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Welcome to the 7th Issue of the Eco Future Grant Programme Newsletter!

In this edition, we announce the results of the Eco Future Grant Programme and highlight key developments since our previous issue in June 2026, alongside updates on capacity-building activities, climate change and biodiversity.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Strengthening Capacities, Advancing Action.

Since our previous issue in June 2026, significant progress has been made under both the technical assistance and grant components of the project. The third regional capacity-building programme was held in Erzurum on 2–3 July 2026, bringing together civil society organisations, public institutions, experts and UNDP representatives for two days of learning, exchange and networking. Focusing on project design, the programme covered project cycle management, problem and stakeholder analysis, logical framework development, monitoring and evaluation, and activity planning and budgeting, providing participants with practical tools to strengthen their capacities.

GRANT PROGRAMME

Eco Future Grant Programme Results Announced!

16
Projects
For Grant Support!

Approx.
USD 2.33 Million
Total Grant Budget

The evaluation process under the Eco Future Grant Programme has been completed, with 16 projects selected for grant support. The selected projects are expected to contribute to addressing climate change, conserving biodiversity and strengthening civil society capacities across Türkiye.

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Workshop in Erzurum
2-3 July 2026

WORKSHOP

From Knowledge to Action: Third Regional Capacity-Building Programme in Erzurum

The third regional capacity-building programme under the "Supporting Capacity of CSOs in the Field of Climate Change and Biodiversity Project" was held in Erzurum on 2–3 July 2026, bringing together civil society organisations, public institutions, experts and UNDP representatives. Following the previous programmes held in İstanbul and İzmir, the Erzurum programme marked another important step in the project's ongoing efforts to strengthen civil society capacities across different regions of Türkiye.

Designed to strengthen the project development capacities of civil society organisations working on climate change and biodiversity, the two-day programme combined expert presentations with interactive exercises, group work and networking. Participants explored project cycle management, problem and stakeholder analysis, logical framework development, monitoring and evaluation, and activity planning and budgeting, applying their knowledge through practical group exercises.

EXPLORE OUR TRAINING RESOURCES

Scan the QR code to explore the project's capacity-building activities and watch recordings of the face-to-face training sessions on the Eco Future website. ↗



Learning Together,
Acting for Change.

BY THE NUMBERS

Capacity Building So Far

3
capacity-building programmes

3 CITIES
İstanbul • İzmir • Erzurum

90+
CSOs represented

110+
participants reached



Polyommatus dama,
Mesopotamian Blue Butterfly

GRANT PROGRAMME

Eco Future Grant Programme Results Announced!

The evaluation process under the Eco Future Grant Programme has been completed. Following the established assessment procedures, 16 projects have been selected for grant support under the European Union-funded project implemented by UNDP.

The selected projects are expected to contribute to addressing climate change, conserving biodiversity and strengthening the capacities of civil society organisations across Türkiye. Through the Grant Programme, initiatives focusing on environmental sustainability, climate resilience and biodiversity conservation will be supported.

16 projects selected for grant support, with a total requested grant amount of approximately **USD 2.33 million.**

Discover the selected projects on our website:
https://ekogelecek.org/award-notice-for-eco-future/ ↗

GRANT PROGRAMME

Supporting Civil Society Action

The Eco Future Grant Programme aims to strengthen the role of civil society organisations in addressing climate change and biodiversity challenges across Türkiye. By supporting locally driven initiatives, the programme promotes environmental sustainability, climate resilience and biodiversity conservation.

Following the completion of the evaluation process, preparations for the next stages of implementation are underway. The selected projects are expected to translate these objectives into locally driven initiatives across Türkiye.

THE GRANT PROCESS

From Application to Selection

- APPLICATION
- ADMINISTRATIVE & ELIGIBILITY REVIEW
- TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT
- EVALUATION COMPLETED
- **16 PROJECTS SELECTED**



Centaurea tchihatcheffii,
Flower of Love

PROJECT COORDINATION

Keeping Progress on Track: OCU Meetings

The 15th Operation Coordination Unit Meeting, held on 9 July 2026, brought UNDP and the Delegation of the European Union to Türkiye together to review recent project developments, including progress in grant application assessments, capacity-building activities and visibility requirements under the Grant Programme.

The 16th OCU Meeting, held on 19 August 2026, continued the coordination process by reviewing progress in project activities. Discussions also covered developments concerning the project extension, preparations for the next stages of implementation and ongoing activities, providing an opportunity to assess overall project progress and coordination.



SUPPORTING APPLICANTS

Grant Programme Help Desk

Since the launch of the Grant Programme in June 2025, the Help Desk has continued to support applicants throughout the application process.

639
questions answered in total

100
questions during the Full Application stage



Spermophilus Taurensis
Toros Gelengesi

DID YOU KNOW?

A Nationwide Capacity-Building Journey

Eco Future's regional capacity-building activities are designed to reach civil society organisations across Türkiye's seven geographical regions, bringing learning and exchange opportunities closer to organisations working at the local level.

LOOKING AHEAD

What's Next?

CAPACITY-BUILDING

Preparations for the next regional capacity-building programme are ongoing, continuing the project's efforts to strengthen CSO capacities and support learning and exchange across Türkiye.

GRANT PROGRAMME

Following the completion of the evaluation process and the selection of 16 projects for grant support, preparations for the next stages of the Grant Programme, including pre-award and contracting procedures, are underway.

CLIMATE

The Road to COP31 Leads to Antalya

Türkiye will host the 31st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP31) in Antalya from 9–20 November 2026. Bringing together governments, international organisations, civil society and other stakeholders, COP31 will provide a global platform for advancing climate action and strengthening international cooperation.

COP31 | **ANTALYA, TÜRKİYE** | **9–20 NOVEMBER 2026**

Learn more about COP31 and follow the latest updates on the official website. ***cop31.tr*** ↗

NEWS

September: A Month for Environmental Action

7 SEPTEMBER

International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

This day draws attention to the impacts of air pollution on human health and the environment, highlighting the importance of improving air quality.

20 SEPTEMBER

World Cleanup Day

This global initiative encourages communities to take part in cleanup activities, raise awareness of waste pollution and promote responsible waste management.

BIODIVERSITY

Looking Ahead to CBD COP17

The 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP17) will take place in Yerevan, Armenia, from 19–30 October 2026. The conference will mark the first global review of collective progress in implementing the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, providing an important moment to assess progress and advance global action for biodiversity.

UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE
TAKING ACTION FOR NATURE

COP17 / CP-MOP 12 / NP-MOP 6
YEREVAN ARMENIA
19-30 OCTOBER 2026

Learn more about CBD COP17 and follow the latest updates on the official Convention on Biological Diversity website. ***cbd.int/conferences/2026*** ↗

ECO-DICTIONARY

Marine Protected Area

A Marine Protected Area (MPA) is a clearly defined geographical area in the marine environment that is recognized and managed to achieve the long-term conservation of nature. Marine protected areas can help conserve species and habitats, support ecosystem resilience and contribute to the sustainable management of marine biodiversity.

GOOD NEWS CORNER

Türkiye Establishes Its First Marine National Parks

Türkiye has taken an important step towards strengthening marine biodiversity conservation with the designation of Fethiye–Kaş and Northern Aegean as the country's first marine national parks in August 2026. The new protected areas aim to support the conservation and sustainable management of valuable marine ecosystems and habitats, including areas used by marine turtles. Their designation also contributes to Türkiye's efforts towards the global biodiversity goals of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including the global goal to conserve 30% of the planet's land and ocean areas by 2030.

Source: Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks



Thermopsis turcica
Eber Yellow



Fethiye
Muğla, Türkiye

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