

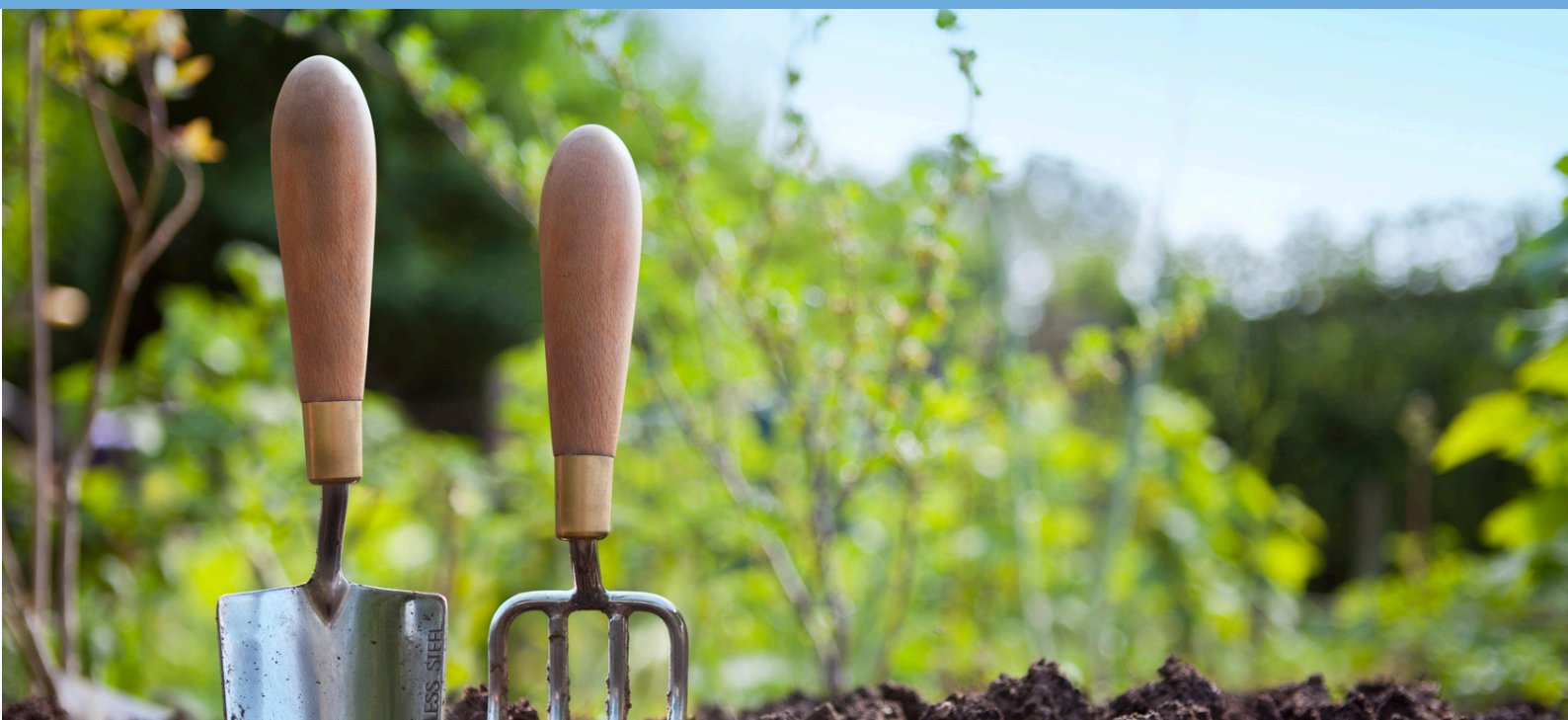


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# The Netherlands Study Visit



We organized the third study visit of the project to the Netherlands between 4-8 March, with the participation of 5 representatives from the Water and Soil Management Department, and the Chemicals Management Department of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC). During this visit, coordinated by the Chief Technical Advisor, we met with companies, institutions, and the municipalities of Rotterdam and Amsterdam that are working on the remediation of contaminated sites with persistent organic pollutants in the Netherlands. We learned about international best practices through inter-institutional experience sharing.

During the study visit to the Netherlands, we visited the sites of Volgermeer Polder and Diemerzeedijk, where remediation activities were carried out in the Amsterdam region along with the experts, and learned about the technologies that were used. We had an opportunity to learn about international experiences and share information regarding the national studies within the scope of the project.

## Integrated Management of Chemicals in Türkiye Meeting

We held the Integrated Management of Chemicals in Türkiye Meeting between 28-29 March with the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change.



The Integrated Chemical Management Expert explained the draft Chemicals Strategy Action Plan to the participants during the meeting, where 8 representatives of the MoEUCC attended on the first day and 5 representatives attended on the second day. We discussed the feasibility, advantages and disadvantages of the Revised Swiss Model approach proposed by our project experts. During the meeting, we decided to hold additional coordination meetings with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) and Distance Education Centre (UZEM) and to work in detail for the proposed Swiss Model.

## Progress of Project Activities

Throughout March, we continued to organize our weekly meetings with the technical departments of the MoEUCC to discuss activity plans of the project.

We submitted Addendum No.3 that was prepared to extend the project for another 4 months with the project completion date on August 8, for approval on 11 March. We presented the draft version of the 9th Activity Report to the stakeholders.

We held a meeting at the Ministry in Ankara on 21 March regarding the Control of Soil Pollution and the Regulation on Point Source Contaminated Sites, and the POPs Regulation. We evaluated the suggestions from the experts about the revisions to be made in the Regulation. Discussions continue between the project experts who work on the draft regulation and the relevant technical departments.

We completed the report prepared by the relevant project experts on the Circularity of Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Impact on Contaminated Sites Management.

The report underlines the following: i) the best correct management of POPs among the rapidly improving circular economy models will only be possible with an integrated approach; ii) integrated chemicals management should be studied in detail and the opportunities to be created for the correct management throughout the life cycle of POPs should be maximized, iii) efforts should be made to develop new legislation on the center of POPs for circular economy.

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