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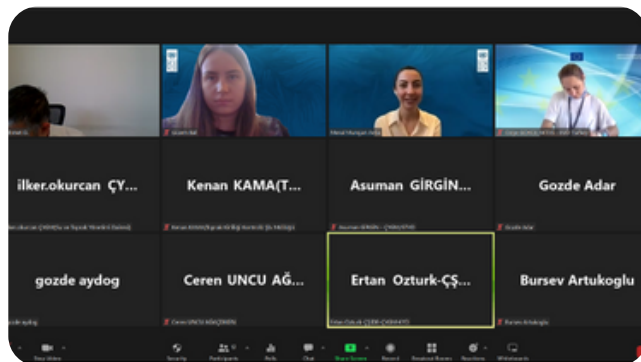
# 6th Steering Committee Meeting

We organized the online 6th Steering Committee Meeting on 7 October to discuss the last six months of the project. In the meeting attended by the representatives of the European Union Delegation to Türkiye, the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office, we talked about the addendum approval, progress of the project activities, planned activities to be implemented with the project extension period.

Face-to-face meetings requiring consultation for the updates on the Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources were postponed and rescheduled due to the pandemic. In this context, during the meeting, we discussed the new planning of the activities such as "Consultation Meetings", "Regulations Training", "Training for Companies Certified by MoEUCC with Proficiency on Remediation of Contaminated Sites" and "Sectoral Training for Potential Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Contaminated Site Owners Selected from Contaminated Sites Registration System."

We talked about the activities planned to be completed between 2023 and 2024 including "Additional Training on Risk Assessment and Alternative Remediation Technologies", "Regulation Workshop on POPs" and "Study Visit to an EU Country with Different Pollutants and Soil Remediation Techniques."

## 27th Operation Coordination Unit Meeting and Progress of Project Activities



We held the online 27th Operation Coordination Unit Meeting on 27 October with the participation of the European Union Delegation to Türkiye representative, Ms. Özge Gökçe Aktaş, the central staff of the MoEUCC, and the UNDP Türkiye Country Office project team.

In the meeting where the details of the use cases of the pilot sites were discussed with the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, we discussed about the site analysis, extended contracts due to project extension and second study visit as well as the current situations of the ongoing activities.

Following the soil analysis results at the pilot sites contaminated with POPs, we decided to carry out further analysis. We assessed the impact of new data to be obtained and the scope of re-use of the site on technical specifications and works component. We decided to make official correspondence to determine the re-use scope of the areas.

We will organize the second study visit in the first quarter of 2023 in order to enhance knowledge and experience in the field of POPs and the management of contaminated sites with POPs, to learn about international practices, to experience new technologies to increase the exchange of know-how between the institutions.

## Technical Meetings



We held a technical meeting on 25 October with the participation of relevant representatives from the Water and Soil Management Department and Project Software Development Specialist at the MoEUCC premises for the integration of the remediation processes into Contaminated Sites Information System (CSIS) according to Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources.

Face-to-face technical meeting where the use cases of the pilot sites were evaluated for finalization of the technical specifications of contaminated sites remediation was held at the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources premises with the participation of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Türkiye Electricity Transmission Corporation, Electric Generation Corporation and the UNDP Türkiye Country Office representatives on 26 October. We put an emphasis on the importance of continuous inter-agency coordination efforts.

In the meeting where we discussed the completed and planned activities of the project, Soil Pollution Consultant gave information about the current situation of the relevant pilot sites. He shared the pollution concentrations of the pilot sites and stated that the scope of the remediation activities should be determined according to their future use cases. We planned to organize international study visits to the countries where different cleaning techniques are applied.

We submitted the draft 6th Annual Report covering the period of April – October 2022 to the MoEUCC for their comments and approval.



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