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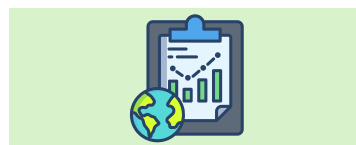
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A STUDY VISIT WAS ORGANIZED TO SPAIN

Between 27–31 January 2025, a study visit to Barcelona and Madrid, Spain, was organized within the scope of the project to enhance the climate change mitigation and adaptation capacities of local authorities. The visit provided an opportunity to observe firsthand the processes through which these cities achieve their climate goals, their sustainable urban planning approaches, and nature-based solutions.

BARCELONA VISIT

During the meeting held at the Barcelona City Council, emission reduction and adaptation strategies were discussed within the framework of the city's Climate Action Plan. The Superblock Program, strategies for increasing green spaces, and policies promoting public engagement were highlighted as important models for municipalities in Türkiye. Additionally, visits to the 22@ district and Superblock areas showcased the impacts of urban planning measures—such as reducing traffic congestion and expanding pedestrian and bicycle lanes—on lowering emissions and improving quality of life.

At the Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC), Türkiye's climate projections with a 3-kilometer resolution, generated using the MareNostrum 5 supercomputer, were introduced. The discussions focused on technical details of the modeling processes and explored opportunities to enhance collaboration in climate data analysis and integration of data into local decision-making processes.



Meetings with officials from Barcelona Cicle de l'Aigua, SA (BCASA) focused on efficient water use, rainwater management, and sustainable water infrastructure projects. A site visit to the Joan Miró Rainwater Storage Tank provided insights into flood risk reduction and the integration of green infrastructure into water management. Additionally, urban greening projects and nature-based solutions implemented under the city's 2030 Nature Plan were examined at Parks and Gardens of Barcelona.



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MADRID VISIT

At the meeting held at the Madrid City Council, the city's Climate Action Plan, low emission zones, sustainable transportation projects and energy efficiency strategies were detailed. The low emission zones policy implemented by Madrid to reduce air pollution and lower carbon emissions was evaluated as an applicable model for cities in Türkiye. The representative of the Spanish Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenges provided information on national adaptation policies, National Adaptation Plan targets and various tools used, including the impact mapping tool to assess climate risks. Productive discussions were held on the applicability of the tools used in Türkiye.

One of Madrid's most significant green transformation projects, Madrid Río Park, was also visited. This project, which transformed a former highway into a large-scale green area, stood out as a key example. Discussions focused on how green spaces help reduce urban temperatures, support biodiversity, and provide healthier living environments for local communities.



On the final day of the study visit, the Transportation Research Center (TRANSyT) at the Technical University of Madrid was visited, where discussions centered on urban sustainability and smart city solutions. As part of the FORTHCOMING and citiES 2030 projects, the use of data-driven management systems to accelerate low-carbon transitions in cities was explored. Academics involved in these projects introduced digital tools used for tracking city emissions, managing energy consumption, and developing smart mobility solutions. Opportunities for synergy and collaboration between these projects, which include pilot municipalities in Türkiye, and our project were also discussed.

This visit significantly contributed to strengthening climate action efforts in Türkiye by enhancing international knowledge and experience sharing. The insights gained from Barcelona and Madrid will guide Türkiye in taking more effective and sustainable steps in local climate change mitigation.

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MEETING WITH MEDIA PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF CLIMATE CHANGE

On 10 January 2025, an online media day event titled "Local Climate Action and Media Perspectives in EU Partnership" was held, focusing on the critical role of media in combating climate change and its influence on local climate policies.



Following the opening remarks, the discussion sessions of the event highlighted the role of media in communicating climate policies, emphasizing the importance of media in conveying global and regional climate policies to the public. The sessions also explored how decisions made at the Conference of the Parties (COP) are represented in the media and their impact on public awareness. Participants shared opinions on effective communication strategies for accurately conveying the impacts of climate change and influencing societal behavior. Lastly, solutions were discussed to prevent disinformation on climate issues and ensure accurate information flow.

The sessions were moderated by UNDP Türkiye project experts M. Kemal Demirkol, Prof. Dr. Osman Balaban, and Prof. Dr. Ömer Lütfi Şen. The event concluded with a Q&A session where media professionals' questions were addressed.

This event provided an important platform to strengthen the media's impact in the fight against climate change, promoting knowledge sharing and collaboration.

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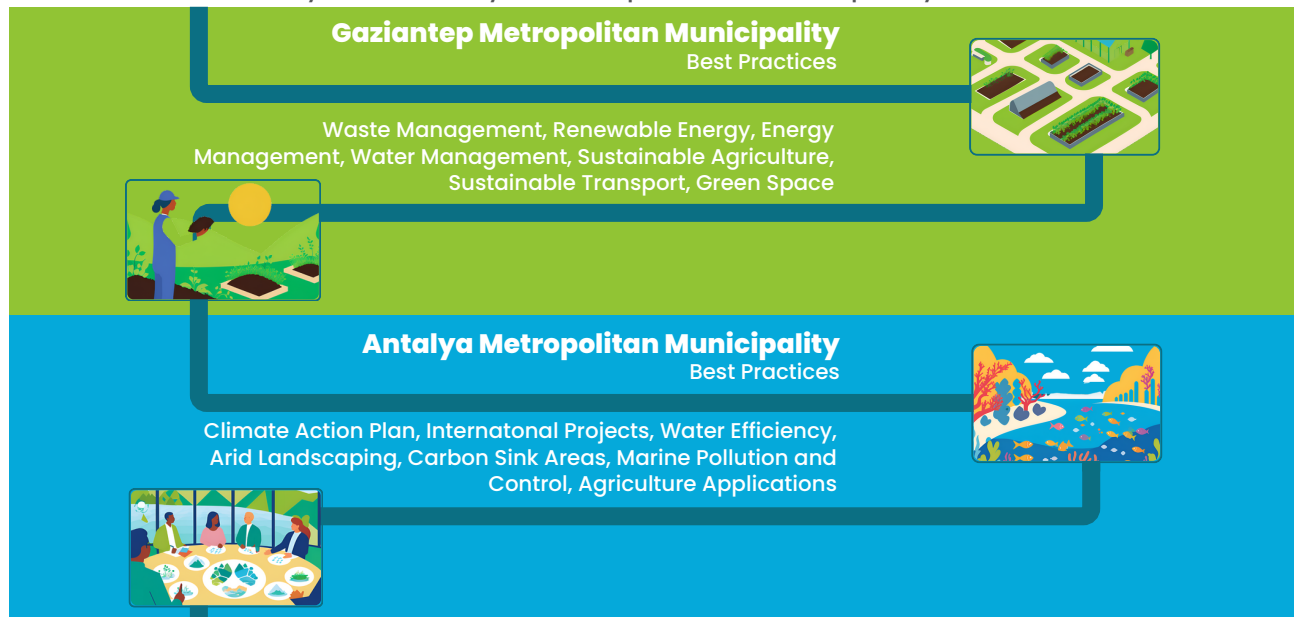
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ANTALYA AND GAZİANTEP METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITIES SHARED THEIR BEST PRACTICES

On 13 December 2024, an online event was organized where Antalya and Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipalities shared their successful climate change practices with other municipalities.



The event began with opening remarks by Orhan Solak, Deputy Director of Climate Change, Meral Mungan Arda, Climate Change and Environment Portfolio Manager at UNDP Türkiye, Virve Vimpari, Counsellor and Head of the Green Development and Inclusive Growth Section at the EU Delegation to Türkiye, Christian Ballarò, Programme Officer from the EU Delegation to Türkiye, as well as Fatma Şahin, Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, and Muhittin Böcek, Mayor of Antalya Metropolitan Municipality.



Q&A sessions held throughout the event strengthened knowledge sharing among municipalities and facilitated discussions on practices that can enhance the climate change mitigation capacities of local authorities.



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REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP ON THE DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR LCCAPS WAS HELD

On 10-11 December 2024, a "Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) Workshop on the Draft Legislation for Local Climate Change Action Plans (LCCAP)" was held in Ankara within the scope of the project. The two-day workshop focused on discussing the RIA methodology and its scope to develop the draft legislation for the preparation, implementation, and monitoring of LCCAPs.



The workshop provided an inclusive dialogue platform with the participation of representatives from municipalities, public institutions, academia, and civil society organizations. Participants evaluated the current situation in their provinces and across Türkiye, identifying opportunities and barriers in the implementation of local climate actions.



Conducted in parallel sessions, the workshop addressed eight critical policy areas related to LCCAP legislation. These included the obligation to prepare LCCAPs, the roles and responsibilities of institutions in the preparation process, coordination mechanisms at the provincial level, approval procedures, and the monitoring and reporting of implementation. Additionally, technical topics such as update cycles, preparation timelines, and the determination of emission factors were discussed.

These discussions provided valuable insights for creating a practical and effective regulatory framework, enabling local stakeholders to address climate-related challenges more effectively. Participants also shared their feedback through evaluation surveys at the end of the workshop.

The outcomes will contribute to developing a regulatory framework to enhance local climate action and support the improvement of the RIA methodology.

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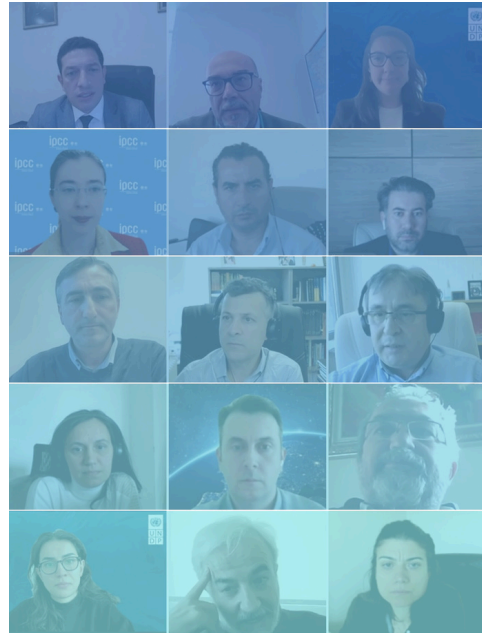
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2ND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD

On 17 January 2025, the 2nd Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting was held online to evaluate the initial results of climate projections conducted within the scope of the project. The meeting was attended by members of the Coordination Board of Climate Change Adaptation (CBCCA), representatives from public institutions, and academics.

The opening remarks were delivered by Orhan Solak, Deputy Director of Climate Change, Meral Mungan Arda, Climate Change and Environment Portfolio Manager at UNDP Türkiye, and Christian Ballarò, Programme Officer from the EU Delegation to Türkiye. The speeches emphasized the progress of the project and the importance of collaboration in local climate action.

The main agenda of the meeting focused on the results of the MPI-ESM1-2-HR (Germany) model, one of the six global climate models based on CMIP6 that best represents Türkiye. This model was run with dynamic downscaling at a 3-kilometer resolution, providing climate projections for Türkiye on temperature, precipitation, and wind under optimistic (SSP2-4.5) and pessimistic (SSP5-8.5) scenarios. The findings were shared and analyzed in detail during the presentations.



Climate projection studies will continue with other global models, including CMCC-ESM2 (Italy), EC-Earth3-Veg. (Europe), HadGEM3 (United Kingdom), MRI-ESM2-0 (Japan), and NorESM2-MM (Norway). The high-resolution projection results will provide a scientific basis for sectoral vulnerability and risk analyses to be conducted at the NUTS-1 regional level across 12 regions. This will enable a more comprehensive and up-to-date analysis of the local impacts of climate change.

TAC meetings will continue to be held regularly to enhance the technical quality of project activities, benefit from expert opinions, and promote stakeholder engagement. These meetings contribute significantly to ensuring the participatory and effective progress of the project.

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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, 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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