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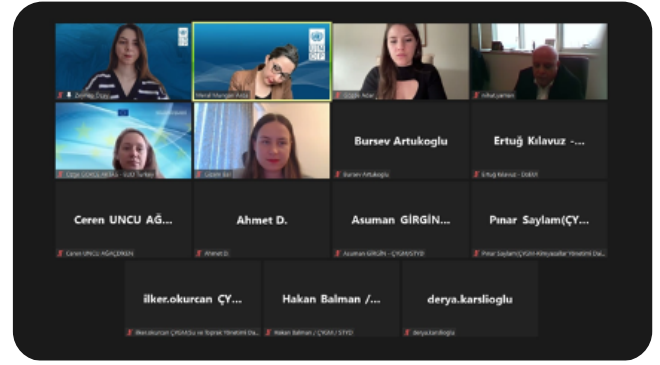
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31st Operation Coordination Unit Meeting

We held the online 31st Operation Coordination Unit Meeting on 22 March 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.

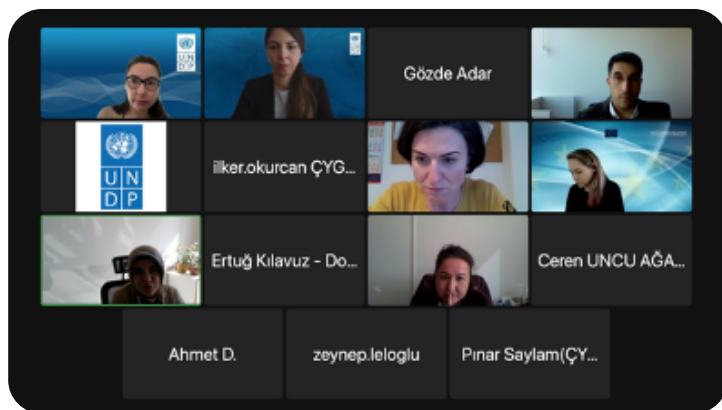


During the meeting, we discussed the current status of the ongoing project activities. We also covered the time planning of activities such as the study visit, workshop and training which were postponed due to the recent earthquake in Türkiye.

We are working on the Technical Guidance on Remediation and Monitoring of Contaminated Sites and the circularity of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). Our Risk Assessment Consultant has been updating the Technical Guidance on Risk Assessment of Contaminated Sites. We submitted the first draft guideline to the Ministry's reviews on 20 March.

During the meeting, we assessed the situation regarding the pilot remediation studies to be carried out at the sites contaminated with POPs and the works component.

Technical Meeting on the Works Component



We organized an online technical meeting on 27 March regarding the pilot remediation studies to be carried out at sites contaminated with POPs under the works component. Representatives of the EU Delegation to Türkiye, the MoEUCC and the UNDP Türkiye Country Office attended the meeting. Following the results of the meeting, we are carrying on our studies on the works component.

Technical Meeting on the Risk Assessment Technical Guidance Document

We are updating the technical guidelines according to the revisions made in the Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point-Sources.



We held a technical meeting on 30 March at the MoEUCC premises with the participation of the Soil Pollution Consultant, the Contaminated Sites Consultant, the Risk Assessment Consultant, representatives from the Water and Soil Management Department and UNDP Türkiye Country Office to discuss the proposed updates to the Technical Guidance Document on Risk Assessment of Contaminated Sites.

Progress of the Project Activities

During March, we continued to organize our weekly project meetings with the MoEUCC, where we discussed the progress regarding the project activities. According to these meetings, we continue the necessary work for the activities planned in 2023. We are working on the technical and logistical arrangements within the scope of the "Training for Companies Certified by MoEUCC with Proficiency on Contaminated Site Remediation", which is planned to be held on 3-4 May with the participants also from the central MoEUCC.

We officially submitted the 6th Activity Report to the project's stakeholders on 7 March. We submitted the draft 7th Activity Report for review of the Contracting Authority, the Beneficiary and the EUD on 22 March, two weeks prior to Steering Committee Meeting. We are going to organize the 7th Steering Committee Meeting online, where we will discuss the progress we have made in the last 6 months of the project, on 5 April with the participation of all stakeholders.

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