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Istanbul Urban Food Logistics Stakeholder Workshop

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Wyndham Grand İstanbul Levent Hotel & Conference Center

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ACES Initiative is a regional initiative implemented by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) under their longstanding partnership. The primary objective of the initiative is to enhance the resilience of food systems in EBRD's regions of operation against climate change and strengthen their environmental sustainability. In this regard, ACES aims to promote low-carbon, climate-smart, and efficient practices across prioritized agri-food value chains, from agricultural production to consumers.

Building on the findings of an earlier [FAO/EBRD report](#), the initiative seeks to support developing efficient and sustainable urban food logistics in Istanbul through identifying policy and investment entry points in Istanbul - a member of the EBRD Green Cities network. The action will:

- **Focus on key challenges** in Istanbul's urban food and food waste logistics, such as traffic congestion, urban-rural linkages, additional traffic caused by last-mile deliveries, emissions from food logistics, food loss due to logistics infrastructure challenges, and food waste collection and circularity opportunities.
- **Strategic reporting** to guide public and private investments in food supply chain analysis, waste management, and circular economy solutions.
- **Facilitate knowledge exchange** through international best practices.
- **Identify policy and investment opportunities** to develop efficient, resilient, and sustainable urban food logistics systems in Istanbul, initiating a dialogue with public and private sector stakeholders.

The team collected information during the preliminary mission in April 2025 from metropolitan municipal entities, private companies working on urban food and food waste logistics (food retailers, logisticians) including their apex associations, and startups in Istanbul, Türkiye. Based on the preliminary findings, a stakeholders workshop is proposed to bring together decision makers in order to shortlist specific priority actions concerning Istanbul's food and food waste logistics, facilitate knowledge exchange and networking among decision makers. The event will be held in Turkish with simultaneous translation in English.



WORKSHOP AGENDA

09:00 - 09:15	Registration and light breakfast-morning coffee	
09:15 – 09:45	Opening remarks	Iride Ceccacci – Head of Corporate Sector Advisory EBRD Emre Akyüz - Programme and Monitoring Support Specialist, FAO Türkiye
09:45 - 10:00	Presentation of the Urban food logistics report findings	Florent Tomatis - Agribusiness and Value Chain Specialist, FAO Investment Centre
10:00 – 10:15	Presentation of the preliminary findings for Istanbul Food and Food Waste Logistics and Q&A	Berkin Şafak Şener - Economist, FAO Investment Centre
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 - 11:10	World Café Session 1	Table 1: Infrastructure Modernization & Proximity logistics (EN translation to be provided for this table). Table 2: Packaging, Crating, and Waste Handling
11:10 - 11:50	World Café Session 2	Table 3: Food Value Chain Efficiency & Retail Innovations Table 4: Urban Production & Shorter Food Chains Table 5: Governance, Financing & Coordination for Sustainability
11:50 – 12:30	Debrief	*Please check your assigned table on the following page
12:30 - 14:00	Networking lunch	