## **Climate Resilience in EU Overview**

EU context

European communities face an urgent need to catalyse societal transformation towards increased social, economic and ecological resilience to both realised and foreseen impacts of climate change. Unsustainable practices and use of resources, combined with greater frequency of extreme weather events, have culminated in increased risks to the livelihoods of individuals and communities in the EU. The EU's Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change was initiated in September 2021 to accelerate European adaptation to the changing global climate and the transition to a more climate resilient European society. The mission aims at supporting at least 150 regions and communities in Europe towards climate resilience by 2030.

Partnership and collaboration are essential in overcoming the current political, economic, and social barriers for appropriate climate change adaptation. Peer-to-peer learning, social innovation, and cross-border knowledge sharing are the key to breaking down these barriers, as well as the technological and environmental obstacles that must be overcome.



## Regions 4Climate



15 million people

More than **15 million people** live on more than **2 000 islands** across the EU



Sea level rise and increased storm surges will significantly increase flooding in Denmark's Køge Bay region

13.8 million

At least 13.8 million inhabitants of the 12 Regions4Climate partner regions are expected to directly benefit from the project's outcomes



Each year about **100,000 EU citizens** are impacted by **coastal flooding** 

- Adaptation to climate change (europa.eu)
- The Paris Agreement | United Nations
- European Climate Law (europa.eu)
- EU Green Deal

Resources

- The JUST Transition Mechanism
- EU Energy Poverty Advisory Hub
- Climate change impacts in Europe (arcgis.com)

## **Project Overview**

About

The Regions4Climate project brings together 44 partners from 13 different European countries to demonstrate innovations that enhance societal resilience to the impacts of climate change, in line with the Paris Agreement and the EU Green Deal. Based on cross-sectoral strategies created by and for people, the project partners will collaboratively develop and implement novel social, technological, digital, business, governance, and environmental solutions to reinforce adaptive capacity and minimise vulnerability to climate impacts.

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# Partners

Belgium REVOLVE

#### Bulgaria

 "Risk-Space-Transfer" Technology Transfer Office

**Coordinated by: Teknologian** 

Tutkimuskeskus VTT Oy

Burgas Municipality

#### Cyprus

- Cyprus Energy Agency
- Troodos Network of Thematic Centres

#### Denmark

- Danish Coastal Authority
- VIA University College
- Region Hovedstaden
- Region Sjælland
- University of Copenhagen

#### Estonia

- Stockholm Environment Institute
- Tallinn Eesti Keskkonnauuringute Keskus
- Pärnu County Development Centre City of Pärnu

#### Finland

- Teknologian Tutkimuskeskus VTT Oy
- Forum Virium Helsinki Oy
- Demos Research Institute Ov
- Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council
- Government of Åland
- University of Helsinki

#### France

Basque

- UEZ Water France Center Rivages Pro Tech
- Communauté d'Agglomération du Pays

• University of Pau and the Pays de l'Adour (UPPA)

#### Germany

ICLEI European Secretariat GmbH

#### Greece

- National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos" Municipality of Sitia

#### Italv

- Engineering Ingegneria Informatica
- RINA Consulting
- Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies
- University of Florence
- IRIS Ambiente Bacci Maurizio • NEMO srl
- Region Tuscany

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 The Regional Fund of Science and Technology (FRCT)

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#### Spain

Portugal

- Fundacion AZTI AZTI Fundazioa
- · Zabala Innovation Consulting, S.A.
- Tecnalia Research & Innovation
- CARTIF Technology Centre
- · Junta de Castilla y León
- Sociedad Pública de Gestión Ambiental **IHOBE SA**
- Consejeria De Desarrollo Económico, Sostenibilidad y Medio Ambiente. Euskadi

#### Sweden

Region Stockholm

### Climate change adaptation

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- Social innovation
- Environmental sciences
- Climate resilience
- Regional collaboration
- Social equity
- Just Transition
- Green Transition

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