The Partnership on Climate Adaptation aims to find the best way to translate the needs of cities into concrete action through proposals of better regulation, funding and knowledge exchange, to achieve a common awareness level of the criticality of climate change, to develop progressively city capacities to address the impacts of such change.

Vulnerability assessments, climate resilience and risk management are needed to anticipate the adverse effects of climate change and take appropriate action to prevent or minimise the damages they could cause to Urban Areas, such as human deaths and injuries, permanently or temporarily displaced people, properties, infrastructures, services, ecosystem services, agricultural systems, psychological well-being and safety perception, financial or economic loss.

The Partnership on Climate Adaptation, coordinated by the City of Genoa, includes six local authorities - the Province of Barcelona and the Cities of Glasgow, Trondheim, Potenza, Loulé and Sfantu Gheorghe, four Member States - France, Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria - and the Directorates-General of the European Commission - REGIO, CLIMA, ENV, RTD, ECHO. Other European organizations are EuroCities, CERM-Council of European Regions and Municipalities, EIB-BEI European Investment Bank, and URBACT.

The Partnership, through thematic working groups activities, will define an Action Plan where every action chosen to be implemented in urban areas will be assessed in an Adaptation Policy Cycle. It will consist in four main phases (Assessing Risk and Vulnerability to Climate Change, Select and Planning Adaptation Actions, Implementing Adaptation Actions, Monitoring and Evaluation), with the multilevel governance support and participation.

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