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# Identification and Remediation of Contaminated Sites with Persistent Organic Pollutants Project



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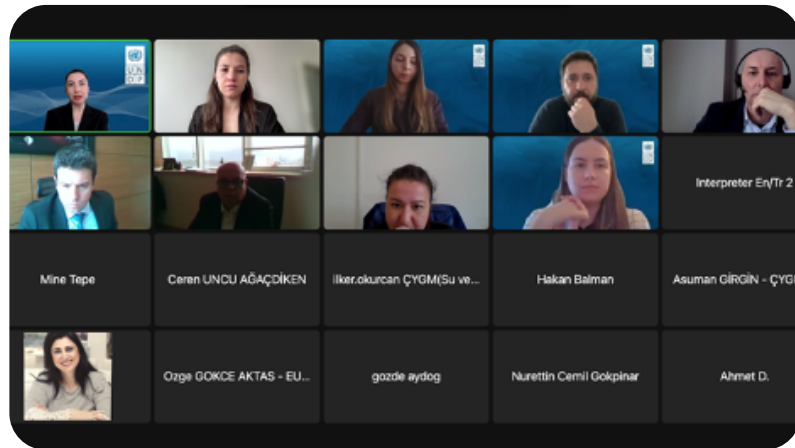
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# 7th Steering Committee Meeting

We held the 7th Steering Committee Meeting virtually on 5 April with the participation of representatives from the European Union (EU) Delegation to Türkiye, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs, the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office.



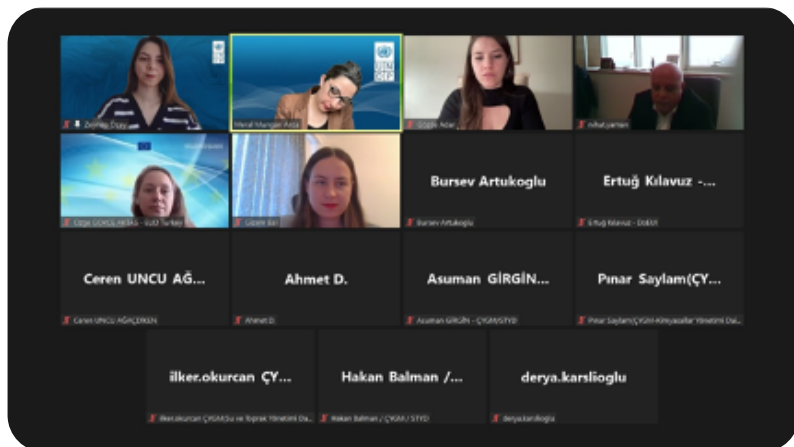
At the meeting, we reviewed the progress made in the project over the past six months and shared the completed and planned project activities. We presented changes made to the dates of some activities outlined in the draft work plan due to the recent earthquake in Türkiye for the MoEUCC's consideration.

We also discussed the details and time planning of the following activities to be completed between 2023-2024:

- Visiting an EU Country with contaminated sites with different pollutants and soil remediation techniques, as well as the Soil Unit of the European Environment Agency or Joint Research Center in ISPRA (Institute for Environmental Protection and Research),
- Organizing training for companies certified by the MoEUCC with proficiency in contaminated site remediation,
- Organizing a workshop on By-Law on POPs Legislation,
- Conducting a study on the circularity of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and the impact on contaminated sites management,
- Pilot remediation studies to be conducted on sites contaminated with POPs, and a current status assessment related to the works component.

# 32nd Operation Coordination Unit Meeting

We held the 32nd Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) meeting online on 27 April with the participation of representatives from the EU Delegation to Türkiye, the MoEUCC central staff, and the UNDP Türkiye Country Office project team.



After the last OCU meeting, we discussed the project progress, planned activities, and updates on the works component. We will organize the "Training for Companies Certified by the MoEUCC with Proficiency in Contaminated Site Remediation" activity for central ministry staff and certified companies on 3-4 May in Ankara.

## Progress of the Project Activities

We continued to organize our weekly project meetings throughout April to discuss the progress of project activities with the technical departments of the Ministry.

We officially submitted the 3rd Progress Report to project stakeholders on 18 April. We continue to work on the printed delivery of the 7th Activity Report, which was approved on 5 April.

The Soil Pollution Consultant and technical departments of the Ministry will come together to discuss the regulations to be made under the "Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources" on 2 May. After the revisions to the regulation, relevant experts will start working on the preparation of technical guidance documents.

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