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URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU – STATE OF PLAY OF THE ACTIONS

CARME MELCION

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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)





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CLIMATE ADAPTATION PARTNERSHIP (COORD. GENOA CITY)

Member States	Local Authorities	European Commission	Other EU Organizations
FRANCE	GENOVA (IT) - Coordinator	DG REGIO	EUROCITIES
POLAND	BARCELONA Diput. (ES)	DG CLIMA	CEMR
HUNGARY	GLASGOW (UK)	DG ENV	EIB
BULGARIA	TRONDHEIM (NO)	DG RTD	URBACT
	LOULÈ (PT)		
	POTENZA (IT)		
	SFANTU GHEORGHE (RO)		

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

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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



More resources

To execute adaptation
actions

Cross-cutting

Involves many sectors and
levels of decision.

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WHY? MAIN BARRIERS





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HOW?

Survey to Local Authorities

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Focus on:

- ❖ Design and follow up of OPs
- ❖ Requirements of the calls
- ❖ Management of the projects awarded
- ❖ Special attention to climate change adaptation

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Analysis of the results

To establish recommendations and feed back to Managing Authorities

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Interview with the managing Authorities

Till now just done in Spain.



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RESULTS

1 Administrative procedures are complex: either for presentation, management and follow up

2 Upfronting the investment deters Local Authorities to present projects

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

4 Needs of staff to prepare, manage and follow up



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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



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CONCLUSIONS

05

Adaptation to climate change have to be scored positively even though the axis/call is not strictly related to climate change

06

Include adaptation to climate change in the OPs

07

Simplifying the justification to make it more proportionate to the type of project and to the size of the local authority

08

It is necessary to put a stress on preventive control to make the control/audit phases be rather a formality



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