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## **PROF. DR. EYÜP DEBİK (RECTOR - YTU)**

Prof. Dr. Eyüp Debik, Rector of Yıldız Technical University, emphasising the responsibility and opportunity of leading such an ambitious initiative. “Coordinating a project that aims to create Energy Communities across Türkiye, Greece, and Portugal is a compelling privilege,” he noted. With a €5 million Horizon Europe budget, ECHO is designed to communicate innovative solutions for the energy sector through deployment of Quadruple Helix approach.

## **ECHO - ENERGY COMMUNITIES EXCELLENCE HUBS: CATALYZING ENERGY INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS**

## **PROF. DR. OZAN ERDİNÇ (PI OF ECHO)**

Prof. Dr. Ozan Erdinç talked through the picture of ECHO. Speaking with a clarity and focus that resonated throughout the room, he emphasised the projects' role and its place in the sense of Energy Communities.



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## ÇAĞRI YILDIRIM (NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF HORIZON EUROPE PROGRAMME – TÜRKİYE)

Çağrı Yıldırım, Türkiye's National Coordinator for the Horizon Europe Programme, emphasized the strategic success of the ECHO Project within the broader objectives of Excellence Hubs.





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## FRANÇOISE DRADIN (PO OF ECHO)

Dradin, in her speech, walked us through everything we need to know with regards to ECHO's project guideline.

## DR. SEDEF BUDAK (USENS ENERGY SOLUTIONS&TURKISH WOMEN IN RENEWABLE ENERGY)

In her speech, Dr. Sedef Budak touched on the critical position of renewable energy in the current panorama, highlighting both challenges and opportunities in the transition to sustainable answers. Emphasising the resilience and sustainability renewable energy posses, Dr. Budak called for innovative approaches progress in alignment of ECHO.



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## ONE HEART, TWO EXCELLENCE HUBS: FROM SOLARHUB TO ECHO



TÜBİTAK, IDI, CERTH, RDFCM AND  
ELECTRA REPRESENTING SOLARHUB

## ROUNTABLE

