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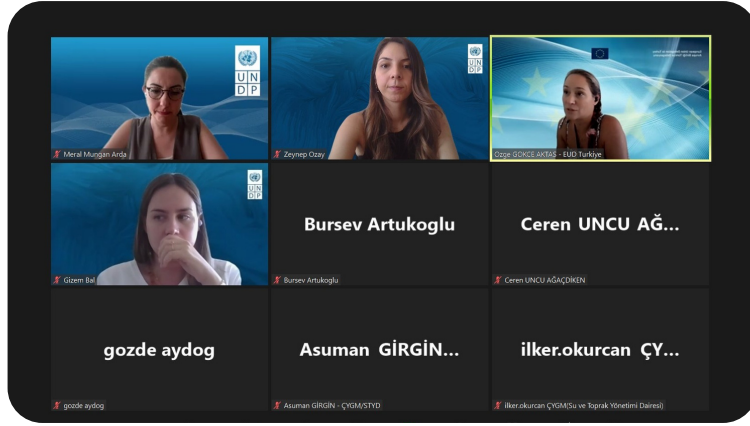
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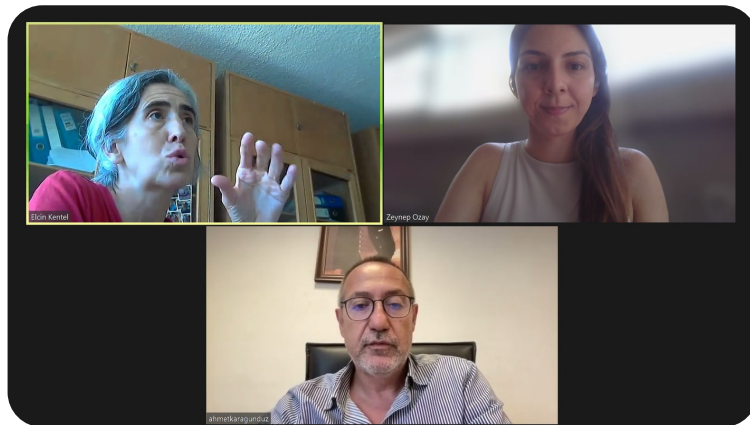
# 36th Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) Meeting



We held the 36th OCU meeting online on 28 August with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC) central staff, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office project team. During the meeting, we discussed the progress of the project, the planned activities, and the preparation processes of the addendum.

We presented our proposed dates for the new trainings, workshops and study visits planned for the upcoming period and accordingly, we have made the necessary preparations.

## Progress of the Project Activities



We are updating the Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources according to recommendations of the Soil Pollution Consultant and Water and Soil Management Department. In this context, we organized two meetings on 16 and 21 August with the participation of the Risk Assessment Expert and the Soil Pollution Expert to develop the Technical Guideline on Risk Assessment. During these meetings, our experts presented their recommendations on generic risk assessment studies.

Throughout August, we continued to organize our weekly project meetings to discuss the progress of project activities with the technical departments of the MoEUCC.

We met with the Software Expert and the technical department on 30 August to discuss the details regarding updates in the Contaminated Sites Information System. We will develop the remediation module to be in compliance with the regulation by the end of October.

We will organize a two-day By-Law on POPs Workshop in Ankara on 12-13 September, with the participation of 15 central staff from the MoEUCC, in particular from the Chemicals Management Unit. During this workshop, we will discuss the impact of decisions and proposed changes within the framework of the Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources on the By-law on POPs. Additionally, we will evaluate the need for revisions related to the draft Regulation on Mercury, the role of POPs in circular economy processes, and the new chemicals added to the Stockholm Convention in the workshop.

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