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EU – TURKEY CLIMATE POLICY DIALOGUE IN A NUTSHELL

Civil Society Dialogue Programme
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Project Objective

The aim of the project is to establish a sustained dialogue between Turkish and European civil society organizations on the articulation of climate change policy between the EU and Turkey, as well as to formulate a holistic policy vision that will help structure civil society organizations (and industries') strategies and action plans towards clear climate policy objectives.

This project is jointly implemented by the **European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition (ERCST)** and the **İklim Araştırmaları Derneği (IAD)** within the scope of the Civil Society Dialogue between EU-Turkey Grant Scheme (CSD-VI), which is funded by the European Union and coordinated by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs.



Actions and activities

The EU – Turkey Climate Policy Dialogue entails the following activities:

- Building a network and facilitate the dialogue between EU and Turkish Civil Society Organizations
- Stakeholder mapping of key EU and Turkish CSOs
- One-on-one interviews with key EU and Turkish CSOs
- Interactive and informative workshops for EU and Turkish CSOs and other relevant stakeholders
- Knowledge outputs including webcast recordings, research materials and presentations
- Stakeholder survey aimed at understanding CSOs needs, challenges and opportunity areas
- Communication and dissemination of project developments
- Development of roadmap for a sustained dialogue for EU and Turkish CSOs
- Development of a policy vision document



Identifying action lines:

As a result of the one-on-one interviews with CSOs the identified climate policies and trends that are most at concern are:

- The European Green Deal (EGD)
- The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
- The New Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP)
- The Farm to Fork Strategy
- Just Transition policies
- Transition to renewable energies



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To create a sustained dialogue and ensure the successful involvement of civil society organizations in climate change policy processes, the possible activities and paths that can be followed include:

- Roundtable discussions with key stakeholders
- Informal dialogue discussions for knowledge sharing, exploring different topics and exchanging ideas
- Series of workshops open to the public
- Capacity building and training programs to strengthen civil society organizations knowledge and capacities on topics such as:
 - Architecture of the European Green Deal and other EU climate policies
 - How to transition towards a low carbon economy
 - Formal and informal participation processes in policymaking
- Mailing group, newsletter
- Working, study, focus groups on a determined topic
- Online platform for CSOs or a specific interest group
- Toolbox with a roadmap and recommendations for CSOs for the articulation in climate policy processes



Who will it benefit?

Participation to the dialogue is open to anyone interested in engaging on this topic.

Who can benefit from this dialogue?

- Civil Society Organizations including NGO's, universities, development agencies, industry, and regional associations
- Governments and the different Ministries involved in climate change policymaking
- Both large and small medium enterprises (SMEs)
- The broader community and society



Links and project materials



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