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Regulation Workshops

Regarding the "Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point-Sources", we organized the first workshop on 25-26 January 2022 and the second workshop on 29-30 March 2022 in Ankara.

The central and provincial directorates of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change have been updating and ensuring the applicability of the regulation. The central representatives and technical experts met on 16-17 March 2022 to evaluate the first workshop results and share their suggestions. Preparations were completed with this study before the second workshop on 20-30 March 2022.



*Regulation Meeting
16-17 March 2022*

The second Regulation Workshop started with the opening speech of Özge Gökçe Aktaş, Sector Manager of the Delegation of the European Union to Turkey. Ms. Aktaş stated that the regulation has a major role in the international framework and a comprehensive revision can be made with the help of these studies. Menderes İşcen, Head of Water and Soil Management Department and Menekşe Keski, Branch Manager of Chemicals Management Department welcomed all representatives and thanked for their participation.

And then, Ahmet Karagündüz, Soil Pollution Expert presented the suggestions such as the scored evaluation system, inspection priority and guideline preparation for prioritizing the suspected site inspection. Following this presentation about the first workshop decisions, participants shared their knowledge and experiences on interim intervention methods, audit processes and establishment of the commission. The working group agreed to use a clearer expression instead of the concept of “interim intervention” in the regulation and develop the current definition together with the additional communiqués.

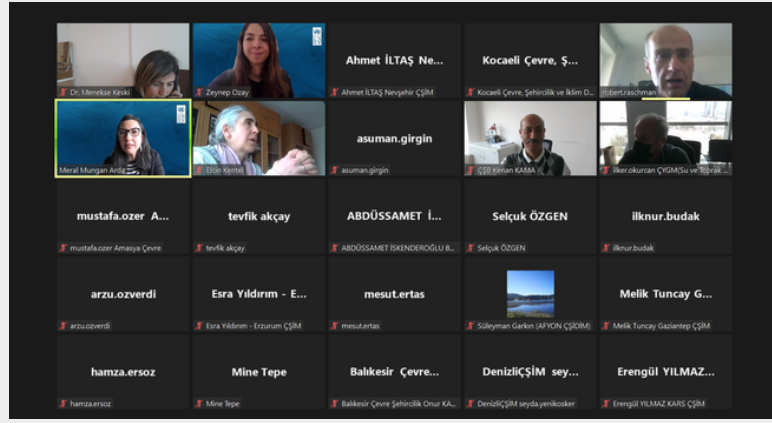


*Regulation Workshop
29-30 March 2022*

The next workshop is planned for 26-27 April 2022.

Parameters Workshop

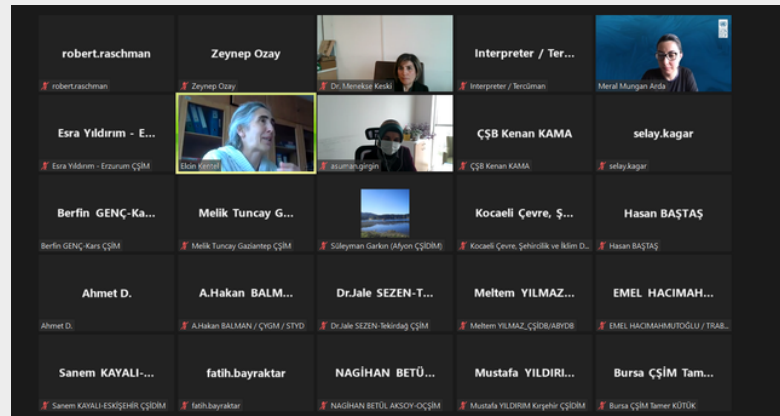
Workshop on Defining the Parameters for Prioritization of Contaminated Sites was held online on 4 March 2022. Robert Raschman, Contaminated Sites Management Expert provided information about the identification and registration process of sites, prioritization parameters and examples of international approaches. 110 people from central and provincial directorates of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, universities, and accredited companies attended these sessions. The international best practices specifically in the Czech Republic was presented as a case study in determining the parameters. Participants conveyed their suggestions and questions through inclusive and interactive evaluation tools. The workshop results will be shared in the coming days.



*Parameters Workshop
4 March 2022*

Defining the Contaminants and Sectors

Workshop on Defining the Contaminants and Sectors was held online on 15 March 2022. 74 people, especially the central and provincial directorates of the ministry and academicians from the universities attended this workshop. Meral Mungan Arda, UNDP Chemicals and Waste Projects Coordinator gave a short presentation on the project.



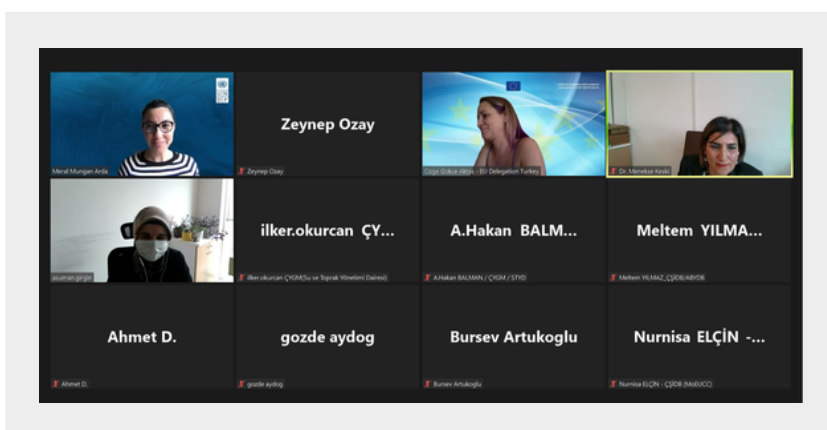
*Workshop on Defining the Contaminants and Sectors
15 March 2022*

After the opening session, Contaminated Sites Management Expert provided information on contaminants and sectors and the scope of soil and groundwater pollutants in Turkey.

He explained the role of contaminants and sectors in the site registration and prioritization system through the case study in the Czech Republic. Following the last session, the participants have assessed pollutants and sectors that cause pollution in the soil and groundwater. Preparations for the evaluation report are in progress.

Operations Coordination Unit Meeting

European Union Delegation to Turkey, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change and UNDP project team participated in the twenty-third operational coordination unit meeting. On 22 March 2022, the upcoming events have been discussed on this online meeting. Chief Technical Advisor has met the members of the operations coordination unit.



*22nd Operation Coordination Meeting
22 March 2022*

- Project experts are preparing the technical guidelines. The updated Technical Guideline on Clean-Up/Remediation Technologies was shared with the technical team.
- Following the approval of the Ministry, the guideline will be disseminated.
- Preparations for the pilot remediation work are still ongoing within the scope of the project.



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