







Title of the PhD	Environmental social innovation as the main strategy for strategic environmental
Project	assessment in developed world
Acronym	ESI_SEA
Research Fields	Urban and Regional Planning, Environmental Engineer, Social Sciences
of the Project	
Keywords	Environmental Social Innovation, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Developed
	World, Sustainable development
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Research	PhD candidates will be expected to work in an interdisciplinary environment with
Environment	access to a variety of database on water resources and spatial planning of Istanbul
and	in Environment and Urbanisation Application and Research Center of ITU.
Infrastructure	
Scientific	Environmental challenges, i.e. climate change, are not noticeable in everyday life but
Context of the	triggered by the behaviour of individuals preferring their own short-term benefit to
Project	survive over common benefits. The search of innovative solutions to transform the









	individual behavior for easing the impact of environmental challenges offered social innovation and environmental social innovation as one of the top solutions.
	In other words, environmental social innovation is often used to diffuse and apply new ideas addressing complex environmental challenges to obtain societal and behaviour shifts for a sustainable future. But not much is said about their environmental impact of these solutions. Therefore, this project aims to assess the impact of environmental social innovation and their performance to overcome environmental challenges.
Brief Workplan	Year 1: Methodological Framework
	Year 2: Understanding the existing situation
	Year 3: Pilot Studies
	Year 4: Policy recommendation and dissemination
Innovative	The environmental social innovations are relatively newly implemented therefore
Aspects of the	not much is said about their performance for the long-term sustainable
Project	development.
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Training	Training will be inside the facilities of the ITU Campuses.
Opportunities	
of the Project	
Interdisciplinary	Urban and Regional Planning, Environmental Engineer, Social Sciences, Behavioral
Aspects	sciences
Intersectoral	TBD
Mobility	
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Intersectoral Mobility	TBD
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