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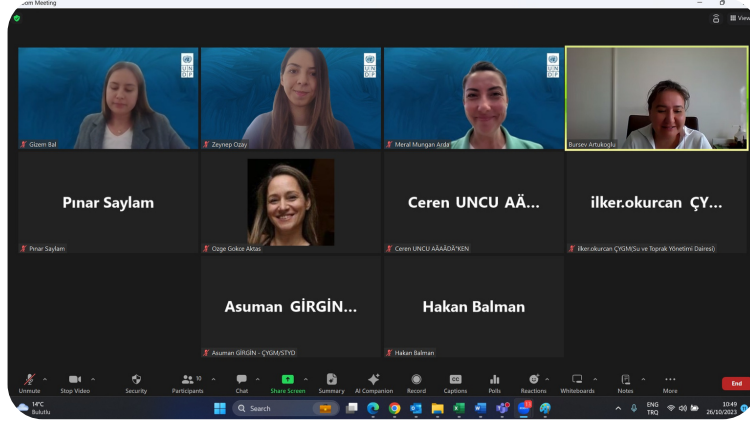
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38th Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) Meeting



We held the 38th OCU meeting online on 26 October with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC), the Delegation of the European Union to Türkiye, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office project team. During the meeting, we discussed the activity schedule for the last five months of the project, preparations for the second addendum request, and reporting.

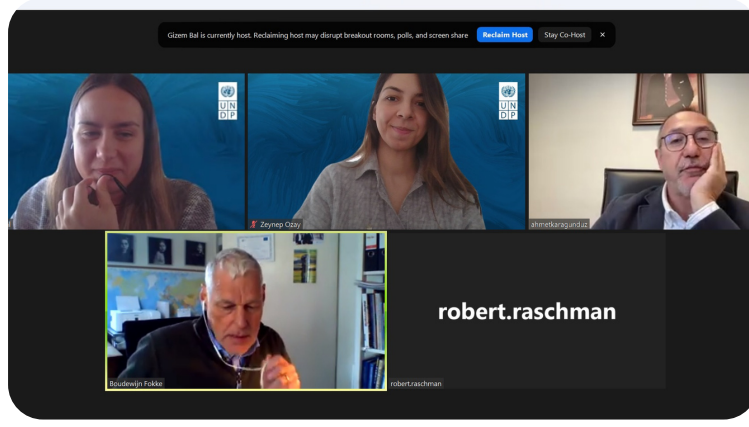
We have evaluated the preliminary preparations for the upcoming Regulation Training, Contaminated Sites Information System (CSIS) Training and the second study visit to Italy planned for the next period.

We aim to enhance the knowledge of central and provincial staff of the ministry through these trainings on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), sites contaminated with POPs, generic risk assessments, remediation technologies, and the use of the Contaminated Sites Information System.

Progress of the Project Activities

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

We organized a hybrid Sectoral Training within the scope of the Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources on 24-25 October, with 45 representatives (41 physical and 4 online) from various sectors, including the MoEUCC. We discussed their experiences with site management and legislative practices related to contaminated sites with POPs.



During the preparatory meeting for the training on 10 October, we developed comprehensive presentations according to the agenda topics determined with the training experts, covering both national and international developments, which we presented to the participants.

You can access the international presentations at (kalicikirleticiler.com).



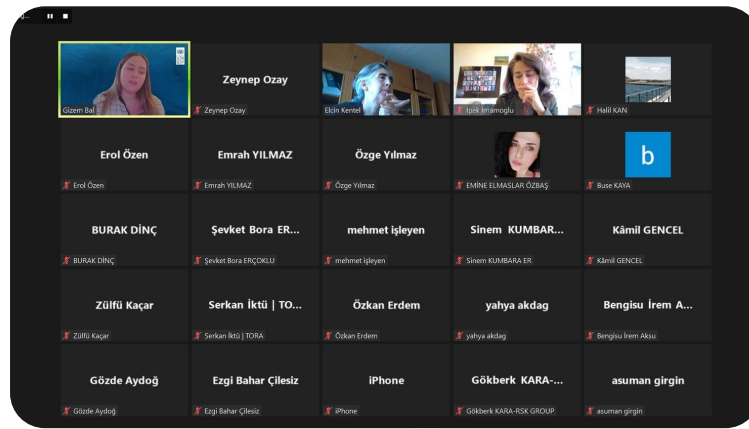
On the first day of the training, our experts Boudewijn Fokke and Robert Raschman presented international approaches and best site examples for identification of sectors. Our national Soil Pollution Expert, Ahmet Karagündüz, delivered various presentations for two days regarding the impact of revisions in the Regulation.



You can access the digital POPs brochure distributed at the Sectoral Training through the QR code.



On 30 October, software expert and technical experts held a meeting with the ministry representatives regarding the studies for the “Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources”. They reviewed the revised regulation in the framework of the preparations for the Regulation Training to be held in November 2023.



We organized the online Consultation Meeting on the Technical Guideline on Risk Assessment of Contaminated Sites and Technical Guideline on Remediation, Monitoring and Technologies for Contaminated Sites on 31 October. 31 representatives from the MoEUCC, universities and accredited companies attended the meeting. Risk Assessment Expert, Elçin Kentel Erdoğan and Contaminated Sites Expert, İpek İmamoğlu provided information to the participants regarding the current version of the technical guideline. The experts are updating the technical guidelines according to the "Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources".



We will organize the second study visit of the project to Italy between 6 and 10 November with the participation of central representatives from the MoEUCC. During this visit, we will visit various institutions such as the Joint Research Center, Brescia University, Brescia Municipality, and the Food and Agriculture Organization. The central representatives from the ministry will observe on-site international approaches such as POPs, contaminated sites, and remediation technologies.

Our international expert, Marco Falconi continues to work on the preliminary preparations for study visit to Italy. In October, we conducted online meetings with the expert to develop an agenda and arrange institutional meetings.

- We organized an introductory meeting on 17 October with the participation of the Circularity of POPs Expert and Chemicals Management Department. We discussed the details of the assessment report prepared for the better management of POPs in this training.
- We will organize the "Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated Sites by Point Sources Training" in Antalya between 15-17 November with the participation of representatives from the central and provincial directorates of the MoEUCC. In this training, we will explain the final version of the regulation and technical guidelines to the participants and will work on the case studies through group activities.

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