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## Experience of REC Turkey in implementation of UNFCCC ARTICLE.6 (Education, Training and Public Awareness) at National Level

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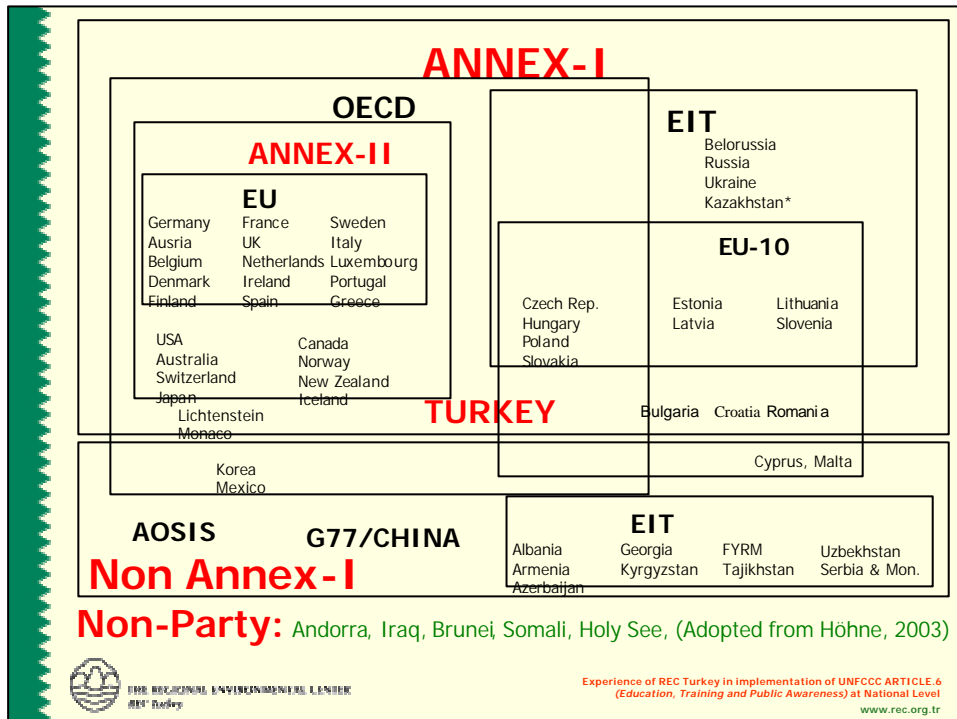
## Regional Environmental Center - REC

- "(...) is a non-partisan, non-advocacy, not-for-profit international organisation with a mission to assist in solving environmental problems (...)"
- Legally based on a charter signed by the governments of 28 countries and the European Commission
- International organisation
  - 180+ staff (some 30 nationalities)
  - Over 300 running projects
  - 12 million Euro annual turnover
- "REC's Extension to Turkey" 2000-2002
  - REC Charter ratified in January 2004
  - Grants Agreement with EU (€2.3 Million) in 2004
  - REC Turkey Office Launched in 27 May 2004
- Programme areas:
  - Capacity Development,
  - Information,
  - Grants
  - Special Programmes
    - Climate Change Work Programme



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## UNFCCC Annex-I Non-Parties to Kyoto Protocol

USA and Australia	Monaco and Croatia	Turkey and Belorussia*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Listed in Annex-I and <u>Annex-II</u> to the UNFCCC,</li> <li>- Listed in Annex-B to the Kyoto Protocol (mitigation commitment),</li> <li>- Signed the Kyoto Protocol,</li> <li>- But <b>NOT ratified</b> the Kyoto Protocol !</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Listed in Annex-I to the UNFCCC,</li> <li>- Listed in Annex-B to the Kyoto Protocol (mitigation commitment),</li> <li>- Signed the Kyoto Protocol,</li> <li>- But <b>NOT ratified</b> the Kyoto Protocol !</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Listed in Annex-I to the UNFCCC (Decision 26/CP7), different than other Annex-I,</li> <li>- <b>NOT</b> Listed in Annex-B to the Kyoto Protocol (no quantified emissions limitation or mitigation commitment <b>yet</b>),</li> <li>- Therefore, <b>NOT a Party</b> to the Kyoto Protocol <b>YET</b> !</li> </ul>

\* Ratified KP in August 2005

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## UNFCCC ARTICLE 6 – EDUCATION, TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

### Objectives and Elements

#### • **International cooperation**

To enhance the collective ability of Parties to implement the Convention, and the efforts of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

#### • **Education**

Education and training programmes focused on climate change, targeting youth in particular, and including exchange or secondment of personnel to train experts.

#### • **Training**

Training programmes focused on climate change, for scientific, technical, and managerial personnel at the national and, as appropriate, subregional, regional and international levels.

#### • **Public**

- **Awareness** programmes on climate change and its effects at the national and, as appropriate, subregional, regional and international levels.

- **Access** to information on climate change and its effects, and

- **Participation** in addressing climate change and its effects and in developing adequate responses

#### • **New Delhi Work Programme on UNFCCC Article 6**

- Adopted at COP8, elements of a 5 year work programme, 2002-2007

- Evaluation of progress at COP10, Assessment at COP13 - 2007

- encouraging Parties to designate a national focal point

#### • **Workshops**

- **European Workshop**; 6-8 May 2003, Belgium (Report-FCCC/SBI/2003/10)

- **African Workshop**; 28-30 January 2004, Philippines (Report-FCCC/SBI/2004/7)

- **UNEP-CIS Subregional Workshop**; 3-4 March 2004, Russian Federation

- **Asia and Pacific Regional Workshop**; 13-15 September 2005, Japan

#### • **Information network**

- COP11 - CC:inet



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### Turkey – actions of government and other stakeholders

#### • **Ankara Climate Change Conference**; 1-3 September 2004, hosted by Ministry of Environment and Forestry and UNDP

- First official contact with UNFCCC institutions and partners

- Dissemination of UNFCCC Documents in Turkish;

- UNFCCC in Turkish,

- Beginner's Guide in Turkish

- Caring for Climate in Turkish

- Lobbying for future partnerships

#### • **GEF Support for Initial National Communication**

- Successful follow-up of ACCC

- Preparations started in January 2005, official launch by MoEF and UNDP in August 2005

- Supporting the already existing 8 working groups of interministerial Climate Change Coordination Council together with academia and NGOs

#### • **International Partnerships**

- EU-SYNERGY "Business Opportunities for CDM", 16-18 February 2005, Istanbul

- Regional Climate Modelling (PRECIS), 5-9 September 2005, hosted by State Meteorology Institute, supported by WMO and ECO, REC Turkey - in kind contributions



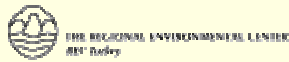
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- **NGO Activities;**

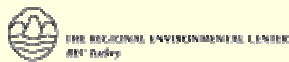
- Eurosolar, Greenpeace, professional organizations, 3 December International Action Day



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## UNFCCC ARTICLE 6 – EDUCATION, TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS Turkey – Designation of REC Turkey as National Focal Point

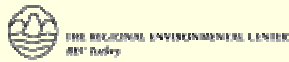
- Pursuant to Article 15.(c) of New Delhi Work Programme, one of the early actions, other examples like Belgium (university) , Bulgaria
- Proposed by REC Turkey, approval by Ministry of Environment and Forestry in May 2005, based on assets of REC Turkey as
  - availability of skilled staff,
  - valuable experience in training and capacity building,
  - careful monitoring of international agenda and
  - excellent capacity for establishing national and international partnerships.
- **Actions in 2005**
  - **webpage**; most comprehensive, the only bi-lingual in Turkey [www.rec.org.tr/climate.htm](http://www.rec.org.tr/climate.htm)
  - **Cemre – Climate Change Bulletin**; the only bulletin in Turkish that is specifically focused on climate change,
  - **conferences, TV and Radio programmes**
  - **active involvement in international events;**
    - UNFCCC-SB22, REEEP, UNIDO Linking Directive Seminar
  - **supporting Turkish stakeholders**
    - facilitation of government participation in European Capacity Building Initiative, SB22, REC Capacity Building Workshop, UNEP Partnership on Clean Fuels and Vehicles Conference
    - facilitation of stakeholder participation in UNEP Partnership on Clean Fuels and Vehicles Conference, presentations in public awareness events



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**Turkey – climate change web site**

- [www.rec.org.tr/climate.htm](http://www.rec.org.tr/climate.htm) , [www.rec.org.tr/iklim.htm](http://www.rec.org.tr/iklim.htm)
- Active and regularly updated since 16 February 2005
- most comprehensive, the only bi-lingual (Turkish and English) in Turkey
- Contents;
  - News Headlines, agenda of events, links
  - What's Global warming, Implementation of Convention, Kyoto Protocol
  - Special folders;
    - Key Documents, international and Turkey related, Turkish and English
    - Climate Change and Turkey
    - Climate Change and EU
    - Climate Change and REC
- important tool for public access to information



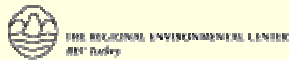
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**UNFCCC ARTICLE 6 – EDUCATION, TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS**  
**Turkey – Cemre\*: the only climate change bulletin in Turkish**

- **MISSION:** *Cemre* will facilitate all relevant stakeholders in Turkey in having access to updated and appropriate information in their fields of expertise, so that, they shall be able to gain familiarity and get involved in the events at the national and international level.
- 16 pages, quarterly
- First issue October-December 2005 available at COP11 starting from 3 December 2005
- Target group;
  - senior managers,
  - experts
  - negotiations
- The last press interview of Ms. Joke Waller Hunter
- Hard copy available for non-online readers, a tool for training of experts, helpful for archives and can be used as a desktop information resource



\* *cemre*: a kind of mystical power that is believed to heat air (19-20 February), water (26-27 February), soil (5-6 March), respectively. (*Ana Britannica*, 1989)

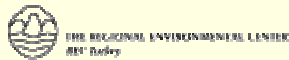


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**Turkey – Draft National Programme Proposed by REC Turkey**

- Shall be adopted by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, for the period 2005-2007, integration with the preparation of Initial National Communication

	Education	Training	Public awareness, information
<b>Target groups</b>	Primary education, higher education	Government and NGO experts	Citizens
<b>Tools</b>	Contests, new topics in curriculum	Inventory preparation, negotiation skills, institutional capacity development	Photo exhibitions, youth festivals,
<b>Mechanisms</b>	Cemre – the Climate Change Bulletin, web page and news groups, workshops, policy papers, improving existing and initiating new national and international partnerships		
<b>Possible international partners</b>	IPCC-IGES, UNDP, IUCN, UNEP, REC, Wuppertal Institute (G), Oxford Climate Policy (UK), UNIDO, DEFRA -UK, Exergia (GR), Italian Trust Fund, Environmental Resources Trust, Center for Clean Air Policy (USA), MNP (NL), British Council (UK)		



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**REC Turkey - UNFCCC Article.6 Portfolio 2005 - 2006**

**“Promotion of Climate Change Policies in Turkey”**, in partnership with Ministry of Environment and Forestry (TR) and Exergia (GR), co-financing from Italian Ministry of Environment



- improving technical, institutional, human resources and legislative capacity

**“Capacity Building of Government and Stakeholders in Climate Change”**



- facilitation of dialogue of NGOs with UNFCCC constituencies

Partnership in the Organization **NorthSouthEastWest Photo Exhibition in Turkey**, supported by Ministry of Environment and Forestry



- increasing public awareness

Promotion and Dissemination of **Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP)** in Turkey

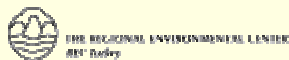


- increasing international cooperation and technical capacity

Coordination and Promotion of **Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV)** in Turkey



- increasing international cooperation and technical capacity



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### REC Turkey at COP11

- First issue of Cemre – on 3 December 2005.
- Regular 2-pages bulletin of COP11 in Turkish on the web/news groups; “COP11 Guncesi”
- Live connections to Turkish TVs and radios
- Presentations;
  - REC Side Event: 1 December 2005, 13:00 – 15:00
  - UNFCCC Climate Talk Series: 5 December 2005, 16:00
- Facilitation of participation a Turkish NGO in a COP event for the first time in UNFCCC history.
  - **Center for Eurasian Strategic Studies, (ASAM)**, a prominent research organization in Turkey will participate at COP11, within the scope of the delegation of **Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES)**.
  - **REC Turkey facilitated** both the cooperation between ASAM and OIES and supported the participation of ASAM at COP11 with the resources available through the DEFRA funded project “Capacity Building for Government and Stakeholders in Climate Change”.



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## UNFCCC ARTICLE 6 – EDUCATION, TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

### REC Turkey - Lessons learnt

- a voluntary commitment but an essential and helpful tool to meet binding commitments of UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol
- shall be an important element of any capacity building programmes related to UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol
- Broadens the opportunities for developing new, long-term and high profile partnerships with various stakeholders at national and international level
- Designation of National Focal Point – essential for success, a programmatic approach shall be applied
- Phased approach
  - Initiation; awareness raising – documentation, web, publications
  - Replication; replication of built-in experience, adaption
  - Innovation; country-driven initiatives
- COP13 – Assessment of Progress, helpful for sharing of lessons and experiences learned, and improving



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