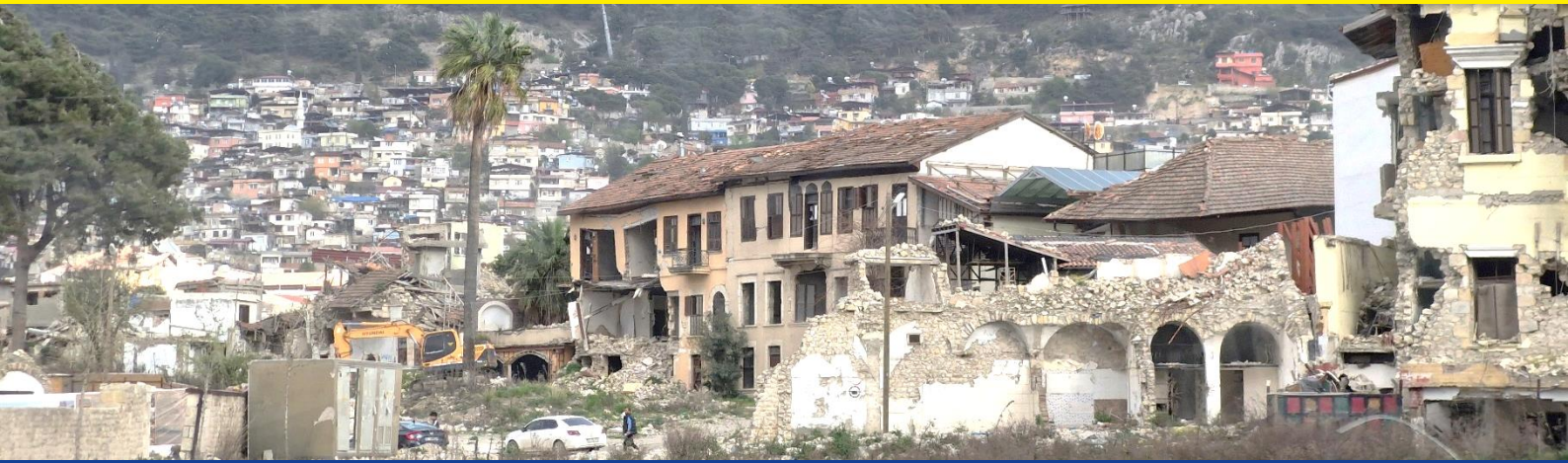




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# Participatory, Inclusive and Green Recovery for Local Public Services in the Earthquake-Affected Region (PACE)

## The Challenge

The February 2023 earthquakes caused extensive devastation across southeastern Türkiye, exposing the critical need for a comprehensive, strategic approach to recovery and the restructuring of local service delivery systems. Local authorities faced serious obstacles, including limited financial and human resources, heightened demands on public services, and insufficient capacity to design and execute effective recovery strategies. Vulnerable groups have been disproportionately affected, exacerbating existing social and economic challenges in the region. This challenge goes beyond restoring physical infrastructure—it calls for strengthening resilience, promoting inclusivity in access to the local public services, and ensuring sustainability to meet the complex needs of affected communities.

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## Our Approach

In response to the challenges faced by earthquake-affected regions, the PACE Project was launched. Co-funded by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Project is coordinated by the Directorate for EU Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

PACE is guided by the principles of sustainability, inclusivity, and resilience. It adopts a comprehensive approach that combines participatory planning, capacity building, and green recovery strategies to strengthen local public service delivery.

The Project works closely with local authorities to enhance their ability to manage recovery and reconstruction in a way that is both inclusive and sustainable.

The Project supports the enrichment of local strategies for green economic development and public service improvement, aligned with the European Green Deal and Türkiye's climate goals.

At the heart of the Project is a participatory model that fosters consultation and collaboration among local authorities, civil society organisations, and public-benefit business development support providers. This ensures that recovery efforts are inclusive, transparent, and responsive to the diverse needs of all community members, including Turkish citizens, displaced persons, refugees and other vulnerable groups, who all depend on and benefit from improved access to high-quality local services and sustainable socio-economic recovery.

## Main Activities

**1-Capacity Building for Local Authorities for the Improvement of Local Public Services:** Strengthening local authorities' skills and tools for inclusive, green socio-economic development planning to enhance the quality, accessibility, and sustainability of local public services in earthquake-affected areas.

**2- Civic Engagement and Participation:** Fostering active involvement of civil society organisations, communities, and vulnerable groups in recovery planning, implementation, and monitoring.

**3- Grant Support for Recovery Initiatives:** Provision of grant support for implementing inclusive recovery projects focused on vulnerable groups, social cohesion, economic revitalisation, and environmental sustainability.

## Key Results Expected



**20+ Local Authorities** supported to enrich and implement inclusive and green local development plans.



**150+ Local Authority Staff** developed capacities on sustainable service delivery, green economic development, and participatory planning.



**20+ Civil Society Organisations** engaged through consultations, and engagement activities in collaboration with the local authorities, ensuring the needs of vulnerable groups are responded to.



**22+ Recovery Projects** funded and implemented by the civil society organisations and business development support providers, partnering with local authorities.

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