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Ekoköyler Ekomüzeler ve Sürdürülebilir Turizm Aracılığıyla Yerel Kalkınma: Türkiye’den Örnekler / Local Development through Ecovillages Ecomuseums and Sustainable Tourism: Case Studies from Turkey

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ABSTRACT

Local development is an important concept but implementation is often problematic. However, the principles of sustainable local development are now widely implemented across the world as an effective means of meeting the demands for small scale economic growth while at the same time protecting cultural and natural assets. An ecovillage is a human-scale settlement consciously designed through participatory processes to secure long-term sustainability. The 4 dimensions of sustainability (ecology, economy, the social and the cultural) are all integrated into a holistic approach in ecovillages. The ecomuseum is a significant and enduring practice that emerged from new museology in the 1970s. Ecomuseums are focused on a specific place or ‘territory’ and on the relationship between the population and their environment, culture and local history. Ecomuseums have been utilised as a major means of promoting sustainable development in many rural areas of the world by conserving natural, historical and sociocultural resources of a locality whilst recognising a place’s potential to provide low-level tourism and economic-social opportunities. This article focuses ecovillages, ecomuseums and their sustainable tourism implementations. In this research have been evaluated local development opportunities of rural areas over ecovillages and ecomuseums. Ecovillages and ecomuseums which are investigated in this research have been seen as a functional tool for local development in Turkey.

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