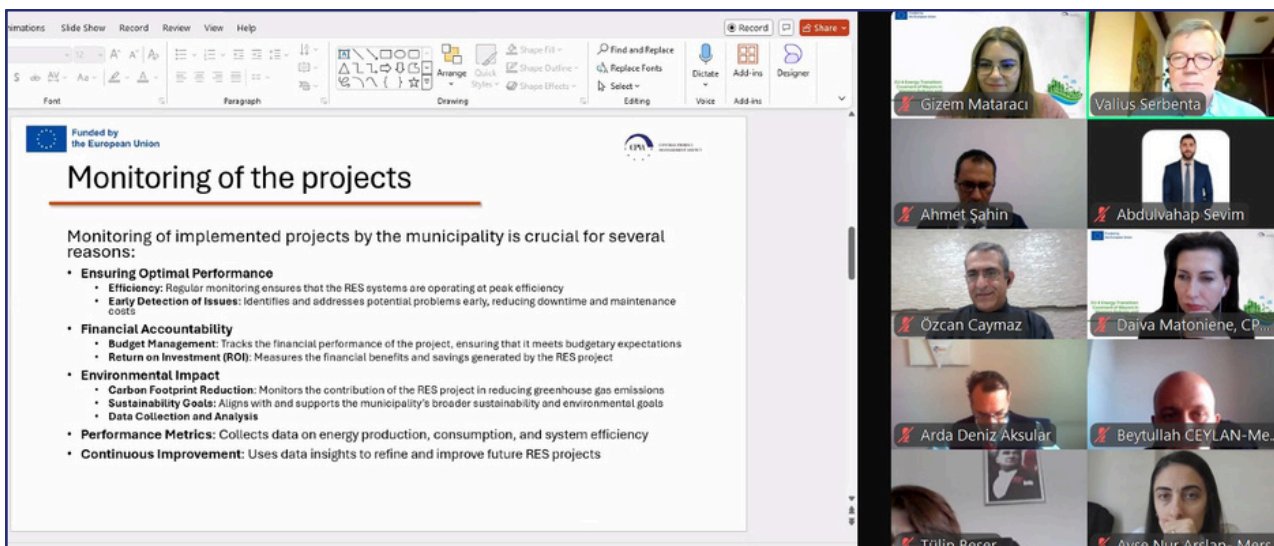
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Mr. Valius Serbenta, International Expert of CPMA, provided valuable tips for project monitoring.

Recommendations were provided on how municipalities could address challenges such as time and budget constraints, ensuring that renewable energy projects meet their intended goals.



An interactive session allowed participants to voice their challenges and expectations. Topics included the need for better interdepartmental coordination within municipalities, administrative and technical barriers in grant applications, and the importance of partnerships for joint proposals. Participants highlighted the MLGP4Climate platform as a valuable resource for expert advice, capacity-building, and connecting with potential collaborators.

This meeting was significant in its ability to bring together diverse stakeholders, foster dialogue, and provide actionable insights for municipalities aiming to lead in climate resilience. By sharing experiences, identifying best practices, and building partnerships, it reaffirmed the critical role of local governments in achieving sustainable energy transitions.

Collobaration is Success in Climate Change





Bağcılar Municipality Takes Action to Raise Climate Awareness Among Youth

28 November 2024

On November 27th, Bağcılar Municipality took an important step to raise environmental awareness and contribute to the sustainable future by organizing the "Miniature Plant Ecosystem Creation and Environmental Education" event. Mayor Mr. Abdullah Özdemir also participated in the workshop, drawing attention to the importance given to the climate issue. In this event, a terrarium platform was created with 4th grade students from waste yogurt buckets and waste fabrics.



By placing a solar panel and lighting system in the terrarium, it was shown how renewable energy can be possible and the importance of renewable energy sources as a solution to climate change was discussed.



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28 November 2024



After the workshop, a presentation on “What is Climate Change and What Can We Do?” was made to the students by EU4ETTR Expert Ms. Gizem Mataracı. The questions asked to the students about climate ensured a high level of engagement.

Approximately 75 students participated in the event, and after the event, gifts appropriate to the climate and environment were presented to the students.

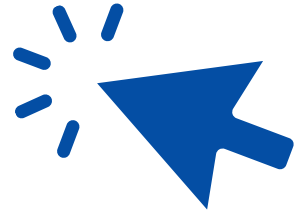
The event encouraged a deeper connection between children and nature by incorporating natural elements into an urban setting.



KNOWLEDGE IS THE KEY: COMPREHENSIVE MLGP4CLIMATE LIBRARY

The MLGP4Climate Library provides **more than 200** resources to stakeholders, aiming to strengthen their actions in the fight against climate change.

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



Filters

Categories

- ☐ Guidelines (30)
 - ☐ → Templates (2)
 - ☐ → FAQs (7)
- ☐ Legislation (0)
 - ☐ → Climate Legislation (24)
 - ☐ → Energy Efficiency Legislation (23)
- ☐ SECAP Examples (7)

By using the filter feature in the MLGP4Climate Library, you can view resources in any category of your choice.

These categories range from key documents related to climate legislation to examples of energy efficiency and SECAPs.

Some of the important documents in the library are as follows:

- [Türkiye Long Term Climate Strategy](#)
- [Emission Gap Report 2024](#)
- [International Energy Agency - Renewables 2024](#)
- [European Investment Bank - Investment Survey 2024](#)
- [Covenant of Mayors 2023 Assessment](#) and more..

We have added Turkish translations of reports and guides in the MLGP4Climate Library to enhance accessibility for local governments.

Explore the MLGP4Climate Library now and empower your efforts in tackling climate change with valuable resources at your fingertips!



UPDATES ON THE MLGP4CLIMATE WEBSITE: INFOGRAPHICS OF MUNICIPALITIES

MLGP Municipality Infographics is now available in the MLGP4Climate Portal!



Municipality
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We want
to
showcase
your city's
beauty!

Geographic
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Which
sectors
dominate
the city?

You can see
the status of
signing the
GCoM here!

Check out
some
interesting
facts

The MLGP Municipality Infographics section showcases customized infographics for each partner- municipality, designed to highlight their environmental achievements, challenges, and strategies in a clear and visually engaging format.

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The primary goal of these infographics is to provide a concise and effective way to present each municipality's key features and environmental efforts to international partners and stakeholders. By transforming complex data into digestible visuals, we aim to increase the visibility and representation of local governments on the global stage.

Would you like to discuss possible areas of collaboration? Contact details for that very purpose!



Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI) Preparation Guide for Municipalities is Available on the MLGP4Climate Library!

Developing a **Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI)** and identifying emission reduction strategies compared to the current scenario are essential steps for reducing urban emissions.

BEI is the first stage of the SECAP process and involves calculating the total emissions under the responsibility of the local authority for a selected reference year. This work is crucial for municipalities to analyze their current situation and define mitigation actions.

Our **Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI) Preparation Guide** to help local governments with their emissions inventory preparation is available in the **MLGP4Climate library**:
<https://mlgp4climate.com/mlgp-library/basic-emission-inventory-bei-preparation-guide-for-municipalities>.

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Welcome Narlıdere Municipality!

Narlıdere, İzmir





Congratulations Narlıdere Municipality: New Member of Global Covenant of Mayors



Narlıdere Municipality has made a remarkable commitment in the fight against climate change by signing the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM). As an active member of the MLGP4Climate platform, this step underscores the municipality's dedication to global climate action and its support for sustainable urban development. We celebrate Narlıdere for this significant achievement, which highlights its strong commitment to building a sustainable future while preserving its natural beauty.

GCoM is a crucial initiative that unites cities worldwide in the fight against climate change, enabling local governments to take bold actions toward a sustainable, low-carbon future.



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Welcome Denizli Metropolitan Municipality!
Pamukkale Travertines, Denizli





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

Welcome Denizli Metropolitan Municipality!



Renowned for its stunning natural wonders like the white travertines of Pamukkale and healing thermal waters, Denizli Metropolitan Municipality provides services to a population of 1.059.082. It endeavors to meet the joint needs and the environmental, social, spiritual and physical well-being of its citizens.

The Municipality prepares city plans, organizes city transportation, controls the city development and growth according to these plans.

By joining MLGP, Denizli is ready to contribute to climate action, support energy transition, and work together for sustainable urban development!



Welcome MenteŖe Municipality!

MenteŖe Municipality takes a leading role

MenteŖe, Muęla





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Congratulations to the newcomers of the Multi-Level Governance Platform! Welcome Menteş Municipality!



Menteş Municipality takes a leading role in combating climate change, operating with an environmentally friendly and sustainable service approach. Through projects supported by the South Aegean Development Agency, it works towards reducing its carbon footprint, promoting the use of clean energy, and establishing sustainable transportation infrastructure.

In 2024, it signed the European Covenant of Mayors, committing to achieving climate neutrality by 2050 and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Collaborating with citizens, businesses, and stakeholders, the municipality has developed a local climate pact to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. By implementing innovative projects and urgent action plans, Menteş aims to set an example as a city dedicated to fighting climate change with sustainable solutions.



Welcome Trabzon Ortahisar Municipality!

Atatürk Pavilion, Trabzon





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

Welcome Trabzon Ortahisar Municipality!



Ortahisar is a municipality that has obtained the ZERO WASTE CERTIFICATE from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change for all its buildings and the entire district. Ortahisar is the largest district of Trabzon and one of the region's oldest settlements, with a history spanning thousands of years. The district preserves traces of the past through its castle ruins and other historical structures.

It also holds a prominent place in traditional crafts such as copperwork, woven bracelets, and filigree. The lively rhythms of the Black Sea, reflected in the horon dance and the kemençe, are integral to the cultural identity of the area. With its natural beauty, historical heritage, and rich cuisine, Ortahisar is a unique attraction for both locals and visitors.



Welcome Selçuklu Municipality!

Selçuklu, one of the central districts of Konya, takes its name from the Seljuk Empire, which left a significant mark on Anatolia





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Welcome Selçuklu Municipality!



Selçuklu, one of the central districts of Konya, takes its name from the Seljuk Empire, which left a significant mark on Anatolia. Serving as the capital of the Seljuks and laying the groundwork for the Ottoman Empire, Selçuklu holds a prominent place in history. The district was established in 1987 following Konya's designation as a metropolitan municipality and has since combined modern urban development with its rich historical heritage.

The district is a key destination for faith tourism. Landmarks such as the 3,000-year-old Silile neighborhood, the Ince Minaret Museum of Stone and Wooden Artifacts, Alaeddin Mosque, and the Karatay Tile Works Museum showcase Selçuklu's historical richness. Additionally, structures like Zazadin Han, dating back to the Seljuk period, highlight the region's significance in trade and cultural history. The Selçuklu Municipality stands out for its efforts to preserve historical heritage while embracing sustainable urban development.





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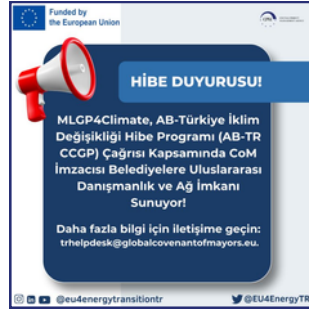


Visibility for climate actions:

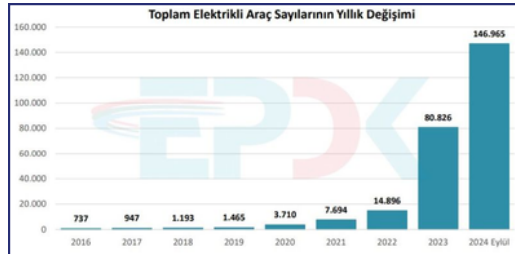
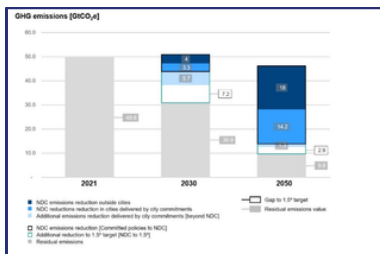
Climate Change and Climate Action News:



Important Days:



The project has actively disseminated valuable knowledge through various channels, including news, announcements, and guidebooks. With significant contributions from both national and international partners such as the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), the Covenant of Mayors (CoM), and other resources, we have successfully shared essential information and updates widely.





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Our Note:

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As we approach the last month of 2024 year, it's time to pause, reflect on the steps we've taken for sustainable development, and prepare for what's ahead. Addressing climate change requires strong, pro-active cooperation. MLGP4Climate platform members, as one great family, started the journey for green development. Let's explore more opportunities for driving innovation. Let's inspire each other for meaningful change. Climate change requires collective action and unwavering commitment to build a sustainable future.

EU4ETTR Project Team ”



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Announcements from EU4ETTR Side:



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ **Study Visit - Türkiye-Lithuania
Cooperation on Sustainable
Energy and Climate Action
Plans Implementation**

3-6 December 2024



- ▶ **EU4ETTR Project Local
Steering Committee Meeting**

16 December 2024



- ▶ **MLGP4Climate Help Desk Activities: Consultancy
to Municipalities for the EU-TR CCGP Call**

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