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CEDIS3 NEWSLETTER



OPENING EVENT

The Opening Event of “Capacity Enhancement for Development and Implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies in Türkiye’s Regions (CEDIS3)” took place in Ankara, with the participation of the Deputy Minister of the Industry and Technology Prof Dr Ahmet Yozgatlıgil, Director General of the Development Agencies Mr Ahmet Şimşek, Director General of the EU and Foreign Affairs Mr Ahmet Halit Hatip and the Deputy Director General of the Development Agencies Mr Mustafa Işık; Head of Cooperation of the EU Delegation to Türkiye Mr Odoardo Como; Team Leader from the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission Mr Manuel Palazuelos Martinez as well as 176 participants from the development agencies and other stakeholders.



THE CEDIS3 PROJECT,

Implemented by DAI (in consortium with IPCEU and Tabu), aims to provide support to development of Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) in the regions of Türkiye, in over 2 years with a budget of €2.6 million.

The CEDIS3 project will be a new milestone in the innovation-based sustainable growth journey of Türkiye and its regions by:

- Building and improving the capacity of the beneficiaries and other stakeholders
- Developing and implementing smart specialisation strategies in three pilot regions
- Strengthening the interregional cooperation and international partnership of all regions to develop S3, with a particular focus on the pilot regions



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TRAINING ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY: ORGANISING TRAINING
PROGRAMMES ON S3

8-9 November 2023

The first training module of the CEDIS3 project, funded by the Republic of Türkiye and the European Union, was held on 8-9 November 2023 and successfully completed.

TRAINING ON “GENERAL S3 FRAMEWORK”

Starting on 8 November 2023 in the afternoon, after the Opening Event, the training continued on 9 November 2023 and was delivered in four groups under the expertise of Mr Nida Kamil Özbolat, Mr Krzysztof Gulda, Ms Liana Marina Ranga and, Mr Patrice Dos Santos. The training was attended by 104 participants from Ministry of Industry and Technology, Development Agencies, Regional Development Administrations and TÜBİTAK.





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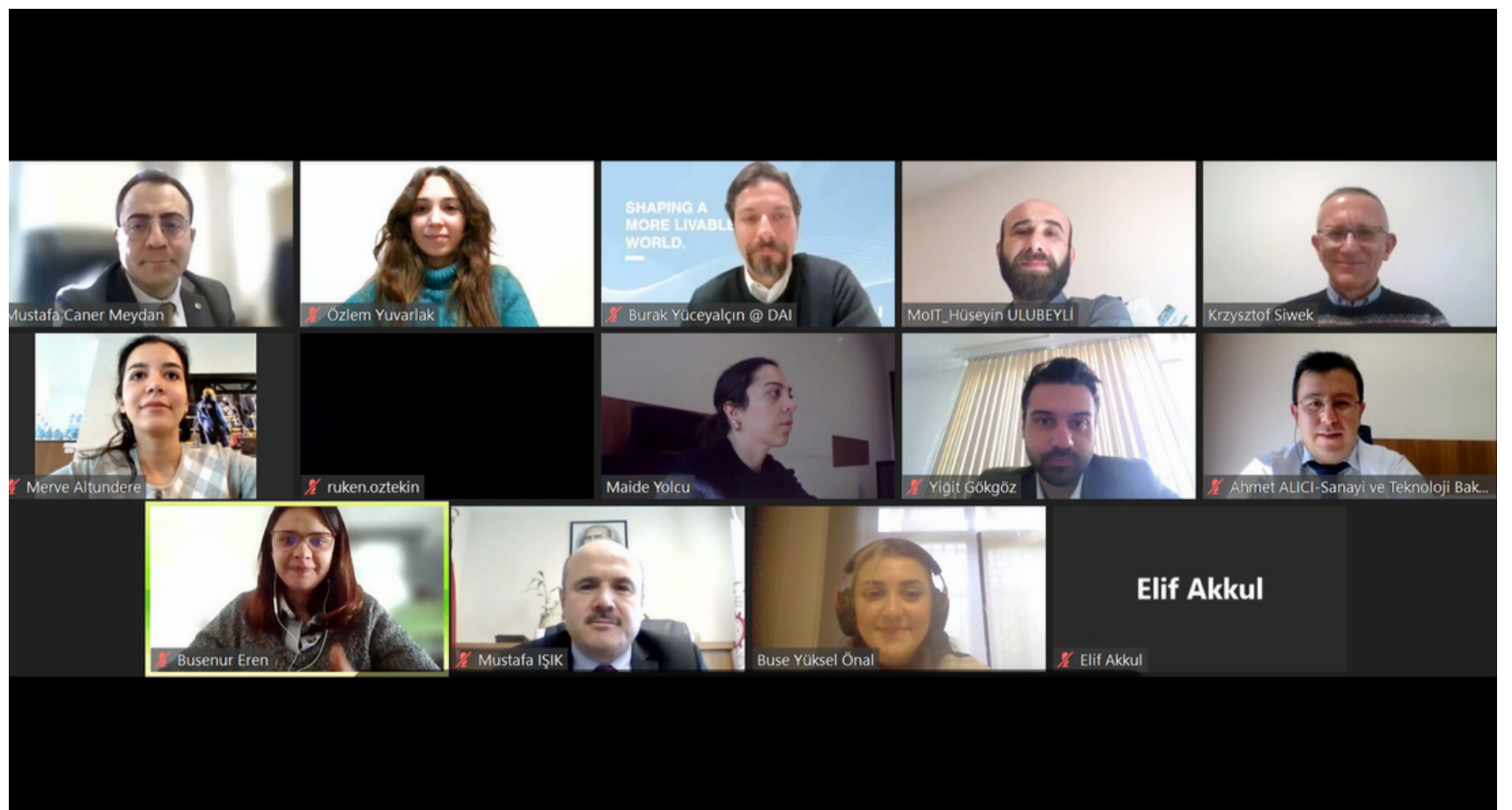
PROJECT PROGRESS

ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board (AB) efforts have gained momentum and its general framework has been successfully established.

The AB acts as a high-level body for the CEDIS3 project, providing oversight, guidance and insight into all activities. The AB consists of Mr Dominique Foray, Mr Xabier Goenaga and Mr Reza Zadeh.

3RD MONTHLY COORDINATION MEETING



The 3rd Monthly Coordination Meeting convened to assess the project's progress with the collaborating parties; Contracting Authority (CA), OCU and TAT. The discussion primarily revolved around a comprehensive review of activities accomplished in the preceding months, with a keen focus on achievements and challenges. Furthermore, the meeting saw the proactive planning and in-depth discussion of upcoming project activities.

INCEPTION REPORT

The Inception Report of the CEDIS3 project has been successfully completed. Following the approval of the report, the project's Inception Period has ended. The first six-month reporting period has started.

SMART SPECIALISATION (S3) FORUM 2023

The Smart Specialisation Forum took place in Barcelona, Spain on 28 November 2023. Mr Nida Kâmil Özbolat, CEDIS3 Project Key Expert, attended the event on behalf of the project team. The S3 Forum addressed both strategic and regulatory aspects of the smart specialisation policy-making process.

SMART SPECIALISATION PROCESS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TÜRKİYE

In 2019, the EU initiated the 'Smart Specialisation Framework' for Western Balkans and Türkiye. On 27 November 2023, officials discussed achievements and challenges in an online event. The current situation in Türkiye and developments regarding the CEDIS3 project were presented in detail by Mr Mustafa IŞIK, Deputy Director General of Development Agencies.