

**Policy Dialogue Meeting No.4** 

## 15 November 2024

The 4th SUMP Türkiye Policy Dialogue Meeting took place on 15th November 2024 at the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye (UMT) building in Ankara. The meeting featured opening remarks from Dr. Şengül Altan Arslan, Deputy Secretary General of UMT, and Fikret Gültekin, Director of Project and Finance at UMT. Representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs, the General Directorate of Security, the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change, along with other key stakeholders, also participated.

The meeting, moderated by Dr. Volkan Recai Çetin, Team Leader of the SUMP Türkiye project, addressed the five key areas of urban mobility—public transport, shared mobility, active mobility, urban freight and logistics, and road space and access—along with crosscutting topics such as governance, funding and financing, decarbonisation and energy efficiency, data, digitalisation, and resilience.

Following the opening presentation by Project Director Dr. Wolfgang Backhaus, Dr. Çetin delivered a presentation on the Green Policy Paper. Project expert Marko Stančec then discussed policy changes relevant to the White Policy Paper within the EU Policy

Framework. Another project expert, Chris Wensink, provided an update on the ongoing preparations for the White Policy Paper.

The 4th SUMP Türkiye Policy Dialogue Meeting, which outlined the objectives of the White Policy Paper, survey and workshop results, as well as the timeline and steps for the upcoming process, concluded with a Q&A session where participants shared their views.