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40th Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) Meeting



We held the 40th OCU meeting online on 27 December with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC), the Delegation of European Union to Türkiye (EUD), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office project team. During the meeting, we evaluated the monthly workplan of the project and discussed the remaining activities.

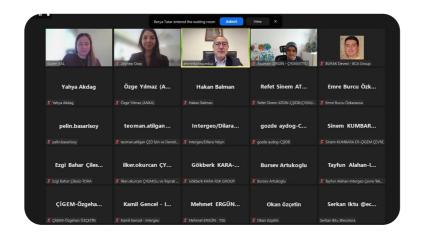
We aim to enhance the institutional capacity in the management of chemicals and contaminated sites through newly proposed activities in the second addendum, the last study visit planned in March, and Contaminated Sites Information System Training.

In February, we will organize a dissemination seminar where we will present the project outputs and discuss the results of each activity.

Progress of the Project Activities

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

You can access the news about the regulation training we organized in November on the UNDP webpage: Kasım ayında düzenlediğimiz yönetmelik eğitiminin haberine UNDP web sitesinden ulaşabilirsiniz: <u>UNDP</u>, kalıcı organik kirleticilerle kirlenmiş sahaların temizlenmesini desteklemeye yönelik eğitimlerini sürdürüyor | United Nations <u>Development Programme</u>



We organized an online consultation meeting regarding the Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources and Survey Guideline on 11 December. The meeting included 34 representatives from the central MoEUCC, accredited companies and universities. Our Soil Pollution Consultant presented the revision studies on the regulation, its annexes, and the Survey Guideline during this meeting.

At the beginning and end of the meeting, we conducted interactive sessions by directing questions to the participants through online applications and received their feedback and suggestions.

- We had a meeting with the Ministry on 25 December to discuss the integrated chemical management report for better management of POPs and persistent toxic substances. In January, we plan to hold a meeting where sector representatives will participate to assess the common challenges faced by the sector.
- We held a meeting with the national consultants on 22 December to discuss the report on the circularity of POPs and to receive feedback of the Ministry.

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