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ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE



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MIP4Adapt technical assistance

Objectives, scope, description, duration and format

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The Mission for Adaptation to Climate Change will:

- Support at least 150 European regional and local authorities, and communities, to accelerate their transformation to a climate resilient future, and
- Scale up actionable solutions through 75 large-scale demonstrations of resilience across a number of European regional and local authorities, and communities.

The functions of the Mission Implementation Platform (MIP4Adapt) include provision of technical assistance to regions and local authorities along their transformation process towards climate resilience.

1.2 Objectives and scope of the technical assistance

The objectives and scope of MIP4Adapt's technical assistance is to provide regional and local authorities that are Charter Signatories with:

- 1) **Tailored help to move from risk assessment to the development of adaptation pathways and fund and implement climate adaptation solutions.** At least 20 regional or local authorities will have been served during 2023, 80 during 2024 and 100 more by the end of 2025 (i.e., 200 in total will have formulated their climate adaptation plans or pathways, in line with the relevant national adaptation strategy or plan).
- 2) **Tailored help with identifying appropriate climate adaptation demonstration projects and accessing relevant funding and financing.** Again, at least 20 regional or local authorities will have been served during 2023, 80 during 2024 and 100 by the end of 2025 (i.e., 200 in total for which at least 50 demonstration projects will have obtained or applied for sufficient funding and financing).
- 3) **Support on stimulating citizens and stakeholders' mobilisation and engagement in establishing transformative pathways towards climate resilience,** either through coaching or via practical support with using do-it-yourself tools. 50 regional and local authorities will be supported each year to engage citizens and stakeholders and 30 community-level events will be organised each year by local or regional authorities, with the support of MIP4Adapt, to engage, for example, local action groups, living labs, focus groups or citizen assemblies.

The call for technical assistance will open in April 2023 and run until 2025. Following the announcement of the call, regional and local authorities can apply at any time. Therefore, if you hear back that your application has been unsuccessful, then you will be able to refine it for reconsideration on an ongoing basis.

2. Description and duration of the service types

Service type 1: Tailored help to move from risk assessment to the development of adaptation pathways and fund and implement climate adaptation solutions

Description of the service: technical advice to individual regional or local authorities on one or more of the following aspects:

- 1) The concepts and steps of the climate adaptation planning cycle, including how to apply the Regional Adaptation Support Tool (RAST) and associated guidance and tools on Climate-ADAPT relevant to the regional or local authority's specific situation
- 2) The quality of the authority's existing climate vulnerability and risk assessment
- 3) Identifying adaptation options in relation to the authority's climate vulnerability and risk assessment
- 4) Assessing and selecting adaptation options, including use of selection criteria and avoiding maladaptation
- 5) Developing an implementation plan for preferred adaptation measures, including:
 - a) Detailing of actions
 - b) Creating an enabling environment
 - c) Identifying indicative costs, funding gaps and likely sources of funding
 - d) Identifying roles and responsibilities for coordination and implementation, and
 - e) Identifying process and output indicators to be used for monitoring and evaluation
- 6) Mainstreaming preferred adaptation measures by:
 - a) Enhancing existing plans (e.g., the regional development plan and sectoral plans)
 - b) Integrating them into policy instruments
 - a. Developing cooperative and participatory mechanisms.

Duration of the service: MIP4Adapt will spend a maximum of five to 15 working days on this technical advice to each regional or local authority dependent on the size of its population.

Service type 2. Tailored help with identifying appropriate climate adaptation demonstration projects and accessing relevant funding and financing

Description of the service: technical advice to individual regional or local authorities on one or more of the following aspects:

- 1) Identifying (a) demonstration project(s) appropriate to implement their climate adaptation pathway/plan (which must be in line with the relevant national adaptation strategy or plan), giving priority to nature-based solutions
- 2) Identifying the available and appropriate funding and financing for the demonstration project(s), or for the different parts of the project, from any source other than Horizon Europe (whether EU funding, European Investment Bank (EIB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) funding, national, regional, local, other public funding or private or market funding)
- 3) All necessary procedural and administrative information and practical suggestions on how to obtain the funding sources identified, including the contact details of the relevant contact person for the appropriate funding sources identified and available helpdesks or support
- 4) Combining the different sources of funding, including with funding from Horizon Europe.

Duration of the services: MIP4Adapt will spend a maximum of five to 15 working days on this technical advice to each regional or local authority dependent on the size of its population

Service type 3. Support on stimulating citizens and stakeholders' mobilisation and engagement in establishing transformative pathways towards climate resilience

Description of the service: The Mission has developed a 'do-it-yourself' manual to help guide regional and local authorities on how to stimulate citizen and stakeholder's mobilisation and engagement.

MIP4Adapt will provide one or more of the following services to individual regional or local authorities:

- 1) Coaching, including:
 - a) Capacity building on what is citizen and stakeholder engagement, what it is used for and how it can be helpful.
 - b) Diagnosis of where the regional or local authority is in the citizen and stakeholder engagement and mobilisation process. This diagnosis will be followed by a recommendation on what aspects (i.e., communication, engagement, deliberation, involvement) the regional or local authority may need to work on based on their needs and objectives regarding stakeholder engagement (i.e., identification of the best tools that meet their needs and preferences).
- 2) Tailored training on the use of specific tools included in the manual that best suit the regional or local authority's needs for stakeholder engagement. This will be organised as a 'hands-on' capacity building program through a series of working sessions.
- 3) Support to the design of local community-level events that can strengthen a sustained engagement strategy and enhance citizens and stakeholder involvement.

Duration of the services: Coaching (Point 1a and b) will be structured as a half-day session, tailored training (Point 2) will take 1.5 days, and one day's support will be provided for the design of local community-level events (Point 3).

3. Format of the services

The technical assistance will be provided to regional and local authorities and communities individually (or in clusters where they have less than 50,000 inhabitants; see the "[Technical Assistance Application Guide](#)"). A work plan proposing the contents, delivery formats and timeline will be tailored to the needs of each regional or local authority or community based on their requests. The support will be provided remotely in the official national language.

If you need technical support on climate adaptation planning that is not covered by the objectives and scope of MIP4Adapt's technical assistance, please contact our [Helpdesk](#).