

Bartın public against thermal power plant

On 9 April 2010 Bartın Platform was established on a meeting of the citizens and institutions who were united in their belief that if a thermal power plant is to be constructed in Amasra / Bartın it will damage the environment and human health. Citizens of Bartın came together to oppose the construction of two coal thermal power plants with a total capacity of



2640 MW by HEMA Company of Hattat Holding and Western Black Sea Energy Company. In a special declaration adopted during the meeting it was stated: “We invite all institutions not to allow endangering the future of Bartın”.

One member of the Parliament, three mayors, eight political parties, three City council members, all members of the Amasra and Bartın Municipality Councils, Bar of Bartın, Medical Doctors of Bartın, trade unions, associations, chamber of engineers, cooperatives joined the declaration and Bartın Platform.

Bartın Platform has used different tools to inform the citizens and to gain public support: they visited villages, organized town meetings, meetings with institutions, press conferences and distributed brochures and posters. Reports about the damages of the thermal power were also prepared and distributed among the public.

Due to success of the awareness raising campaign the EIA public participation meetings that were scheduled for 24 and 25 November 2010 could not be held due to the protest of thousands of people who opposed the construction. This was a little victory for the Bartın Platform in their attempt to preserve the environment.