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Charter Signatories Survey

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Three years after the launch of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change, a comprehensive survey was conducted to evaluate its progress and impact. The survey received over 100 responses from key stakeholders, providing valuable insights into the Mission's relevance and impact. This report focuses on the feedback gathered from Charter Signatories, offering a summary of their perspectives on the Mission's tools, engagement, and areas for improvement. Below, we present the key findings based on their responses.

This report evaluates the engagement of Regions and Local Authorities (RLAs) participating in the Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change. As climate impacts intensify, the Mission plays a vital role in equipping RLAs with tools and support to build resilience. While the Mission is widely valued, key areas for improvement are identified to enhance its impact and accessibility.

The Mission is highly praised, receiving a relevance rating of **4.1 out of 5**, with well-utilized tools such as Trainings (81% participation) and Technical Assistance (61% usage). Answers vary depending on the geographical location of the respondents: respondents from Southern and insular Europe show higher engagement, while respondents in Western Europe show more moderate ratings.

Engagement with the [Mission Portal](#) and the [Platform](#) that hosts the Community of Practice is varying. The Mission Portal remains underutilized, with **80% of respondents accessing it once a month or less**, and the Community of Practice sees similarly low use (**85% infrequent access**). News/events (59%) and Funding opportunities (48%) are the most consulted sections in the Mission Portal, underscoring the importance of supporting RLAs' financial efforts as a core focus of the Mission. Barriers include time constraints, interface complexity, and content misalignment with local priorities, highlighting the need to streamline content and better align resources provided with RLA needs. The Newsletter, with **81% subscription** amongst the survey respondents and a rating of **3.5 out of 5**, is appreciated as a valuable communication tool, though **10% of respondents are still unaware of it**. The 4th edition of the Mission Forum taking place in Wrocław (PL) in 2025, will offer a key opportunity to showcase local action and strengthen engagement, with **33% of RLAs having replied as interested in presenting in this framework**. Proposed topics such as Citizen Engagement, Water Management, Heat Adaptation, and Nature-Based Solutions summarize shared priorities and clustering of innovative approaches in climate adaptation.

Regarding barriers to participating in the Mission's activities, the most common obstacle reported is **lack of resources** (71%), including insufficient funding, staff, and time. **Time constraints and competing priorities** (32%) are frequently noted, particularly for smaller teams with overlapping responsibilities. **Structural and political challenges** (36%), such as unclear mandates, siloed decision-making, and centralized policies, further hinder engagement for some RLAs.

Open comments provide additional insights, emphasizing the need for **localized support**, including funding and pilot projects tailored to regional challenges. Respondents also stressed the importance of improving **Portal usability and accessibility**, with calls for better navigation and multilingual content.

To summarize the survey findings, the Mission can enhance its impact addressing systemic barriers, improving digital tools, and providing more targeted support to RLAs' diverse needs. These efforts will ensure the Mission continues to serve as a critical resource for fostering collaboration, resilience, and climate adaptation across Europe.



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