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ERDF ACCESSIBILITY FOR MUNICIPALITIES

INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OPS OF THE ERDF IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ITS ACCESSIBILITY FOR MUNICIPALITIES (CLIMATE ADAPTATION PARTNERSHIP)
CLIMATE ADAPTATION PARTNERSHIP (COORD. GENOA CITY)

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Stakeholder officially engaged:
EEA, JRC, CoMo

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- to gather urban needs for better climate adaptation actions, recommendations and policies improvements
- to suggest how the Urban Area could benefit of funding policies consistent with their real needs on climate adaptation
- to suggest both traditional and not conventional communication models on climate adaptation among institutional bodies, communities and stakeholders
CLIMATE ADAPTATION PARTNERSHIP (COORD. GENOA CITY)

CLIMATE ADAPTATION IS COMPLEX

- **Many stakeholders**
  - Different sectors and levels

- **More knowledge and better governance needed**
  - To predict better and take the proper decisions

**Cross-cutting**
- Involves many sectors and levels of decision.

**More resources**
- To execute adaptation actions
WHY? MAIN BARRIERS

1. Complexity to fulfill all requirements
2. Adaptation is not a crosscutting issue
3. Local Authority must provide an upfront investment (in some Member States)
4. Sometimes calls are delayed
5. Lack of staff for the drafting/management of ERDF
HOW?

Survey to Local Authorities
Focus on:
- Design and follow up of OPs
- Requirements of the calls
- Management of the projects awarded
- Special attention to climate change adaptation

Interview with the managing Authorities
Till now just done in Spain.

Analysis of the results
To establish recommendations and feedback to Managing Authorities

By Presentationgo.com
Administrative procedures are complex: either for presentation, management and follow up.

Upfronting the investment deters Local Authorities to present projects.

Not specific funds allocated for adaptation and adaptation not considered as a criteria.

Needs of staff to prepare, manage and follow up.
CONCLUSIONS

01. Local authorities should participate in the OP design

02. Complexity of the calls needs trained staff, many municipalities must hire external staff, that should be included in the grant

03. Simplifying the administrative complexity

04. SEAPs (or equivalent strategies) should be recognised and positively valued as valid written strategies for proposal calls
CONCLUSIONS

- Adaptation to climate change have to be scored positively even though the axis/call is not strictly related to climate change
- Include adaptation to climate change in the OPs
- Simplifying the justification to make it more proportionate to the type of project and to the size of the local authority
- It is necessary to put a stress on preventive control to make the control/audit phases be rather a formality