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LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLANS

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will be prepared in six pilot cities

FIELD VISITS TO PILOT CITIES

Preparations for Local Climate
Change Action Plans have begun
with field visits to pilot cities,
Antalya, Kahramanmaraş, Ordu,
Elazığ, Isparta and Kastamonu

INCEPTION PHASE COMPLETED

First project steering committee
meeting marked the completion of
inception phase

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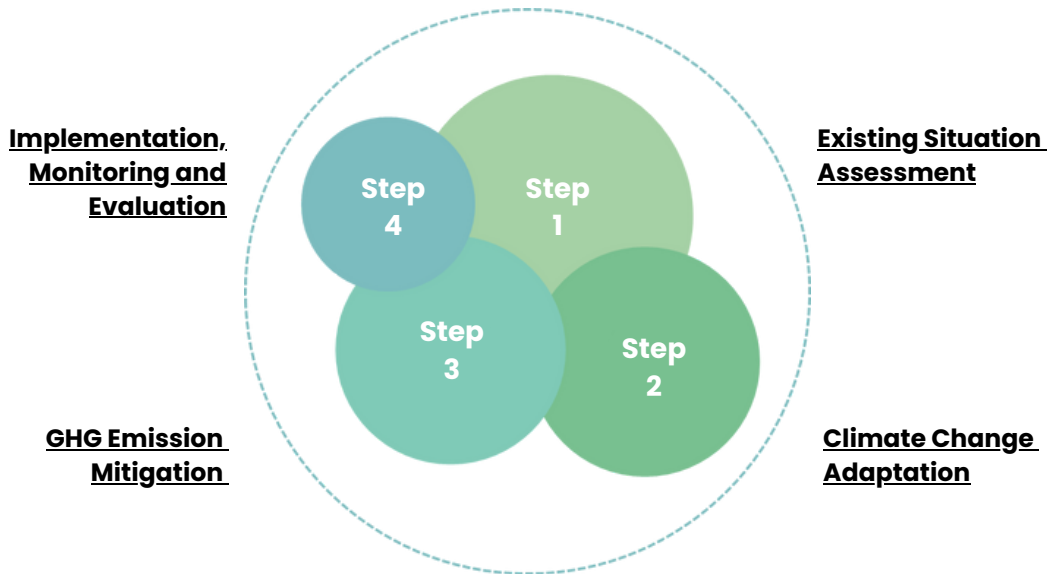


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LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLANS

Türkiye continues fight against climate change at the local level. With the EU Partnership Project for Local Climate Action in Türkiye, Local Climate Change Action Plans (LCCAP) for six pilot provinces are aimed to be prepared to strengthen local climate action.

The LCCAPs prepared for the pilot cities are expected to follow the steps, which will be defined in the legislation, cover wide variety of sectors for both mitigation and adaptation as well as the cross-cutting subjects, and involve local stakeholders.



SECTORAL SCOPE OF LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLANS

Mitigation Sectors

Energy, Industry, Buildings, Transportation, Waste, Agriculture, LULUCF (Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry)

Cross-cutting Subjects

Capacity building, Technology, Financing, Training and Awareness Raising, Monitoring and Evaluation

Adaptation Sectors

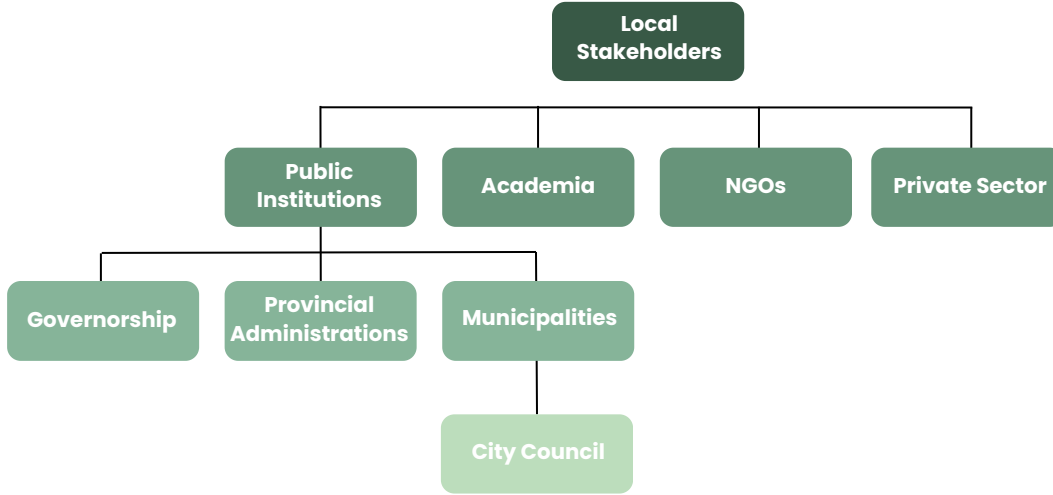
Urban, Water Resources, Agriculture and Food Security, Ecosystem Services, Health, Energy, Tourism, Industry, Transport and Communication, Social Development, Disaster Risk Reduction



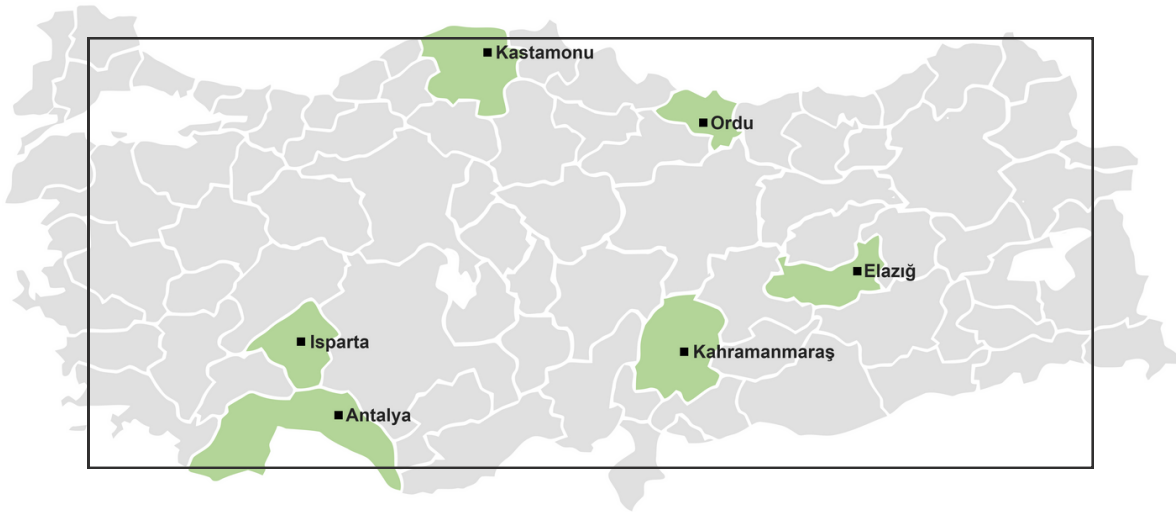
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LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

By engaging local stakeholders in the climate action planning process, local climate change action plans become more inclusive, relevant, and effective. Local knowledge and expertise are harnessed to develop innovative solutions tailored to specific contexts, fostering a sense of ownership and empowerment among participants. Moreover, participatory approaches promote social cohesion, trust, and resilience, laying the groundwork for collective action in addressing the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change.



FILED VISITS TO PILOT CITIES

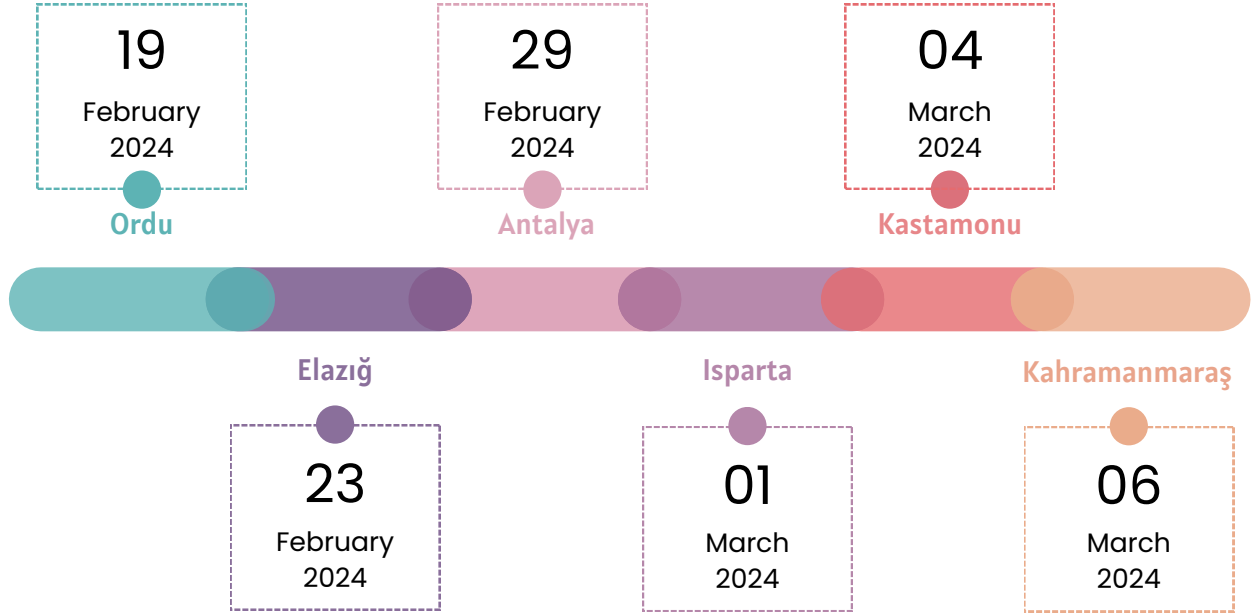


For the preparation of Local Climate Change Action Plans (LCCAP) of six pilot provinces, introductory visits were recently held in each city during February and March 2024. During the visits, information about the project and the preparation stages of the action plans were shared with each municipality.



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VISIT SCHEDULE



PREPARATIONS FOR LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLANS HAVE BEGUN WITH FIELD VISITS TO ORDU AND ELAZIĞ

In this context, an introductory visit was held in Ordu on February 19, 2024.

Representatives from the Directorate of Climate Change, Department of Climate Change Adaptation and Local Policies, Ordu Metropolitan Municipality Department of Climate Change and Zero Waste, and UNDP Türkiye attended the visit.

On February 23, 2024, a delegation consisting of Prof. Dr. Halil Hasar, the Director of Climate Change, Ms. Louisa Vinton, the Resident Representative of UNDP Türkiye, Ms. Fatma Tok Lazoğlu, Expert at the Directorate of Climate Change, Ms. Meral Mungan Arda, UNDP Türkiye Climate Change and Environment Portfolio Manager, Ms. Tuba Seyyah, UNDP Türkiye Climate Change Projects Coordinator, and Ms. Ceren Özkan, UNDP Türkiye Project Manager, met with the Mayor of Elazığ, Mr. Şahin Şerifoğulları.



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PREPARATIONS FOR LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLANS CONTINUE WITH FIELD VISITS TO ANTALYA, ISPARTA, KAHRAMANMARAŞ AND KASTAMONU

Visit in Antalya, Isparta, Kahramanmaraş, and Kastamonu were conducted with the representatives from the Directorate of Climate Change, Department of Adaptation and Local Policies and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye project team.

The meetings were held with the representatives of Isparta Municipality Branch of Climate Change and Zero Waste on 29 February 2024, Antalya Metropolitan Municipality Department of Climate Change and Zero Waste as well as Department of Foreign Affairs on 1 March 2024, Kastamonu Municipality Branch of Climate Change and Zero Waste on 4 March 2024, and Kahramanmaraş Metropolitan Municipality Department of Environmental Protection and Control on 7 March 2024.



REFLECTIONS

The field visits revealed important points such as the lack of initiatives on local climate action planning, low technical and administrative capacity, difficulty in obtaining data.

The capacity building activities planned under the project, which will be shaped in line with the results of the needs and capacity assessment, are aimed to increase the awareness and knowledge of local stakeholders and to strengthen their administrative, technical, and financial capacities.

Antalya Metropolitan Municipality, Kahramanmaraş Metropolitan Municipality, Ordu Metropolitan Municipality, Elazığ Municipality, Isparta Municipality, and Kastamonu Municipality will soon start the process of developing Local Climate Change Strategies and Action Plans.

The pilot provinces are determined to advance towards a sustainable future by taking a leading role in Türkiye's fight against climate change.

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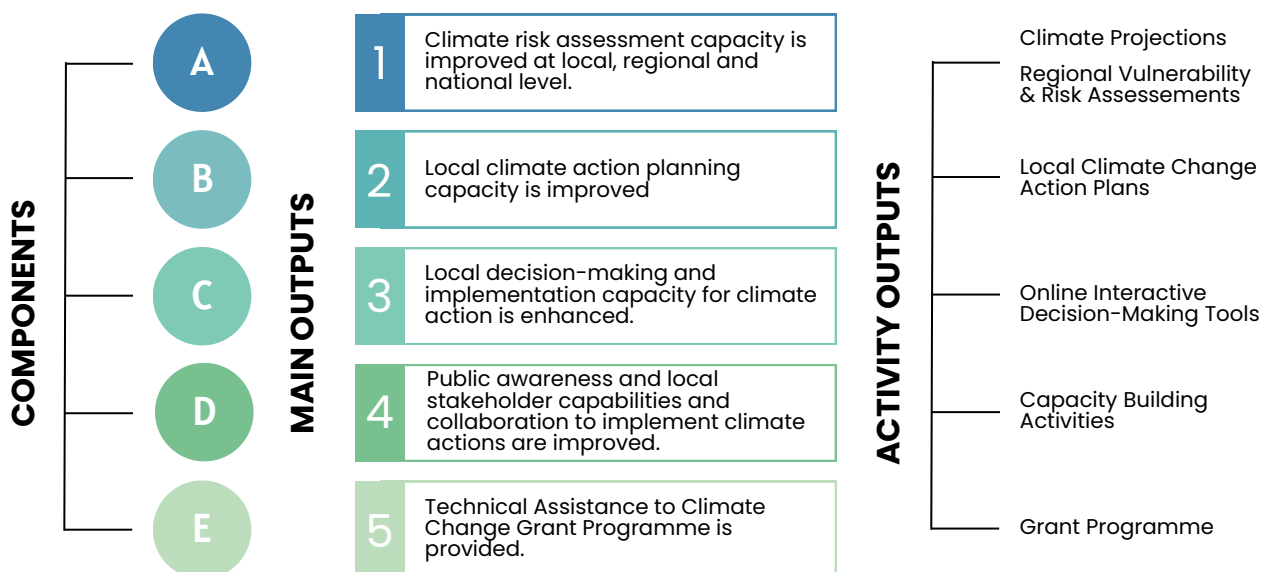
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INCEPTION PHASE COMPLETED

The first Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting held on February 8, 2024 has marked the completion of inception phase. The representatives from Delegation of European Union to Türkiye, United Nations Development Programme, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Directorate General of European Union and Foreign Relations, Directorate of Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Türkiye Presidency of Strategy and Budget Office. The next PSC meeting is planned to be held in August 2024, on the six-month mark of the first meeting.



The Project will continue with the implementation of project activities.





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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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