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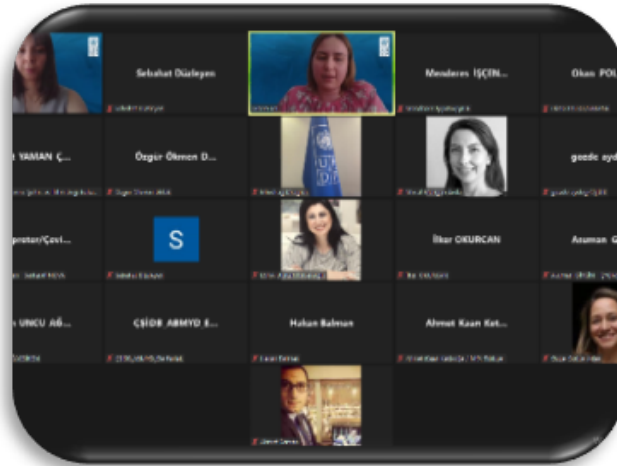
43rd Operation Coordination Unit (OCU) Meeting



We held the 43rd OCU Meeting online on 1 April with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC), 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 provided information regarding the activities planned to be added to the project with the approval of the Addendum No. 3.

9th Steering Committee Meeting



We held the 9th Steering Committee Meeting online on 4 April with the participation of representatives from the European Union Delegation to Türkiye, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office project team. We discussed the completed and ongoing activities over the last 6 months within the scope of the project during the meeting, which 20 people attended.

We summarized the progress of the project over the last 6 months and gave information regarding the activities in the meeting.

Over the last 6 months within the scope of the project:

- We held 6 OCU meetings.
- We organized By-law on POPs Workshop on 12-13 September 2023.
- We conducted Sectoral Training within the scope of the Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources Training on 24-25 October 2023.
- We organized Consultation Meeting on the Technical Guideline on Risk Assessment of Contaminated Sites and Technical Guideline on Remediation, Monitoring and Technologies for Contaminated Sites on 31 October 2023.
- We organized a study visit to Italy on 6 -10 November 2023.
- We held Sectoral Training on the Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources Training on 15-17 November 2023.
- We organized consultation meeting on the Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources and Survey Guideline on 11 December 2023.
- We held Training on Fully Developed Contaminated Sites Information System (CSIS) on 29-31 January 2024.
- We organized Dissemination Seminar on 28 February 2024.
- We organized a study visit to the Netherlands on 3-8 March 2024.

After the project presentation, we shared the work schedule planned to be implemented following the approval of Addendum No. 3. We provided information about the new module to be added to the project through Addendum No. 3 and developed within the CSIS software. We then gave each participant the floor one by one to gather their feedback on the process.

Progress of Project Activities

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

We received the approval for Addendum No.3, which included the request to extend the project until 8 August, on 5 April. We completed the 9th Activity Report following the feedback and comments received. We plan to submit the printed version of the report in May.



We held an online meeting on 22 April regarding the Regulation and Health Risk Assessment Technical Guide with our experts Ahmet Karagündüz and Elçin Kentel Erdoğan. In the meeting, we updated the guide according to the comments received from the Ministry. The Ministry plans to make the Regulation and its annexes available to institutions for comments in the following months.

We held an online meeting on 30 April, attended by representatives from MoEUCC and UNDP Türkiye Country Office, to discuss the results of the final evaluation completed within the scope of the project. During the meeting, our project expert, Maria Onestini, provided detailed information on the final evaluation she completed and answered the questions received from the participants.

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