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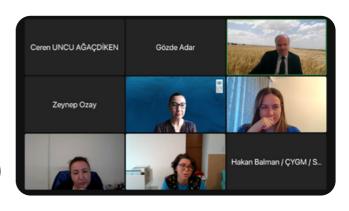
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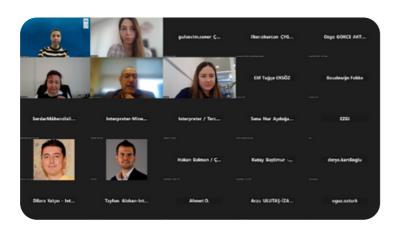
We held the online 29th Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) Meeting on 14 December with the representatives from the European Union (EU) Delegation to Türkiye, the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office.



We shared the progress on the activities concerning the identification of legal gaps in the existing "Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources" and "By-Law on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)", study visits, official correspondence for the pilot site usage and revised technical specifications. We provided information about the additional pilot site visit to be held on 20 December. In addition, we talked about the details of Legal Gap Analysis Consultation Meeting and Generic Health Risk Assessment Software Training which were held online on 15 December and 22 December respectively. We also discussed about the indicative dates for the training and workshop activities in the next six months.

We are planning to organize the 30th OCU Meeting online on 17 January.

Legal Gap Analysis Consultation Meeting



We held an online Legal Gap Analysis Consultation Meeting on 15 December with 33 participants (women: 14, men: 19) from Chemicals Management Department, Water Soil and Management Department, Directorate General of Environmental Impact (EIA) Assessment Permit and Inspection, Turkish Standards Institute (TSE), and accredited companies.

During the meeting, Soil Pollution Consultant made presentations about the currently revised Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources, By-Law on POPs, international conventions regarding POPs and then compared the findings within the scope of the legal gap analysis. The Consultant also compared the guidance documents and the international best practices and technologies and shared his recommendations. In addition, Chief Technical Advisor made a presentation about the management of POPs contaminated sites, technical details for the remediation of contaminated sites, best practices, and presented the EU Soil Strategy for 2030.

Pilot Site Visit to the Black Sea Region

We organized a technical site visit with the participation of the representatives from MoEUCC, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Türkiye Electricity Transmission Corporation (TEİAŞ) and Electric Generation Corporation (EÜAŞ), Chief Technical Advisor (CTA), Soil Pollution Consultant, and the UNDP Türkiye Country Office project team to a pilot site in the Black Sea Region on 20 December. During the mission, we visited the pilot site and observed further sampling and analysis studies through on-site examinations. Finally, we discussed about the general overview of the site and coordinated the sampling studies with the CTA and Soil Pollution Consultant.





Generic Health Risk Assessment Software Training

We organized an online Generic Health Risk Assessment Software Training on 22 December with a total of 71 participants from MoEUCC (5), Provincial Directorates of MoEUCC (62) and UNDP Türkiye Country Office project team (4) respectively (women: 34, men: 37). Following the opening remarks and introduction of the project, our Risk Assessment Consultant introduced the developed Generic Screening Level Calculator which was followed by the explanation of generic health risk calculations and the use of the calculator. Furthermore, she exemplified the use of the calculator and interpreted the results. We completed the training with the recommendations, questions, and answer session. Through this training, the new calculation tool which was submitted to the Ministry on 6 December was promoted to the central and provincial directorates.



Progress of Project Activities

During December, we continued to hold our weekly project meetings with the technical units of the Ministry, where we discussed about the progress on the project activities. We submitted the draft version of the Third Progress Report for the review of the MoEUCC on 7 December and formally submitted the Fifth Activity Report to the project stakeholders on 8 December.

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