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EU Mission on Climate Adaptation Reports Growing Momentum Across Europe

The European Commission has published the **2025/26 Activity Report** of the **EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change**, highlighting continued progress in strengthening climate resilience across Europe through closer cooperation between regional and local authorities, researchers, citizens and European institutions.

The report demonstrates that the Mission is successfully translating climate adaptation objectives into practical action on the ground, with a rapidly expanding network of participating regions and cities working together to address the growing impacts of climate change.

As climate risks continue to intensify across Europe, the Mission is becoming an increasingly important platform for accelerating adaptation measures, promoting knowledge exchange and supporting evidence-based decision-making.

Expanding participation across Europe

The latest report highlights strong growth in participation throughout the Mission ecosystem.

Key achievements include:

- More than **400 regional and local authorities** actively participating in Mission activities
- A portfolio of **65 Horizon Europe-funded projects**
- An active **Mission Adaptation Community** comprising more than **700 participants**

These organisations work together to exchange knowledge, develop innovative adaptation solutions and strengthen cooperation across different levels of governance.

The growing participation demonstrates increasing recognition of climate adaptation as a shared European priority.

Turning policy into practical action

The Mission continues to serve as a key mechanism for implementing European climate adaptation policy through practical projects and collaborative initiatives.

Its activities support regions and local communities by:

- Developing climate adaptation strategies
- Sharing technical expertise
- Promoting innovative adaptation solutions
- Facilitating peer learning
- Supporting local implementation of resilience measures

By connecting policymakers with practitioners, researchers and local authorities, the Mission helps transform strategic climate objectives into concrete actions that strengthen resilience across Europe.

Building resilience through collaboration

The report emphasises that effective climate adaptation depends on strong cooperation between a wide range of stakeholders.

The Mission brings together:

- Regional governments
- Local authorities
- Research organisations
- Universities
- Citizens
- European institutions
- Climate experts

This collaborative approach enables participants to exchange experiences, identify best practices and develop coordinated responses to increasingly complex climate risks.

Knowledge sharing and peer learning remain central components of the Mission's activities, helping accelerate adaptation efforts across different European regions.

Supporting Europe's response to climate risks

As climate change increases the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, the report highlights the growing importance of coordinated adaptation measures.

The Mission contributes to strengthening Europe's preparedness by supporting:

- Climate risk assessment
- Long-term resilience planning
- Nature-based adaptation solutions
- Local and regional adaptation strategies
- Evidence-based policymaking

These activities help communities prepare for climate impacts while improving their capacity to respond to future environmental challenges.

Contributing to the future Climate Resilience Framework

Experience gained through the Mission will play an important role in shaping the forthcoming **Integrated Framework on Climate Resilience**, which the European Commission is expected to present later in 2026.

The new framework aims to:

- Improve coordination across adaptation policies
- Strengthen risk-informed decision-making
- Promote anticipatory approaches to resilience
- Enhance policy coherence across the European Union
- Support more systemic climate adaptation strategies

Lessons learned from Mission projects and regional partnerships will provide valuable practical experience to support the development of this future policy framework.

Strengthening adaptation across Europe

The report concludes that the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change has become an important driver of Europe's adaptation agenda.

By fostering cooperation, supporting innovation and facilitating knowledge exchange, the Mission is helping regions and communities move from planning towards implementation while strengthening resilience to climate change.

Its growing network demonstrates that climate adaptation increasingly relies on coordinated action across all levels of governance, supported by scientific expertise and practical experience.

Background

The **EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change** is one of the five EU Missions established under the **Horizon Europe** research and innovation programme.

Its objective is to accelerate climate adaptation by supporting regions, cities and local authorities in preparing for the impacts of climate change through innovation, collaboration and knowledge sharing.

The **2025/26 Activity Report** demonstrates continued expansion of the Mission, with more than **400 participating regional and local authorities**, **65 Horizon Europe projects** and a community of over **700 stakeholders** working together to strengthen climate resilience across Europe. The experience generated through the Mission will contribute to the development of the forthcoming **Integrated Framework on Climate Resilience**, reinforcing the European Union's long-term objective of building a more resilient and climate-ready society.

More information: https://climate.ec.europa.eu/news-other-reads/news/eu-mission-adaptation-climate-change-publishes-its-202526-activity-report-2026-05-20_en