cordially invites you to a workshop on

Reducing Emissions from Passenger Cars in Turkey
The Role of Taxation Policies for Incentivizing Zero- and Low-Emission Vehicles

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Istanbul Policy Center
(Minerva Han, Bankalar Caddesi No: 2, Karaköy)

09:00  Registration
09:30  Introduction
       (Dr. Umit Şahin, Senior Scholar, Istanbul Policy Center)
09:45  Overview of vehicle emissions and policies across Europe
       (Dr. Peter Mock, Director, International Council on Clean Transportation - ICCT, Berlin)
10:00  Opportunities for reducing emissions from vehicles in Turkey
       (Murat Şenzęybek, Fellow, International Council on Clean Transportation - ICCT, Berlin)
10:30  The German climate protection plan and its impact on the transport sector
       (Mareike Welke, Policy Officer, German Ministry for Environment, Berlin)
11:00  Q&A/Discussion
11:30  Conclusion

In partnership with the Istanbul Policy Center-Sabancı University-Stiftung Mercator Initiative, the International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) will present an overview of the current structure and emission levels of the passenger car market in Turkey and discuss policy options that could help increase the share of vehicles with low emission levels, including but not limited to electric vehicles. A particular focus will be on vehicle taxation policies, as well as an assessment of Turkey’s fuel consumption, carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, and air pollutant emissions, such as nitrogen oxide (NOₓ). The workshop will focus on how the current situation and future opportunities in Turkey compare to other countries, especially Germany, with input from a representative of the German Ministry for Environment.

About ICCT: The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) is an independent nonprofit organization founded to provide first-rate, unbiased research and technical and scientific analysis to environmental regulators. The organization became widely known after having carried out the emission measurements on Volkswagen diesel vehicles in the U.S. and having uncovered what today is generally known as “Dieselgate.”
ICCT’s work in Turkey began in 2015 when Dr. Peter Mock, European Managing Director, was selected as a research fellow with the Mercator-IPC program at Istanbul Policy Center (IPC), a joint initiative of Sabancı University and Stiftung Mercator. In 2015/16, he published a baseline analysis¹ of the Turkish automotive sector, an overview of policy measures² to reduce emissions from vehicles in Turkey, as well as a number of other papers³ in English and Turkish language.

Murat Şeneybek has been leading ICCT’s analyses of the Turkish vehicle market since 2017. The focus of his work is on how the vehicle taxation system in Turkey could potentially be adapted to support the transition to low- and zero-emission vehicles. The supporting two-year research project is funded by the Istanbul Policy Center–Sabancı University–Stiftung Mercator Initiative.


³ For an overview, see here: http://ipc.sabanciuniv.edu/people/peter-mock/?lang=en.