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ECO FUTURE GRANT PROGRAMME NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of the Eco-Future Grant Programme Newsletter!

Starting this month, we will bring you updates on our project's journey and share key news on climate change and biodiversity conservation.

In this first edition, we highlight the progress made since our project's launch in March 2024.

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While Türkiye holds unique importance in terms of biodiversity and ecosystems, it also faces various challenges related to biodiversity loss and climate change. According to the latest projections, climate change is expected to increase the variability and intensity of precipitation, which will result in water scarcity and a rise in disasters such as droughts and floods.

The "Supporting Capacity of CSOs in the Field of Climate Change and Biodiversity" Project (Eco-Future Grant Programme) presents an enhanced technical assistance mechanism combined with a well-designed and tailored grant system for the capacity building of CSOs. It aims to foster inclusive, innovative, and integrated environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, and climate change policies and measures at the civil society level.



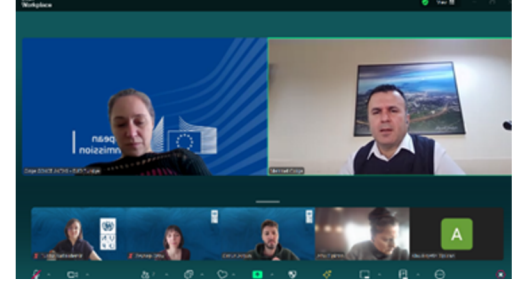
Updates from Eco Future Grant Programme

Technical Assistance Team

Our Technical Assistance Team (TAT) consists of key experts, consultants, project manager, grant manager, project associate, and project assistant. We finalized our team as of 9 January 2025. We manage the project in full compliance with the procedures of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), ensuring transparency and efficiency at every step.

Operation Coordination Unit Meetings

The Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) meetings have been pivotal in steering the Eco-Future Grant Programme toward achieving its objectives. Since the project's commencement, we have held six OCU meetings and will organize the 7th OCU meeting on 25 February 2025, with the participation of the Delegation of the European Union to Türkiye (EUD) and UNDP. During these meetings, discussions have focused on critical operational and technical issues, including the development of the grant guidelines, the recruitment of consultants, and the coordination of needs assessment analyses on climate change and biodiversity.



6th OCU Meeting in January 2025

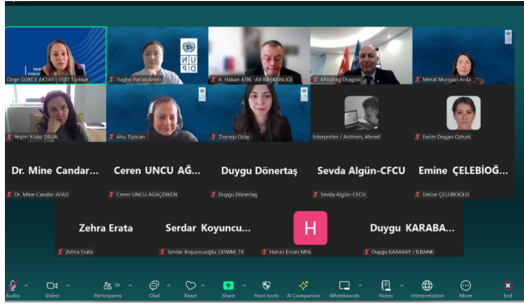
Key tools and processes were also addressed, including the project website, which has been made public, ensuring greater accessibility.

Stay tuned for further developments in the upcoming months!

The First Technical Advisory Board Meeting

We successfully held the first TAB Meeting for the Eco Future Grant Programme on 25 November 2024, with participation from key stakeholders, including representatives from government institutions, line ministries, UNDP, and the EUD.

The meeting provided an opportunity to introduce the project, discuss its objectives, and establish a collaborative approach for future activities. Participants emphasized the importance of coordination with ongoing grant projects to prevent duplication of efforts and maximize the impact of the project.



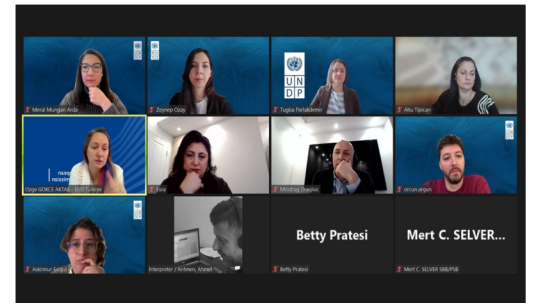
TAB Meeting in November 2024

This initial meeting laid the ground for future TAB engagements that will continue to foster collaboration among various institutions and ensure the grant program's success.

Following the TAB meeting, we held a meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate for EU Affairs, Department of Project Implementation on 17 December 2024. This meeting served as an opportunity to exchange updates and insights on ongoing grant initiatives related to climate change and biodiversity.

The First Project Steering Committee Meeting

We held the first PSC meeting on 16 December 2024 and focused on aligning priorities and planning upcoming activities. The TAT incorporated feedback from the PSC members to refine the project's objectives and ensure effective implementation.



PSC Meeting in December 2024

Project Website

A bilingual project website was designed to serve as a central platform for sharing project updates, including ongoing activities and upcoming events; distributing content across social media and other channels; and hosting capacity-building program modules. We published the website as of 28 January 2025 upon approval from all parties. We will regularly update the website throughout the project's duration.



Access our website: <https://ekogelecek.org/>

United Nations International Days

International Day of Clean Energy: Driving Sustainable Solutions

Every year on 26 January, the world unites to celebrate the International Day for Clean Energy. Established by the United Nations, this day highlights the urgent need for transition to clean, renewable energy sources as a key step toward achieving global climate goals. It emphasizes the critical role of clean energy in addressing climate change, reducing pollution, and fostering sustainable development.

By embracing technologies like solar, wind, and hydroelectric power, we can create a healthier environment, promote energy equity, and drive global progress. Join the movement by advocating for clean energy initiatives and supporting efforts to build a sustainable future for all.

Clean energy is not only essential for mitigating the effects of climate change but also for ensuring energy security and resilience in communities worldwide. On this day, let's reflect on the collective actions needed to accelerate the global clean energy transition and inspire others to prioritize sustainable energy practices.

Did You Know?

Switching to clean energy could reduce global carbon emissions by up to 70% by 2050, significantly mitigating climate change impacts.

Eco-Dictionary



Greenhouse gases are gases that trap heat from the sun in our planet's atmosphere, keeping it warm. The main greenhouse gases released by human activities are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and fluorinated gases used for cooling and refrigeration. Carbon dioxide is the primary greenhouse gas resulting from human activities, particularly from burning fossil fuels, deforestation, and changing the way land is used.



Good News Column

Türkiye Commits to Protecting Marine Biodiversity Through High Seas Agreement

During the U.N. General Assembly meetings in New York in October 2024, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan signed an agreement to safeguard and sustainably manage marine biodiversity in international waters.

The agreement includes obligations to create protected areas on the high seas, establish a system of area-based management tools, and conduct environmental impact assessments of planned activities on the high seas. It also covers the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits of biological discoveries in the oceans in the fields of science, technology, and medicine, good management of high seas areas, cooperation in scientific research, and strengthening the capacities of developing countries.



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