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TOGETHER FOR CLIMATE: AFTER TWO YEARS

EU Partnership for Local Climate Action in Türkiye Project completed its second year as of 1 May 2025.

In this special issue, we review the activities carried out within the scope of the project, the strong collaborations established with local stakeholders, and the progress achieved.



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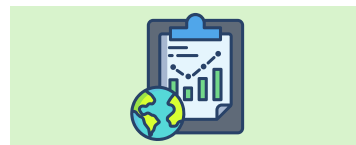
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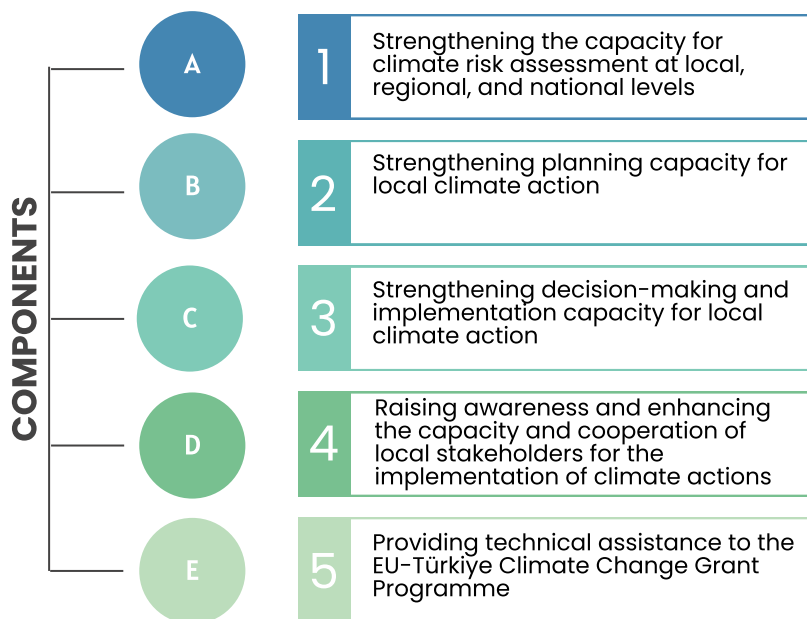
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

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



MAIN OUTPUTS



ACTIVITY OUTPUTS





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1 May 2023

PROJECT STARTED

The EU Partnership for Local Climate Action in Türkiye Project officially started on May 1, 2023. The project, which will last for 60 months, aims to strengthen local capacity for combating climate change throughout Türkiye.



19 September 2023

PRELIMINARY INCEPTION WORKSHOP

At the online workshop attended by 304 participants, project stakeholders came together for the first time. Project goals and approach were introduced; expectations of different institutions, areas of contribution, and cooperation potential were discussed.



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27 September 2023

PROJECT LAUNCH EVENT

The project was introduced to the public with a large-scale opening event held in Ankara. Cooperation protocols were signed between the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change and 6 selected pilot municipalities. These protocols marked the official start of the preparation process for the Local Climate Change Action Plans.



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INCEPTION WORKSHOP

The project components were discussed in detail in the workshop held on the same day as the launch event. With the participation of 86 people, implementation steps were shaped at both central and local levels through round table sessions.



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8 February 2024

1ST PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The first Project Steering Committee meeting shaping the management and coordination mechanisms of the project was held. In the meeting attended by representatives of relevant institutions, the project implementation plan, progress and risks were discussed.



February – March 2024

PROCESS STARTED AT LOCAL LEVEL WITH FIELD VISITS

All 6 pilot provinces selected within the scope of the project were visited, and local stakeholders were brought together. During these visits organised in Antalya, Isparta, Kahramanmaraş, Kastamonu, Elazığ and Ordu, the preparation process for the LCCAP was initiated. First contacts were established with local administrations and the framework of cooperation was established.



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22 May 2024

AWARENESS RAISING CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE PROJECTIONS

At the conference, attended by 161 participants, the 3 km resolution climate projections, to be produced for the first time at the Türkiye scale within the scope of the project, were introduced, and the importance of the studies was emphasized. A cooperation protocol was signed between TÜBİTAK and the Directorate of Climate Change.



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22 May 2024

1ST TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The first Technical Advisory Committee Meeting held following the conference, shared the methodology and initial implementation steps of the climate projections. Technical implementation processes were guided by the opinions and contributions of participating institutions.



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July 2024

LCCAP PREPARATIONS STARTED IN 6 PILOT PROVINCES

Online information meetings were held in Isparta, Ordu, Antalya, Elazığ, Kahramanmaraş, and Kastamonu. The LCCAP process was explained to local stakeholders and participation mechanisms were introduced.



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July - August 2024

LCCAP CURRENT SITUATION ASSESSMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED

A survey sent to 600 municipalities analyzed Türkiye's planning capacity in combating climate change. Data was collected on institutional capacities, action plans prepared by municipalities, budget resources, and stakeholder participation.



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6 September 2024

2ND PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

At the meeting, project progress and the work plan for the next period were reviewed. Information was provided on the EU-Türkiye Climate Change Grant Programme, which is technically supported within the project, and the importance of cooperation with local stakeholders was emphasized.



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18 October 2024

EU-TÜRKİYE CLIMATE CHANGE GRANT PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

The EU-Türkiye Climate Change Grant Programme, with a total budget of 14,706,000 EUR, was announced to support climate change mitigation and adaptation at the local level. The application process began and support mechanisms for potential beneficiaries were introduced.



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November 2024

INFORMATIVE SESSIONS ON GRANT PROGRAMME HELD

A total of 12 informative sessions were organized in Ankara, İzmir, Erzurum, İstanbul, Antalya, and online, reaching 2,837 stakeholders. Participants were informed about the application process, eligibility criteria, and budget details of the EU-Türkiye Climate Change Grant Programme, and their questions regarding the programme were answered.

GRANT

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10–11 December 2024

REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP FOR LCCAP LEGISLATION

At the workshop held in Ankara, the framework of the legislation regarding the preparation and implementation of LCCAPs was discussed. Parallel sessions were held under 8 main policy topics, and feedback was collected from participants.

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13 December 2024

SHARING BEST PRACTICES IN CLIMATE ACTION

Antalya and Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipalities shared their experiences in local climate action with representatives from other municipalities during an online event. Inter-municipal interaction was encouraged through Q&A sessions, and good practice examples were disseminated.

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16 December 2024

GRANT APPLICATIONS COMPLETED

The submission period for concept notes under the EU-Türkiye Climate Change Grant Programme has ended. The applications received from across Türkiye demonstrated the high level of interest and institutional motivation for combating climate change at the local level.



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10 January 2025

FIRST MEDIA DAY ORGANIZED

At the event titled "Local Climate Action and Media Perspectives in EU Partnership", interaction was established with media representatives working in the field of climate change. Topics such as communicating COP decisions to the public, combating disinformation, and ensuring accurate information dissemination were discussed in detail.



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17 January 2025

2ND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The initial results of the climate projections carried out within the scope of the project were shared with public institutions and academic stakeholders. Temperature, precipitation, and wind projections based on the MPI-ESM1-2-HR model were presented. Technical evaluations and stakeholder feedback contributed to the subsequent stages of the work.



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27–31 January 2025

STUDY VISIT TO SPAIN



The study visit to Barcelona and Madrid provided an opportunity to examine good practices in combating climate change. At the Barcelona Supercomputing Center, Türkiye's high-resolution climate projections developed within the project were presented, and collaboration opportunities were discussed.

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6–7 February 2025

LCCAP LEGISLATION WORKSHOP ORGANIZED



The draft legislation that will form the legal basis for LCCAPs was thoroughly discussed with the participation of various national stakeholders. A strong regulatory foundation was established for the LCCAPs, which will be expanded to cover all 81 provinces of Türkiye.

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26 March 2025

3RD PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



At the meeting, developments in the project implementation were presented, and the impact of ongoing activities was evaluated. Participants exchanged views on priorities and planned activities for the second year.

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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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