



# The value of Social engagement in Adaptation to Climate Change Mission



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# Mission Overview

The Mission Adaptation to Climate Change deals with the support of **EU regions, cities** and **local authorities** to build resilience against the impacts of climate change. It does so by helping them in:

- better understanding the climate risks to which they are confronted and will be confronted
- developing their own strategies to face with climate changes
- test and deploying on the ground innovative solutions apt to build the resilience to climate change

## Objective

The mission Adaptation to Climate Change has as its main objective to support at least 150 European regions and communities to become climate resilient by 2030.

## How to get involved

**Mission Charter:** by adhering to the Mission Charter the regions and local authorities become part of a community of practice on adaptation to climate change and have the opportunity to network and share with other regions and communities in Europe.

In addition, local and regional authorities will have access to the services of the Mission Implementation Platform which provide:

- Helps with accessing knowledge and methods on climate risk assessments
- Access to best practice examples from other regions and information on the latest research results;
- Access to tools, examples and best practices for interacting and engaging with citizens;
- Advice on possible public and private funding sources for adaptation.

## Useful LINKS

Mission NCPs ([link](#))

Mission Portal ([link](#))



## Funding opportunities

The Mission Adaptation to Climate Change supports research projects that develop **innovative approaches** and **options for climate adaptation** and related guidelines, tools, data, and case studies.

Here are Mission Adaptation to Climate Change **2024's open topics**:

- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-01](#): Bringing available and actionable solutions for climate adaptation to the knowledge of the regions and local authorities
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-02](#): Bringing together the national level with the engaged regional and local levels (multi-level governance)
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-03](#): Develop and refine outcome indicators to measure progress on climate resilience at national, regional and local levels, including knowledge and feedback developed from the Mission
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-04](#): Research the complex interplay between the climate and biodiversity crises towards more systemic approaches and solutions
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-05](#): Improve design for transformative approaches and build local capacity for implementation of available solutions focused on climate adaptation
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-06](#): Demonstration of approaches to improve bankability of solutions by design, addressing the co-benefits (mitigation and adaptation) to improve revenues streams
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-07](#): Demonstration of solutions specifically suited to rural areas and small/ medium size population local communities
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-08](#): Demonstration of approaches by regions and local authorities focused on increasing climate resilience of the most vulnerable social groups (just climate resilience)
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-09](#): Systemic and cross-sectoral solutions for climate resilience, tailored to the local needs of regions and local authorities

## Other funding opportunities

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## The role of Social Engagement

Social engagement is a key tool to achieve the Mission's goal and to address climate change. By promoting **collaboration, inclusion** and **leveraging local knowledge**, social engagement ensures that communities are not only prepared for climate impacts, but also actively participate in shaping a resilient and sustainable future.

To ensure citizen engagement at various stages of the missions, several actions are carried out.

Read more [here](#).

## Some Social Engagement Insights

Here are some insights on social engagement activities carried out by **MountResilience project** (funded under HORIZON-MISS-2022-CLIMA-01-06) which aims at supporting European regions and communities living in mountain areas to increase their capacity to adapt to climate change, contributing to the transition to a climate-resilient society.

### **Social Engagement Strategies used in the project:**

Online/Onsite Community Building Events such as workshops and seminars.

### **Target groups involved:**

Policy Makers

### **Challenges and Solutions:**

One of the major challenges encountered in carrying out social engagement activities mainly concerned some miscommunication or difficult coordination with other partners involved in the activities. However, these were overcome by deploying strategies to improve communication such as more frequent dialogues and online meetings.

### **An Example of Social Engagement activity within the project:**

The project envisages the creation of relevant stakeholder groups for each regional partner involved in the project. These groups will be called local councils and will consist of stakeholders from different backgrounds (quadruple helix approach). Their role will be to represent the interests of the local community, provide information on local issues and facilitate citizen participation in the co-design phase of the solutions to be implemented.

If you want to know more check out the [MountResilience website](#).



