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CEDIS3 NEWSLETTER



1ST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



The First Steering Committee Meeting of "Capacity Enhancement for Development and Implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies in Türkiye's Regions (CEDIS3)" project was carried out on 18 January 2024, focusing on key management aspects of the project.

Chaired by Mr. Mustafa Işık, Deputy Director General of Development Agencies, the meeting saw active participation from Mr. Mustafa Caner Meydan, Director of the Operation Coordination Unit, members of the Operation Coordination Unit, representatives of the Contracting Authority, the Secretary General and experts of the West Mediterranean Development Agency (BAKA), the Secretary General and experts of the Ahiler Development Agency (AHİKA), the Secretary General and experts of the Eastern Anatolia Development Agency (DAKA) and experts from the DA, representatives from the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and the Presidency of Strategy and Budget Office, and Technical Assistance Team.

This Steering Committee Meeting, to be scheduled every six months, prioritised discussion on strategic planning, progress evaluations, resource allocation and coordination among stakeholders.



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WORKING GROUP



1ST WORKING GROUP MEETING

The First Working Group Meeting of CEDIS3 project was convened on 18 January 2024.

The working group meeting centred around critical aspects of the project, namely the S3 Development Manual, the National S3 Roadmap, and the capacity-building training modules. The discussions focused on constructive suggestions from the working group members, assessments of previous actions, and strategic planning for future initiatives.



WHAT IS WORKING GROUP?

The working group is established to ensure consistent oversight and coordination of the three activities namely; development of S3 Manual, National S3 Roadmap, and the capacity-building training programmes. In addition, the accumulated knowledge and the experience of the permanent members and guests of the Working Group will be used to oversee the future activities of the CEDIS3 project.

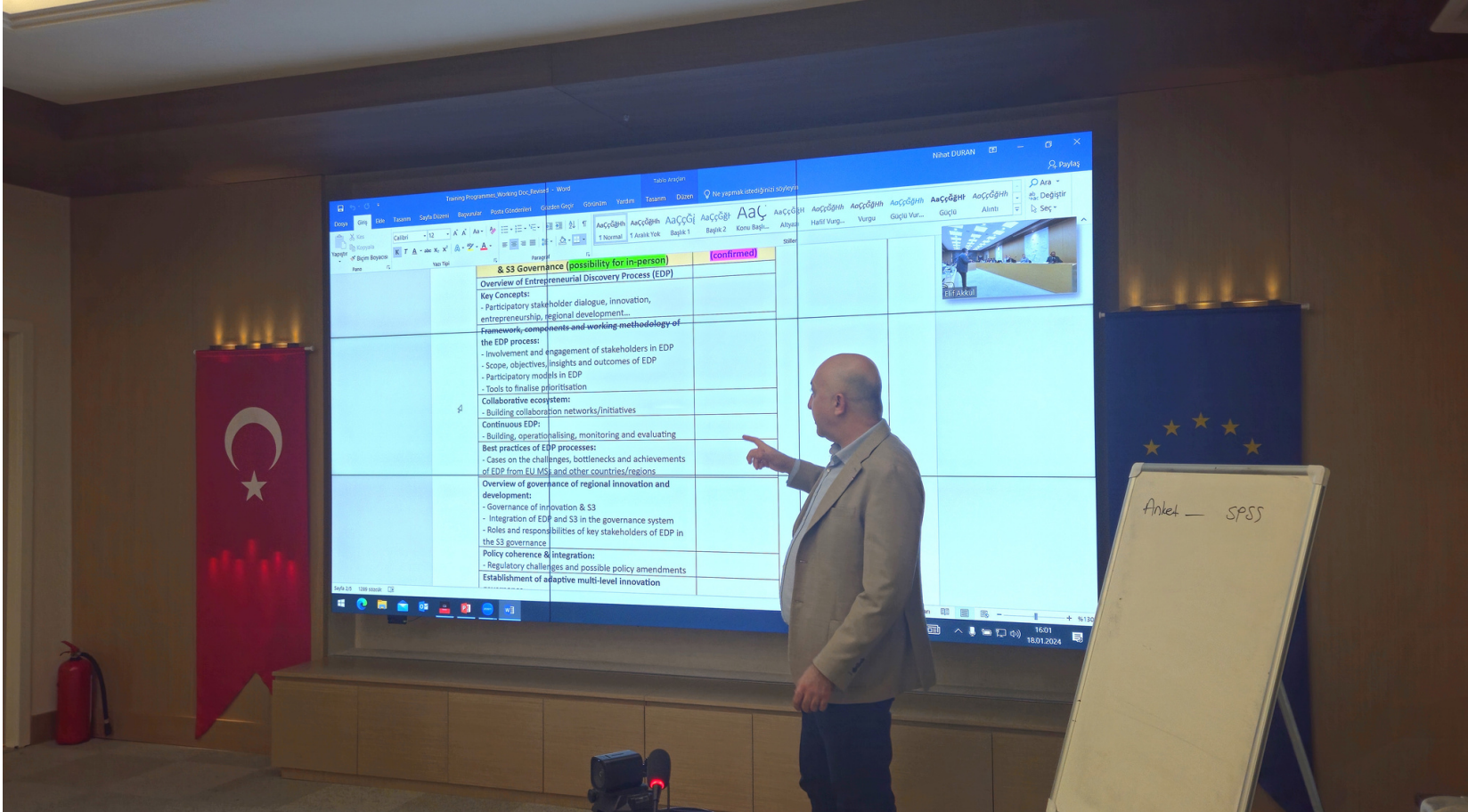


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FOCUS GROUP



1ST FOCUS GROUP MEETING

The First Focus Group Meeting of CEDIS3 project was held on 18 January 2024.

The purpose of establishing the focus group was to provide a platform for sharing views and feedback on the needs of the training participants based on the results of the Training Needs Assessment. In this context, the focus of the meeting was to evaluate the previous training activity and analyse the training needs for the next training modules.

The meeting was carried out with the participation of the Operation Coordination Unit members, heads of units and experts from the West Mediterranean Development Agency (BAKA), Ahiler Development Agency (AHİKA), Eastern Anatolia Development Agency (DAKA), Ankara Development Agency (ANKARAKA), representatives from the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB), and Technical Assistance Team.

WHAT IS FOCUS GROUP?



Focus Group discussions will aim to gain an in-depth insight into the opinions and perceptions of the training participants regarding their needs. An evaluation of the previous training and an analysis of the training needs for the upcoming training modules will be carried out in these focus group meetings. The working methodology of the focus group will ensure that the participants can freely share their comments, suggestions, and needs.



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PROJECT PROGRESS

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Discussions are currently taking place with the experts who will conduct the training regarding the planning of the second training module, scheduled for February. This module, which will focus on smart specialization mapping, data management, and analysis, is planned to be organized online.

MONTHLY COORDINATION MEETING

The monthly coordination meeting took place to review the project's progress, plan upcoming activities, and discuss future initiatives. Held on 9 January 2024, the meeting brought together the Project Operation Coordination Unit and the Technical Assistance Team to address pertinent issues.

MOBILISATION OF REGIONAL EXPERTS

Work has begun on mobilising regional experts through the smart specialisation platforms planned for establishment in the three pilot regions of the project (TR61, TRB2, and TR71). Development agencies in these regions have been contacted, and arrangements have been made for future field visits. Additionally, collaboration has been initiated on expert proposals of development agencies.

S3 DEVELOPMENT MANUAL & NATIONAL S3 ROADMAP

Work on the S3 Development Manual and the National S3 Roadmap is ongoing with a strong collaboration between the experts and the Technical Assistance Team. Draft versions of each chapter for these crucial documents are being compiled, ensuring coordination among experts. Additionally, several meetings have been held to promote cooperation among experts. Furthermore, a shared archive has been established to maintain consistency between the two documents.