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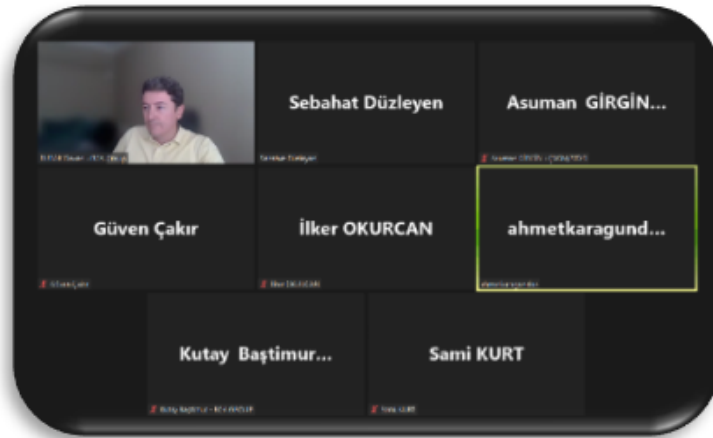
Consultative Meeting on Additional Module to Contaminated Sites Information System (CSIS)



We held an online Consultative Meeting on Additional Module to CSIS on 2 July, with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization (MoEUCC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office project team, Soil Pollution Expert Ahmet Karagündüz, and Software Development Expert Yahya Akdağ.

During the meeting, we provided information on additional module and added that the new module will be compatible with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and will be able to provide the latest information on chemicals published by the EPA.

Site-Specific Risk Assessment Meeting on Scenario 3



We held the Site-Specific Risk Assessment Meeting on Scenario 3 online on 23 July, with the participation of representatives from the MoEUCC, UNDP Türkiye Country Office project team, Soil Pollution Expert Ahmet Karagündüz and BCA Group. During the meeting, we evaluated the Scenario 3 in detail, made necessary changes following the feedback and comments from the Ministry and Soil Pollution Expert, and completed the Site-Specific Risk Assessment.

Project Closure Meeting

We organized the Project Closure Meeting on 24 July at Bilkent Otel, with the participation of the European Union Delegation to Türkiye, MoEUCC, Directorate General of EU and Foreign Relations, Chemicals Management Department, Water and Soil Management Department and provincial directorates, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs, and UNDP Türkiye Country Office. The meeting was attended by 202 participants.



Following the opening ceremony and speeches, we presented a detailed project overview, including the results and experiences gained throughout the project. Within the scope of the project so far;

- We prepared the Regulation on the Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources. We updated the annexes of the regulation and 5 technical guidelines.
- We updated and harmonized EU POPs by law and the Soil Contamination Strategy.
- We improved the management processes of chemicals and POPs by adding new modules to the CSIS software.
- We developed important tools, such as the Generic Health Risk Assessment Software, and made them available for the Ministry's use.
- We collected samples from different sites and involved provincial directorates in these activities.
- We conducted activities such as identifying sampling points, collecting soil samples, and drilling during 12 field visits.
- We trained 698 people within the scope of the Management of Contaminated Sites with POPs.
- We organized 17 training sessions, 10 workshops, and 4 consultation meetings with the participation of the ministry, provincial directorates, accredited firms, the sector, and universities.

- We interacted with ministry personnel working on sites in Türkiye from 81 provinces.
- We organized study visits to three different countries - Czech Republic, the Netherlands, and Italy - and visited more than 10 sites where remediation activities were being carried out or were completed.
- We received support from 16 different experts for the management of activities.

Following the project presentation, we held a panel on “Prioritization of Environmental Management (Contaminated Sites and Chemicals Management) at National and International Levels,” moderated by Soil Pollution Expert Ahmet Karagündüz. We successfully completed the panel with the participation of Chief Technical Advisor Boudewijn Frans Hugo Fokke, International Technical Expert Marco Falconi, Academician from Sabancı University Eda Acara, Senior Consultant on Preparation of POPs Guideline Sinem Erdoğan, and Integrated Chemicals Management Expert Prof. Dr. Erkan Şahinkaya from İstanbul Medeniyet University.

In the afternoon session of the Closure Meeting, we listened to presentations by Soil Pollution Expert Ahmet Karagündüz, Project Chief Technical Advisor Boudewijn Frans Hugo Fokke, and Software Development Expert Yahya Akdağ. Throughout the day, we exhibited VR displays, videos produced within the scope of the project, and displayed sampling devices.



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