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Kazancı Holding celebrated Environment Week with events that contributed to nature and raised awareness. The seed ball workshop, handprint board, and electronic waste collection application attracted great interest.



Kazancı Holding held a meaningful event as part of Environment Week to raise environmental awareness and contribute to sustainable living. At the event held at the Aksa Headquarters Building, employees came together for nature-friendly activities.

One of the most notable parts of the event was the seed ball workshop, where participants had a good time and prepared seed balls that would contribute to nature. The prepared seed balls were distributed to employees to be planted in nature.

The handprint board created under the theme “Leave a Mark on the Future” added meaning to the event as a visual symbol of the collective steps taken toward a sustainable future.

As another example of environmental awareness, electronic waste was collected during the event and recycled.



FIRAT EDAŞ JOINS HANDS FOR A CLEANER TOMORROW

Firat EDAŞ made World Environment Day meaningful with environmental cleanup and recycling activities carried out with the participation of children in Malatya and Elazığ.



Firat Elektrik Dağıtım A.Ş. (Firat EDAŞ) organized awareness-raising events with its teams in Malatya and Elazığ on June 5, World Environment Day, in line with its environmental sustainability goals.

During the events, which brought together company employees and children, park cleanups were carried out to directly contribute to the environment. Additionally, used batteries and blue lids were collected to support the recycling chain. These meaningful activities aimed to increase environmental awareness while also fostering environmental consciousness in children at an early age.

Acting on the principle that “protecting the environment is the most valuable legacy we can leave for the future,” Firat EDAŞ continues to emphasize the importance of protecting nature together with the community.

Firat EDAŞ is committed to continuing its social responsibility and environmentally friendly projects to leave a healthier world for future generations.



AKSA NATURAL GAS ORGANIZES WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS IN FIVE PROVINCES: A CLEAN STEP FOR THE FUTURE

Aksa Natural Gas raised environmental awareness by organizing simultaneous waste collection events in Şanlıurfa, Osmaniye, Mersin, Adana, and Elazığ as part of Environment Week.



Guided by its vision of adding value to nature for a sustainable future, Aksa Natural Gas organized a meaningful event in Şanlıurfa, Osmaniye, Mersin, Adana, and Elazığ as part of Environment Week 2025. The company's employees and volunteer teams conducted waste collection activities in designated areas, raising awareness about environmental cleanliness.

During the event, recyclable waste such as plastic, glass, and paper was carefully sorted, drawing attention to the negative effects of waste left in nature on the ecosystem.

Aksa Natural Gas officials emphasized that protecting nature is not only a responsibility but also the most important legacy to be left to future generations.

This meaningful event turned into a gathering that strengthened environmental awareness among both employees and the local community.



KAZANCI HOLDING SUPPORTS ANATOLIAN LEOPARDS AND WILDLIFE

As part of the “Anatolian Leopard Conservation and Wildlife Support Project” carried out in collaboration with Kazancı Holding and Isparta University of Applied Sciences, awareness-raising events were held in Hatay for nature, biodiversity, and future generations.



Within the scope of the “Anatolian Leopard Conservation and Wildlife Support Project” jointly conducted by Kazancı Holding and Isparta University of Applied Sciences, meaningful events were organized in Hatay with the support of Akso Çukurova Doğalgaz. The project includes important steps in terms of both nature conservation and environmental awareness.

The first phase of the project was carried out at Kaletepe Primary School in Kırıkhan, Hatay. The event was attended by employees of Kazancı Holding and Akso Çukurova Natural Gas, as well as academic teams from Isparta University of Applied Sciences. In the educational program for students, Assoc. Prof. Yasin Ünal gave a lecture on “Anatolian Leopard and Wildlife,” while Nazlı Hilal Yedekçi, on behalf of Kazancı Holding, gave an interactive presentation on “Energy and Sustainability.” The educational sessions received significant interest from the children.

As part of the nature-filled day, a bird watching activity was organized, and students were presented with various eco-friendly gifts. In the second phase of the project, camera traps provided by Kazancı Holding were placed on designated trees to observe the Anatolian leopard and other wildlife species. The images and information obtained from these devices, which were installed in 2024, are actively used in scientific research at the university.

Kazancı Holding considers protecting not only today's nature but also tomorrow's nature as one of its fundamental responsibilities in line with its goals of sustainability and the protection of biological diversity. The protection of the Anatolian leopard, one of the rare species of the Anatolian geography, and wildlife is of great importance for the sustainability of the ecosystem balance. Every step taken in this context is considered part of the vision of leaving a livable world for future generations.

KAZANCI HOLDING AND AKSA NATURAL GAS ÇUKUROVA BREATHE LIFE INTO THE FUTURE WITH CHILDREN

Kazancı Holding and Aksa Natural Gas Çukurova contributed to both biodiversity and the reduction of carbon emissions with seed balls made from seeds of tree species suitable for the Antakya climate.



Kazancı Holding and Aksa Natural Gas Çukurova organized an eco-friendly event with children in line with their sustainability and environmental responsibility goals. The seed ball workshop held in Antakya was prepared using black pine, a tree species suitable for the region's climate and with high carbon sequestration capacity, and aimed to raise environmental awareness among children.

At the event held at the Aksa Natural Gas Life Center, children prepared seed balls with guidance. These balls contained seeds with high adaptability to Antakya's hot and semi-arid climate. This tree species is known for its long lifespan and high carbon sequestration capacity over the years. It also offers important ecological contributions in terms of erosion control and improving air quality.

The seed balls prepared will be released into nature in the coming days, both expanding regional green spaces and supporting the reduction of carbon emissions. This aims to provide a lasting contribution to nature through afforestation efforts compatible with the local climate.

The event emphasized the importance of raising social awareness in the fight against climate change and turned into a valuable experience that helped children connect with nature.

Kazancı Holding and Aksa Doğalgaz Çukurova are moving forward with determination to leave a livable world for future generations with their projects aimed at reducing carbon emissions and their practices that support biodiversity.



SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR EMPLOYEES

LOOKING BEYOND SUSTAINABILITY IN RENEWABLE ENERGY

Sustainability, one of the most fundamental concepts shaping the future of the energy sector, is no longer just an environmental responsibility; it has become a strategic necessity, an investment decision, a competitive advantage, and a matter of corporate culture. At Aksa Renewable Energy, we approach this concept with a holistic approach, acting not only with today in mind, but also with consideration for the legacy we will leave for future generations.

Through the wind and solar energy projects we develop across Türkiye, we are not only producing clean energy; we are also minimizing environmental impacts, creating value in collaboration with local communities, and building a technology-integrated transformation process. Each of our investments is shaped by a process that comprehensively evaluates numerous criteria, from environmental impact assessments to energy efficiency targets, social contributions, and grid flexibility.

Our understanding of sustainability is not limited to production technologies. It also encompasses new-generation solutions such as energy storage systems, digital monitoring infrastructures, hybrid applications, and demand-side management. Energy storage technologies, in particular, play a critical role in ensuring system flexibility and renewable integration, and we are continuing our efforts to develop pioneering applications in this field.

In this context, the 58 MWp and 48 MWh storage solar power plant we will commission in Gaziantep is critical not only for energy security but also for system flexibility, grid stability, and the more efficient use of energy from renewable sources. This investment stands out as an important component of sustainable energy infrastructure.

Regulatory developments in our sector and our communication with regulatory authorities also support our sustainability vision. We optimize our projects based on local and renewable energy sources in line with electricity market dynamics, YEKDEM processes, carbon and YEK-G certificates, local component incentive mechanisms, investment incentive certificate applications, and energy supply security policies, focusing on creating both environmental and economic value.

In line with Aksa Group's strategic sustainability goals, we view our employees working under the Aksa Renewable Energy umbrella as key stakeholders in this transformation. Together with our entire team, from the technical staff in the field to the project development units at headquarters, we are building a shared culture. Because sustainability can only have a strong and lasting external impact if it is embraced within the organization.

In line with this approach, we will continue to develop exemplary practices not only in energy production but also in environmental sensitivity, social inclusion, and governance, working together with all our stakeholders to build a sustainable future.

May your wind and sun be abundant, bountiful, and sustainable...

Best regards,

Erinç Kısa

Aksa Renewable Energy,
Deputy General Manager



SPRING 2025 RECORDED AS THE SECOND HOTTEST SPRING ON RECORD

While global temperatures continued to rise, April in Türkiye was cool and dry. According to experts, 2025 could be the third hottest year in history.



According to statements by Prof. Dr. Levent Kurnaz, Director of the Boğaziçi University Climate Change and Policies Application and Research Center, the spring of 2025 went down in history as the second hottest spring on record. Data from the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service showed that the global average temperature in May 2025 was 15.79 °C, making it the second-hottest May on record. Sea surface temperatures also reached a similar record high of 20.79 °C.

While temperatures remained high throughout the year, no new record temperatures are expected due to the end of the El Niño effect. However, 2025 is projected to be the third hottest year on record globally. Prof. Dr. Kurnaz also emphasized that 35 days in the first five months of the year were among the hottest days on record.

In Türkiye, cool weather and frost were particularly prevalent in April, while drought was reported in southern regions. Copernicus data revealed significant declines in river flows across Europe and major reductions in sea ice in the Arctic and Antarctic.

According to experts, as the effects of climate change become increasingly evident each year, outcomes such as drought, extreme temperatures, and melting glaciers once again underscore the need for urgent action.



LOCAL CONTENT REQUIREMENT FOR GES AND RES INVESTMENTS EXPANDED: GENERATORS AND NASELLS WILL ALSO BE MANDATORY FROM 2026 ONWARDS

A new regulation increasing the local production requirement for solar and wind energy investments has been published in the Official Gazette. Starting in 2026, generators and nacelles for wind turbines and fast units for charging stations will be produced locally.



The notification, prepared by the Ministry of Industry and Technology and published in the Official Gazette dated June 21, 2025, comprehensively expands the local production requirements for solar (GES) and wind (RES) energy investments.

According to the new regulation, solar panel cells must be produced in Türkiye from the ingot slicing stage onwards, and panel carrier construction systems must be entirely domestically produced.

For wind turbines, generators and nacelles must be produced in Türkiye starting January 1, 2026. After this date, imported parts will no longer be eligible for incentives.

Additionally, a domestic production requirement has been introduced for electric vehicle charging stations. To qualify for incentives, each unit must have a minimum fast-charging capacity of 120 kW and must be domestically produced starting in 2026.

The regulation aims to enhance energy independence, technology transfer, domestic industrial development, and employment.

Source:

*Communication: Communication on the Implementation of the Decision on State Aid for Investments (2025/1)
Official Gazette: June 21, 2025 – Number: 32933 Republic Of Türkiye Ministry of Industry and Technology*

AWARENESS OF SUSTAINABILITY IS INCREASING IN THE INDUSTRY, BUT IMPLEMENTATION IS LAGGING BEHIND

According to the 2025 survey prepared by the Istanbul Chamber of Industry (ICI) in collaboration with Ipsos, awareness of sustainability is increasing among industrial companies, but the level of implementation remains quite low.



The “Sustainability Trends in Industry Survey 2025,” prepared by the Istanbul Chamber of Industry (ICI) and Ipsos, revealed that awareness of sustainability in the industrial sector is growing, but that there are serious challenges in translating this awareness into action.

The survey, which involved 606 industrial companies from across Türkiye, showed that

- Awareness score: 50.33 out of 100,
- Approach score: 31.91,
- Implementation score: only 16.14 were measured.

While 69% of companies stated that they have incorporated sustainability into their corporate vision, only 16% calculate their carbon footprint. The percentage of companies defining SMART goals remained at 34%.

88% of participants prioritize environmental issues such as “increasing recycling rates” and 87% prioritize “developing cleaner production processes.” However, only 8% of companies publish sustainability reports.

Companies indicate that they most need financial support, consulting, and technical guidance. The research shows that there is a need for more guidance and capacity-building programs, especially for SMEs.

Source:

ICI – Ipsos, *Sustainability Trends in Industry Research Bulletin*, June 2025

TÜRKİYE RANKS LOW IN THE 2025 GLOBAL GENDER EQUALITY REPORT: CHANGE IS NECESSARY

According to the World Economic Forum's 2025 report, Türkiye ranked 135th out of 148 countries. Despite progress in education, women's status in economic participation and political representation remains critical.



The World Economic Forum's 2025 Global Gender Gap Report once again highlighted serious problems in the area of gender equality in Türkiye. Among 148 countries, Türkiye fell to 135th place, ranking among the lowest in Europe.

The report emphasizes that despite significant progress in women's education, inequalities in the economic and political spheres persist. The female labor force participation rate remains at only 51.8%, while women's representation in parliament is a very low 5.9%. These figures indicate the need to increase women's visibility in the workplace and politics.

Additionally, women's low representation in STEM fields and concerns about safety are among the other important issues highlighted in the report.

Experts emphasize that Türkiye needs to develop comprehensive and effective policies to achieve gender equality..

Indicator	Value	Notes
Global Gender Equality Ranking	135 / 148	Lowest ranking in Europe
Women's Economic Participation Rate	%51,8	Labor force participation rate
Women's Political Representation Rate	%5,9	Percentage of women in parliament
Gender Equality in Education	%98,6	School enrollment rate for girls
Women's Representation in STEM Fields	Low	Difficulty accessing high-income professions
Women's Sense of Insecurity at Night	%35,9	Feeling unsafe walking alone at night
Women's Sense of Insecurity at Home	%8,4	Feeling unsafe at home when alone



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