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EU-Turkey Climate Policy Dialogue Opening Meeting and Workshop Press Release

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The European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition (ERCST) and the Climate Research Association (IAD) are pleased to announce that the opening meeting of the EU – Turkey Climate Policy Dialogue Project was held online on July 6, 2021. This activity together with other planned webinars are meant to bring together EU and Turkish civil society organisations to strengthen cooperation on climate change policy.

During the interactive workshop, participants were introduced to the overall objectives of the project as well as the activities that will be undertaken to achieve those objectives. In addition, the EU policy expert from ERCST presented an extensive overview of the European Green Deal agenda and the different files that it encompasses. Reactions from Turkish speakers focused on the implications of specific issues on Turkey and highlighted the importance for ambition and cooperation to address the growing impacts of climate change.

Andrei Marcu, Executive Director of ERCST emphasized that “it is crucial that this dialogue is maintained beyond the end of the project in order to see a real impact of these activities and the empowerment of civil societies in climate policy-making processes. We will ensure a successful cooperation and dialogue between EU and Turkish civil societies.”

Prof. Ahmet Atıl Aşıc from the Istanbul Technical University presented the result of a study on the [Potential Effects of the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism on the Turkish Economy](#) and he stressed out the fact that “ the EU CBAM will have a strong economic impact on Turkish industries, putting at risk 1.125 million jobs from sectors such as non-metallic minerals, basic metals, paper, refinery products, electricity and chemicals. However, if prior action is taken towards preparing the industry and society towards a low-carbon economy these risks could turn into opportunities.”

Lastly, taking a stakeholder driven approach, the aim of the project is to incorporate feedback from stakeholders to tailor activities to their needs and make meaningful contributions to a sustained dialogue. Therefore, the next event in the context of this project, which is planned for [October 6, 2021](#), will focus on specific items of the overall EU climate agenda for which stakeholders have expressed interest to explore further.

The EU-Turkey Climate Policy Dialogue project is financed by the European Union within the scope of the Civil Society Dialogue Program between the EU and Turkey and coordinated by the Presidency for EU Affairs. You can follow the developments of the project at www.climatepolicydialogue.com and social media accounts ([LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#)).

The workshop materials can be [accessed here](#), both in English and Turkish versions. The recording of the meeting can be found [here](#).





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