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MIP4Adapt Technical Assistance

Conditions and guidelines for the application process

1. Who can apply?

To be eligible for the technical assistance, you should meet the following criteria:

Eligibility criteria	Description
Charter Signatory	Your regional or local authority, or community must be a Charter Signatory
Member of the Mission's Community of Practice	<p>You should be a registered member of the Mission's Community of Practice, as an official representative of your regional or local authority, or community.</p> <p>Technical assistance cannot be requested by regional universities or other non-governmental institutions.</p>
More than 20,000 inhabitants	If your regional or local authority or community has a population of less than 20,000 inhabitants then you are encouraged to cluster and submit a joint application with another regional or local authority or community. The aim of this criterion is to maximise the number of citizens benefitting from the technical assistance.
Climate vulnerability and risk assessment	<p>Your regional or local authority or community should have already developed a suitable assessment of its climate vulnerabilities and risks. This is needed to inform development of an adaptation pathway or plan.</p> <p>If your regional or local authority or community has not yet developed its own vulnerability and risk assessment, then you can qualify for Technical Assistance by providing a vulnerability and risk assessment conducted at regional or national level. For example, an assessment carried out by regional, provincial or national authorities may be relevant for</p>

	identifying risks and priorities within your regional, local authority or community.
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2. How can I apply for technical assistance?

2.1 When to apply?

The call for applications for technical assistance opened in April 2023 and will run until 2025. Following the announcement of the call, you can apply at any time.

2.2 How to apply for technical assistance?

You should fill in the simple [Technical Assistance Application Form](#) available from the Community of Practice restricted site. The brief information provided by applicants will inform decisions on “Who will be selected to receive technical assistance?” (see section 3.1).

2.3 What types of technical assistance can be requested?

You may apply for one or more of the following types of technical assistance:

1. Tailored help to move from risk assessment to the development of adaptation pathways and fund and implement climate adaptation solutions
2. Tailored help with identifying appropriate climate adaptation demonstration projects and accessing relevant funding and financing
3. Support on stimulating citizens and stakeholders’ mobilisation and engagement in establishing transformative pathways towards climate resilience.

Further explanation of these services is provided in the [“Technical Assistance Scope”](#).

3. What happens after I submit an application?

3.1 Who will be selected to receive technical assistance?

Selection criteria may evolve over time in relation to the volume and nature of requests, and to coordinate with other sources of technical assistance that are relevant to the Mission. The criteria will include consideration of:

- Readiness to prepare an adaptation pathway or plan
- Coverage of different sizes and/or types of regional or local authorities
- Sectoral coverage across applications
- Geographical coverage across applications.

The intent will be to ensure that the breadth of support provided acts as an encouragement to all European regional and local authorities to prepare and plan for climate resilience.

3.2 When will I hear if my application has been successful?

You will receive a response within six weeks of submitting your application.

If your application is successful, you will be sent further information on the next steps and the expected timeline for provision of the technical assistance.

If your application is unsuccessful, you will receive feedback on what further brief information you might provide to increase chances of its future success or on where else you might seek practical support.

4. How to ask for support

If you have any questions or concerns during the application process, please contact our [Helpdesk](#).

If you seek an answer to a specific concern related to your climate adaptation planning process (e.g., where you might find a specific resource, dataset or tool; what you might do to overcome a specific barrier that you have encountered) rather than one of the types of technical assistance described above, please contact our [Helpdesk](#).

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