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# 44th Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) Meeting



We held the 44th OCU Meeting online on 2 May with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC), the European Union Delegation to Türkiye and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office project team. During the meeting, we reviewed the project's monthly work plan and discussed the remaining activities.

We also provided information regarding the completion of the remaining activities of the project. Additionally, we had preliminary discussions and meetings with the Ministry to work on the details of the expert specifications for the new module to be added to the CSIS software.

## Integrated Management of Chemicals in Türkiye Meeting

We held the Integrated Management of Chemicals in Türkiye Meeting on 23-24 May with the participation of representatives from the MoEUCC, UNDP Türkiye Country Office and universities at the Ministry premises.



We focused on evaluating alternative approaches recommended for Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of the Chemicals and advantages and disadvantages. We also received feedback from the participants and the Ministry regarding the draft report and the presentation led and presented by our project expert on Integrated Chemical Management. It was determined that a Consultative Meeting on the Report on Chemicals Management to Ensure Better POPs and PTS, which is the follow-up meeting to this one, will be held on 9 July with the participation of academicians, project experts, representatives from the Ministry, and various sectors.

## 45th Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) Meeting



We held the 45th OCU Meeting online on 29 May with the participation of representatives from MoEUCC, and UNDP Türkiye Country Office project team. During the meeting, we reviewed the project's monthly work plan and discussed the remaining activities.

We received feedback from the project stakeholders regarding the communication activities on the closure event. Additionally, we decided to accelerate the hiring process for the site-specific risk assessments expert.

## Progress of Project Activities

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



On 6 May and 15 May, we held meetings with our project expert Ahmet Karagündüz and representatives from the Ministry to receive final feedback regarding Soil Contamination Control and Point Source Contaminated Sites Legislation.

On 13 May, we held meetings with our project expert Sinem Erdoğan and representatives from the Ministry to receive final feedback regarding "Technical Guideline on Remediation and Monitoring of Contaminated Sites" and "Technical Guideline on Clean-Up/Remediation Technologies".

On 21 May, we held meetings with our project expert Yahya Akdağ and representatives from the Ministry to receive final feedback regarding the new module to be added to the CSIS software system.

We determined the date of the closure event, which is planned to be held within the scope of the project, as 24 July and received relevant approvals for this date. As the project technical support team, we initiated the coordination process for the implementation of this activity.

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