

## PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Identification and Remediation of Contaminated Sites with Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

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## **Project News**



The first six-month Activity Report was submitted with an official letter to the project stakeholders on 15.06.2020 and approved by the Contracting Authority: Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation, General Directorate of European Union and Foreign Relations.

The English version of the Project Brochure was submitted to the Beneficiary, Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation, General Directorate of Environmental Management and the Contracting Authority, Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation, General Directorate of European Union and Foreign Relations on 16.06.2020. The final version will be shared with a design for approval.













The sixth Operation Coordination Unit Meeting was held on 16.06.2020 through video conference due to COVID-19 related measures. At this meeting, Technical Assistance Team informed the participants on the preparation of Terms of References for the project experts to be recruited, the works on the Contaminated Sites Information System and HelpDesk, and the preparation of technical specifications under works component for identification and remediation of two pilot sites contaminated with persistent organic pollutants. The methodology prepared for the identification of sites was shared after this meeting and the suggestions for revisions to this methodology were received. The methodology will be finalized in July and evaluation committee which will take part in the identification of these sites will be established.













According to decisions taken during the sixth Operations Coordination Unit Meeting, a technical meeting was held on 24.06.2020 through video conference to discuss on the identification of sites in detail. Potential sites registered in Contaminated Sites Information System and filtered by different methods were presented and the lists of main and alternative sites were shared in order to initiate the permission processes.

Based on the decisions taken at this meeting, it was decided that an official letter will be sent to the institutions primarily for the state-owned contaminated sites.

Following the Technical Meeting on Identification of Sites, an official letter was sent to the relevant institutions and organizations of the General Directorate of Environmental Management for cleaning and remediation of the potentially contaminated sites within the scope of this project.

The selection process of FIDIC/PRAG Expert who will work on the preparation of the Technical Specifications for the remediation of the pilot sites was completed. The Expert will start his duty in July.













Training Needs Assessment Report which was prepared according to the results of Training Needs Analysis survey was submitted to the Beneficiary, Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation, General Directorate of Environmental Management and the Contracting Authority, Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation, General Directorate of European Union and Foreign Relations on 29.06.2020. It will be finalized according to received comments and will be submitted in Turkish and in English.

Communication Action Plan which was prepared to promote the project's activities, to inform the institutions and stakeholders who are interested in receiving support from this project, as well as to implement produce and appropriate communication methods was revised according to comments and submitted to the Beneficiary, Ministry **Environment** and Urbanisation. General ofDirectorate of Environmental Management and the Contracting Authority, Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation, General Directorate of European Union and Foreign Relations both in Turkish and in English.

The workplan of the Software Developer regarding the Contaminated Sites Information System and HelpDesk Navigator Software was submitted. The workplan was approved and the expert has started to work on the current situation analysis and software development.







