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Public Libraries as Climate Actors in a COP31 Host Country

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Türkiye's Library Network



Türkiye's Public Library Network

A CENTRALIZED, NATIONWIDE PUBLIC SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE

Network Scale

Türkiye's public library system operates as a centralized, nationwide infrastructure serving communities across all 81 provinces. This unified network enables consistent service delivery, resource sharing, and coordinated programming from urban centers to rural villages, making libraries essential civic institutions for millions of citizens.

Reach & Resources

- 1302 Public Libraries
- 78 Mobile Libraries
- 39 Million Users
- 7.2 Million Members (unified membership system)
- 26 Million Books



Growth & Capacity 2018–2025

Physical Infrastructure

Library space expanded from 350,000 m² to 800,000 m² — more than doubling capacity between 2018–2025.

In 2025 alone: **52** new or renovated **libraries opened**, over 1,075,250 books purchased, with a budget of 159,277,715 TL (**3.009.552,42 Euro**) invested in public libraries across Türkiye.

Digital Expansion

Digital resources now include **3,000 e - books** and **7,500 audiobooks** available nationwide.

This digital expansion ensures equitable access to knowledge regardless of geographic location, supporting Türkiye's commitment to sustainable, accessible public services.



LIBRARIES AS ACTIVE COMMUNITY HUBS.

Cultural Impact 2025

Türkiye's public libraries have become vibrant community hubs, organizing **33,845 cultural events** in 2025 alone. With **1,935,186 participants** engaging in workshops, readings, exhibitions, and educational programs, libraries are proving their vital role as active centers fostering cultural life and community connection across the nation.

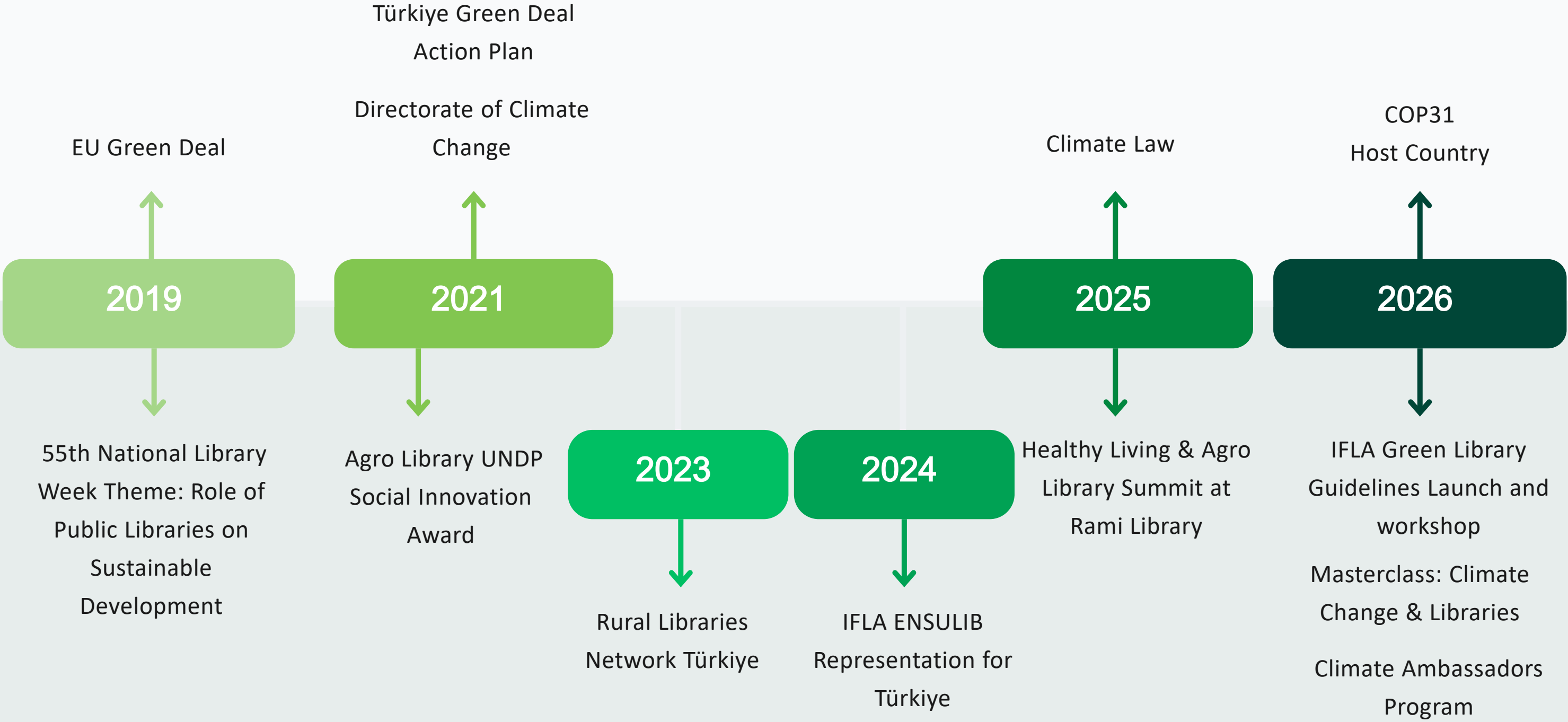


2004
UNFCCC ratification marks Türkiye's entry into global climate governance framework.

2009
Kyoto Protocol Adoption

2015
Paris Agreement
UN 2030 Agenda (SDGs)

2053 NET -ZERO



**2024 –2028 STRATEGIC PLAN
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Türkiye's Climate Policy Timeline



Türkiye's journey toward climate leadership spans two decades of international commitments and domestic policy development, culminating in the bid to host COP31 in 2026.

- 1 2004 – UNFCCC ratification marks Türkiye's entry into global climate governance framework.
- 2 2009 – Kyoto Protocol adoption | 2015 – Paris Agreement signed alongside UN 2030 Agenda (SDGs).
- 3 2019 – EU Green Deal alignment | 2021 – Türkiye Green Deal Action Plan launched, Paris Agreement ratified.
- 4 2025 – Climate Law development | 2026 – COP31 host bid | 2053 – Net Zero Target commitment.



Libraries & Sustainability: Milestones



Key achievements linking Turkish public libraries to environmental sustainability and international recognition for green library initiatives.

- 1 2019 – Library Week Theme: Role of Public Libraries on Sustainable Development
- 2 2021 – Agro Library receives UNDP Social Innovation Award, recognizing innovative agricultural knowledge services.
- 3 2023 – Rural Libraries Network established; Rami Library achieves Biosphere Certification for environmental excellence.
- 4 2024 – IFLA ENSULIB Representation for Türkiye; 2024–2028 Strategy includes Green Libraries as a strategic goal.
- 5 2025 – Healthy Living & Agro Library Summit at Rami Library





Rural Library Network Türkiye

Türkiye's public libraries are gaining global recognition for their commitment to environmental sustainability and green library practices.



IFLA GREEN LIBRARY AWARD



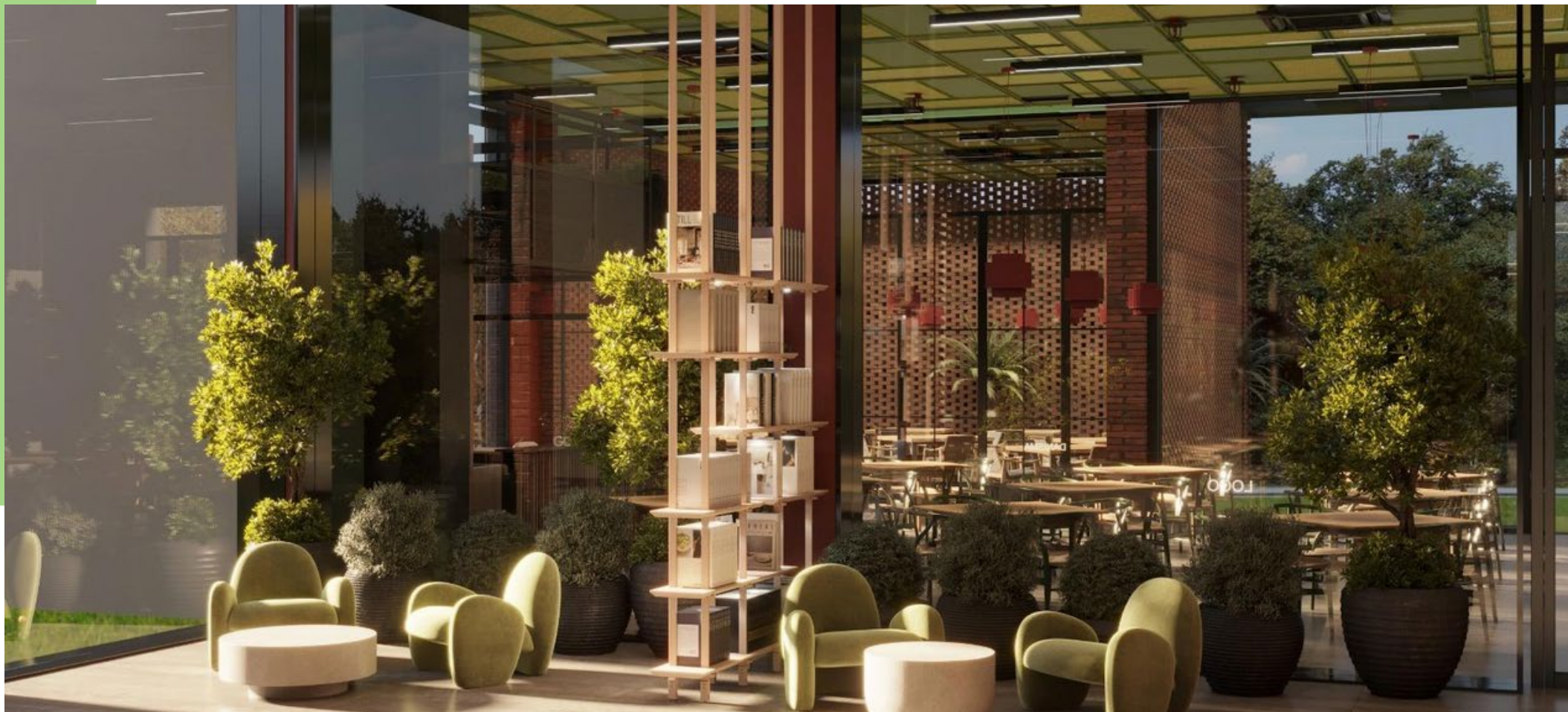
International Recognition



IFLA Green Library Awards:

- 2024 – Agro Library Shortlist
- 2025 – Burdur Eco Library Longlist
- 2026 – Rami Library Longlist
- 2026 – Nature Library Longlist

These achievements demonstrate growing international visibility and credibility for Türkiye's sustainable library initiatives.



2025–2026 Key Actions

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2026 Vision

- "Healing Library" concept implementation across network
- IFLA Green Library Guidelines Launch and workshop hosted at Rami Library
- Expanded Climate Ambassadors Program nationwide
- Masterclass: Climate Change & Libraries for professional development
- Strengthening libraries as community hubs for climate education and action





Libraries in Climate Action

Community Collaboration

Partnering with local organizations, municipalities, and NGOs to amplify climate initiatives.

Localising Climate Knowledge

Translating global climate data into locally relevant, accessible information for citizens.

Education & Events

Hosting workshops, seminars, and programs that build climate literacy across all ages.

Resource Development

Building climate-focused collections and digital resources for community access.

Climate Collections

Curating materials on sustainability, environmental science, and local climate impacts.

Institutional Transformation

Embedding sustainability into library operations, policies, and strategic planning.



From Knowledge to Action

CLIMATE CHANGE IS NOT A FUTURE PROBLEM
NO SECTOR IS INDEPENDENT FROM THIS CRISIS

Libraries Connect: Knowledge → People → Action

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