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## To the members of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Gaziantep (Türkiye) on Thursday, 9 October 2025

The Parliamentary Network for a Healthy Environment (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development), meeting in Gaziantep (Türkiye) on Thursday, 9 October 2025 concerning:

- **Site visits and official ceremonies organised by local authorities in Gaziantep, showcasing the city's efforts in crisis management, sustainable urban development, ecological innovation, and community resilience**
  - participated in a **technical meeting on crisis management** during the February 2023 earthquakes, and heard statements by representatives of the Municipality of Gaziantep, the Governorship of Gaziantep, the Provincial Directorate of Environment and Urbanization, *Afet ve Acil Durum Yönetimi Başkanlığı* (Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency), the Turkish Red Crescent (Kızılay), *Gaziantep'i Geliştirme Vakfı* (Gaziantep Development Foundation), and the City Council;
  - visited the **Gaziantep Ecological Building**, and heard statements by Mr. Sezer Cihan, Secretary-General of the Municipality, and Ms. Seda Müftüoğlu Güleç, Director of Zoning;
  - took part in the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Community Hub Türkiye – Gaziantep promotion and experience-sharing event at Gaziantep University and heard statements by Ms. Fatma Şahin, Mayor of Gaziantep; Mr. Jurgis Vilčinskis, member of the EU Delegation to Türkiye; Prof. Dr. Sait Mesut Doğan, Rector of Gaziantep University; Mr. Bülent Özcan, Director-General for Financial Cooperation and Project Implementation; and Mr. Ömer Hantal, EIT Community Officer Türkiye;
  - participated in a showcase of the **Mechanical Biological Treatment Facility and Strawberry Greenhouse**, and heard statements by Ms. Fatma Şahin, Mayor of Gaziantep; Mr. Sezer Cihan; and Ms. Ayşegül Tekerekoğlu, Head of the Environmental Protection Department;
  - attended a presentation of the **Oğuzeli Biogas Facility**, and met with Mr. Mehmet Berk, Deputy Mayor of Gaziantep, Mr. Murat Kahraman, General Manager of Enerji A.Ş.
- **Date and place of next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting during the first part-session of the Assembly, 26-30 January 2026, in Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

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