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# PROJECT LAUNCH

## EU PARTNERSHIP FOR LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION

The launch event of the Project was held on 27 September 2023 with the participation of 209 representatives from various institutions across Türkiye. The opening event started with speeches by Prof. Dr. Halil Hasar, Director of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, Directorate of Climate Change, UNDP Türkiye Resident Representative Louisa Vinton, Ambassador Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut, Head of Head of the EU Delegation to Türkiye and Bülent Özcan, Director General for Financial Cooperation and Project Implementation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs.

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# PRELIMINARY INCEPTION WORKSHOP

## FOCUS OF LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION SHAPES WITH PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS.




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In the first phase of the Pre-Inception Workshop, which is planned to be held in two phases with both online and physical participation, the importance of the concepts of inclusion and collaboration in shaping the future of stakeholders was emphasized.

The Pre-Inception Workshop, conducted online on September 19, 2023, brought together 302 representatives from a diverse group of stakeholders across the country.




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# INCEPTION WORKSHOP

The second phase of the Inception Workshop unfolded on 27 September 2023, bringing together 86 stakeholder representatives for an immersive half-day session. This physical gathering marked importance of fostering active engagement and dialogue.
Organized into round tables, the workshop facilitated discussions on critical topics, creating synergy among participants. The round table sessions delved into various key themes including; Climate Change Projections and Vulnerability and Risk Assessment, Local Climate Change Action Plans (LCCAPs), Information Systems and Online Decision Support Tools, Capacity Building and Awareness-Raising Initiatives, and Technical Assistance through the Climate Change Grant Program
The momentum and stakeholder engagement gained during the workshops laid the groundwork for continued collaboration and effective implementation of project activities in the subsequent phases of the project.





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# LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION

## THE COOPERATION PROTOCOLS WERE SIGNED WITH THE SELECTED PILOT CITIES

For effective implementation local climate action, it is important to ensure that communities better understand their specific circumstances and play a role in taking the necessary measures necessary to promote change. Collaborative efforts between governments, communities and civil society are encouraged to assess climate risks and develop comprehensive and inclusive solutions tailored to meet local needs.

In this framework, an important step towards a sustainable future through strengthening local climate action has been taken with the "EU Partnership for Local Climate Action in Türkiye Project", which has taken an important step towards the preparation of Local Climate Change Action Plans (LCCAPs) in pilot cities.. Antalya, Kahramanmaraş, Ordu, Elazığ, Kastamonu and Isparta were selected as pilot cities for the preparation of LCCAPs. The cooperation with the pilot cities was formalized with the signing of cooperation protocols between the Directorate of Climate Change and the municipalities during the Project Launch Event on 27 September 2023.




Following the opening speeches, the signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Muhittin Böcek, Mayor of Antalya Metropolitan Municipality, Mr. Mehmet Hilmi Güler, Mayor of Ordu Metropolitan Municipality, Rüstem Keleş, Secretary General of Kahramanmaraş Metropolitan Municipality, Şükrü Başdeğirmen, Mayor of Isparta and Rahmi Galip Vidinlioğlu, Mayor of Kastamonu.

The Project will continue to strengthen the capacity of municipalities in Türkiye to prepare, implement and monitor local climate change action plans. The selected pilot cities will play a leading role in establishing robust, customized strategies and actions to tackle local climate challenges.



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# ABOUT PROJECT

EU Partnership for Local Climate Action in Türkiye Project, funded by the European Union under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance-III (IPA III) Funds and implemented by United Nations Development Programme, has launched on 1 May 2023. The End Recipient is the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Directorate of Climate Change.

The project, which has a duration of 60 months, aims to support Türkiye in its efforts to combat climate change through increased implementation capacity at the local level and to sustainable, low-carbon, and climate-resilient development. Project's objectives are to:

- Improve climate risk assessment capacity at local, regional and national levels
- improve local climate action planning capacity
- Enhance local decision-making and implementation capacity for climate action
- Improve public awareness and local stakeholder capabilities and collaboration to implement climate actions
- Provide technical assistance to climate change grant programme

The target groups are the public institutions, municipalities, local administrations, regional and provincial directorates, development agencies, chambers, unions , universities, research institutes and civil society organizations. The target groups of the operation include all relevant local stakeholders and citizens.

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