

## Calls for proposals

### Call - Supporting the implementation of the Adaptation to Climate Change Mission

***HORIZON-MISS-2026-1***

#### Overview of this call<sup>4</sup>

Proposals are invited against the following Destinations and topic(s):

Topics	Type of Action	Budgets (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million) <sup>5</sup>	Indicative number of projects expected to be funded
		2026		
Opening: 04 Feb 2026 Deadline(s): 23 Sep 2026				
Adaptation to Climate Change: Supporting the implementation of the EU Mission Adaptation to Climate Change				
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-01: National Adaptation Hubs - Bringing together the national level with the engaged regional and local levels (multi-level governance)	CSA	10.00	Around 10.00	1
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-02: Facilitating implementation of actionable solutions for climate adaptation of regions and local authorities	CSA	5.00	Around 5.00	1
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-03: Standardising and supporting climate services for climate adaptation	RIA	9.19	Around 9.00	1
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-04: Bridging the gap between disaster risk management and climate adaptation	CSA	5.00	Around 5.00	1

<sup>4</sup> The Director-General responsible for the call may decide to open the call up to one month prior to or after the envisaged date(s) of opening.  
The Director-General responsible may delay the deadline(s) by up to two months.  
All deadlines are at 17.00.00 Brussels local time.  
The budget amounts are subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2026 and 2027.

<sup>5</sup> Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.

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HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-05: Demonstrating solutions to protect and preserve cultural heritage from the impacts of climate change	IA	21.00	Around 7.00	3
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-06: Improving climate resilience of navigable inland waterways, their surroundings and related water infrastructure	RIA	12.00	Around 6.00	2
HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-07: Demonstrating innovative financing of local adaptation actions with combination of public funding and private financing	IA	20.00	Around 20.00	1
Overall indicative budget		82.19		

**General conditions relating to this call**

<i>Admissibility conditions</i>	The conditions are described in General Annex A.
<i>Eligibility conditions</i>	The conditions are described in General Annex B.
<i>Financial and operational capacity and exclusion</i>	The criteria are described in General Annex C.
<i>Award criteria</i>	The criteria are described in General Annex D.
<i>Documents</i>	The documents are described in General Annex E.
<i>Procedure</i>	The procedure is described in General Annex F.
<i>Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements</i>	The rules are described in General Annex G.

**Call - Supporting the implementation of the Cancer Mission**

***HORIZON-MISS-2026-02***

## **EU Missions**

### **Adaptation to Climate Change: Supporting the implementation of the EU Mission Adaptation to Climate Change**

#### **Political context**

In February 2021, the European Commission adopted a [EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change](#) that sets out how the EU can adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change and become climate resilient by 2050. Pushing further on the belief that we must adjust now to tomorrow's climate, the EU has launched, in the same year, the [EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change to support at least 150 regions and local authorities to become climate-resilient by 2030](#).

Since the start of the Mission, the European Commission confirmed its strategic importance and the potential strength of its approach to accelerate the transformation to a climate-resilient Europe<sup>34</sup>. It also acknowledged that the Mission can serve as a best practice for all interested parties, and that it will be further leveraged<sup>35</sup>.

In March 2024, the [European Climate Risk Assessment \(EUCRA\)](#), published by the European Environment Agency, has further stressed the need to ramp up adaptation efforts in Europe. The Commission Communication '[Managing climate risks: protecting people and prosperity](#)', also published in March 2024, sets out how the EU and its Member States can better anticipate, understand, and address growing climate risks. The urgency and importance of stepping up preparedness and adaptation is reflected in the [Political Guidelines for the European Commission 2024-2029](#) which call the European Commission to develop a European Climate Adaptation Plan (ECAP), scheduled for the second half of 2026.

In this context, the Mission appears to be the perfect vehicle to support pioneering efforts on climate adaptation at the regional and local levels and to develop and facilitate the take-up of ready-to-use knowledge and tools for climate action.

#### **A regional approach**

Regional and local authorities are the end-users of the Mission. By signing the Mission Charter, more than [325 regional and local authorities](#) have committed to working together to transition faster to a climate resilient Europe.

Some regional and local authorities in Europe are well prepared to climate change, others are striving for solutions to address their climate risks. The Mission aims to support as a priority less developed regional and local authorities that are more vulnerable to climate impacts and have low adaptive capacity. The Mission fosters, by the mean of the [Mission Implementation](#)

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<sup>34</sup> see Commission [Communication on the EU Missions](#), adopted in July 2023

<sup>35</sup> see [Commission Communication on Managing Climate Risks – protecting people and prosperity, adopted in March 2024](#)

[Platform](#) and its [Community of Practice](#), the sharing of experiences and lessons learnt from others, accompanying regions and local authorities in finding and possibly reapplying solutions adapted to their climatic situation and socio-economic context.

Regional and local authorities already engaged in the Mission activities (e.g. Charter Signatories, Community of Practice) have already proven their commitment and motivation to work towards the objectives of the Mission and, as such, they provide ideal sites where the testing and demonstration of innovative approaches could take place. However, the actions supported by these calls are open to all actors from EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries, in line with Horizon Europe rules of participation.

### **Research and innovation**

Rooted in research and innovation, the Mission aims to align towards its concrete objectives all relevant actors and stakeholders to deliver tangible solutions and concrete impacts by 2030.

The R&I support is provided in different ways:

1. Further support European regional and local authorities to better understand, prepare for and manage climate risks and opportunities, especially in view the large need demonstrated in the early phase of the Mission;
2. Step up support towards at least 150 regional and local authorities to accelerate their transformation to a climate resilient future, supporting them in the co-creation of innovation pathways and the testing of solutions;
3. Demonstrate systemic transformations to climate resilience contributing to deliver at least 75 large-scale demonstrations of systemic transformations to climate resilience across European regional and local authorities.

To be successful, the Mission needs to mobilise all relevant actors -- research institutes, industry, investors, civil society and citizens -- to create real and lasting impact and to accelerate their transformation to a fair and climate-resilient society that leaves no-one behind. In the spirit of the Mission, all proposals should also adopt a participatory approach that fully considers the local dimension of climate change and entails collaboration and engagement with the local communities that are affected by climate impacts. Therefore, engagement of citizens should be embedded in the design and/or implementation of the Mission's solutions.

It should be noted that Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines are at the heart of the Mission and therefore, many of the Mission topics require the effective contribution and inclusion of SSH disciplines and experts.

### **Strategic direction for 2026-2027**

As laid out in its implementation plan, the Mission has evolved from the initial build-up phase, where all its different streams of actions have been put in motion, to full deployment.

With its calls for 2026 & 2027, the Adaptation Mission will (i) provide continuity by maintaining the support structure already in place, (ii) focus on synergies with other initiatives and other parts of Horizon Europe and (iii) lay the ground to scale up R&I results.

Implementing the focus on synergies, there are a series of actions that do not appear in this part of the work programme, but to which the Adaptation Mission has contributed financially.

The joint actions for 2026 are:

- **Accelerator Challenge: Deep tech for Climate Adaptation.** The Adaptation Mission supports an accelerator challenge together with the European Innovation Council with the aim to achieve common objectives and synergies in the field of climate adaptation. The Challenge is located in the Work Programme 2026 part of the European Innovation Council. (Adaptation Mission contribution of EUR 25 million to the European Innovation Council for a total budget to EUR 50 million).
- **HORIZON-MISS-2026-06-CLIMA-SOIL: Joint demonstration of solutions to build soil resilience to extreme weather events and support food security.** The Adaptation Mission supports this topic together with the Soil Mission. These innovation actions are located in the Joint Calls of the Mission of the Work Programme. (Adaptation Mission Contribution of EUR 10 million for a total budget to EUR 20 million).
- Financial contribution to the [Climate City Capital Hub](#), listed under “Specific Grant Agreement to the FPA to reinforce the operations of the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission Platform” in the 2026 Work Programme Part of the Cities Mission. (Adaptation Mission Contribution of EUR 10 million to work on adaptation financing in support of the signatories of the Adaptation Mission).

The joint actions for 2027 are:

- **HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH-MISSCLIMA-03: Tools and technologies to support health adaptation to climate change.** The Adaptation Mission supports this topic together with Cluster 1. This pre-commercial procurement is located in the Cluster 1 part of the Work Programme (Adaptation Mission Contribution of EUR 10 million for a total budget to EUR 20 million).
- **HORIZON-MISS-2027-07-CLIMA-CIT-NEB-01: Urban nature: supporting restoration of urban ecosystems, including along urban transport networks and in the built environment.** The Adaptation Mission supports this topic together with the Cities Mission and the New European Bauhaus. These innovation actions are located in the Joint Calls of the Missions Work Programme. (Adaptation Mission Contribution of EUR 15 million for a total budget to EUR 40 million).
- **HORIZON-MISS-2027-07-CLIMA-CIT-CCRI-02: Deploying innovative wastewater management, treatment and valorisation solutions in European cities and regions in the context of climate change.** The Adaptation Mission supports this topic together with the Cities Mission and the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (from

Cluster 3: Disaster-Resilient Society (CL3-DRS) and by UCPM’s calls of Knowledge for Action in Prevention and Preparedness.

- **Implement a multi-governance approach** that will also help disseminate existing knowledge beyond the regions directly served by the Mission, via the National Adaptation Hubs<sup>46</sup>. In this context, the proposal should map relevant stakeholders and identify the right grouping and pairing of participants to bring the knowledge they acquired by participating in an EU funded projects to other regions in the EU, with particular attention to the inclusion and needs of vulnerable regions.
- **Support and closely cooperate** with the ongoing Mission Implementation Platform<sup>47</sup> (in close contact with the Mission Secretariat), the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network (and its Secretariat), as well as the Community for European Research and Innovation for Security (CERIS) and its Disaster Resilient Societies (DRS) platform to avoid duplications of activities. This includes relying on existing activities of the Commission’s Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre, of MIP4Adapt and the project funded under HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-01 with a view to strengthen cooperation.
- **Organize European Climate Change Adaptation Conferences (ECCA)** in 2028 and 2030, in consultation with the European Commission.

**HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-05: Demonstrating solutions to protect and preserve cultural heritage from the impacts of climate change**

<b>Call: Supporting the implementation of the Adaptation to Climate Change Mission</b>	
<b>Specific conditions</b>	
<i>Expected EU contribution per project</i>	The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 7.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts.
<i>Indicative budget</i>	The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 21.00 million.
<i>Type of Action</i>	Innovation Actions
<i>Eligibility conditions</i>	The conditions are described in General Annex B. The following exceptions apply:  The following additional eligibility criteria apply:

<sup>46</sup> Established by [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-02](#) and extended by HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-01

<sup>47</sup> Initially established by [MIP4Adapt](#) and extended under the contract CINEA/2025/OP/0014

	Demonstration activities must take place in the territory of at least 3 different regional or local authorities that host cultural heritage, each established in a different Member States or Associated Country.
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Expected Outcome: In line with the [EU Adaptation Strategy](#) and the objectives of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change, successful proposals will support the preservation of cultural heritage (moveable, immovable and natural with cultural significance) under a changing climate. Project results are expected to contribute to all the following outcomes:

- **Innovative solutions** for protecting and preserving cultural heritage from the impacts of climate change **have been demonstrated** and are made widely available for upscaling and deployment across the European Union and beyond.
- **Regional and local authorities** hosting cultural heritage are better prepared to preserve it under a changing climate.
- **Relevant stakeholders** - heritage scientists and managers, climate scientists, regional and local policymakers, civil society and representatives from the tourism industry - **have co-created** and put in place climate-resilient solutions. Citizens and local communities have also been engaged in the process.

Scope:

### **Rationale**

As the impacts of climate change are becoming increasingly apparent, economic losses associated with it are also increasing. However, not all impacts can be quantified economically. This is the case of cultural heritage, which is particularly threatened by climate change but requires dedicated solutions due to its own specificities. Cultural heritage is a key priority for adaptation in the COP28 [UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience](#) but has not been addressed by the Mission so far. This is why this action aims to identify and demonstrate solutions that protect and preserve cultural heritage from climate impacts. This topic focuses on tangible (movable and immovable) heritage, and natural heritage with cultural significance.

Innovative and effective solutions are needed to help cultural heritage managers and local communities to prepare the cultural heritage sites, structures, and artefacts against the climate impacts, in a way that safeguards their cultural and historical integrity and acknowledges the importance they hold for present and future generations.

### **Solutions sought**

**Proposals should identify, test and demonstrate innovative solutions** to protect and preserve cultural heritage from the impacts of climate change and identify possible trade-offs and co-benefits.

The solutions may address different aspects of heritage protection and preservation such as, but not limited to, innovative environmental assessment methodologies, monitoring technologies

and systems, (green) conservation and restoration techniques<sup>48</sup>, risk management and disaster prevention, etc. All of the following aspects should be considered:

- The solutions are expected to be co-designed by all the relevant stakeholders, including heritage managers, regions and local authorities hosting the cultural heritage , and to engage citizens.
- When relevant, nature-based solutions should be explored as a priority
- The solutions should consider the potential interactions and compound effects of different hazards.
- Careful consideration is necessary to avoid maladaptation.

Note that this topic requires the effective contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) disciplines.

### **Demonstration sites and related activities**

The Mission encourages collaborations between regional and local authorities facing similar challenges and considers this to be a very efficient approach to secure a large impact. Therefore, the demonstration activities of the proposals:

- Must take place in the territory of **at least 3 different regional or local authorities that host cultural heritage**, each established in a different Member States or Associated Country, with the involvement of these regional or local authorities and of relevant heritage managers (preferably participating in the consortium as a beneficiary or associated partner).
- Should already include at least **3 replicating regional or local authorities from 3 different Member States or Associated Countries**, interested in reapplying the lessons learnt (totally, partially or with the required adjustments) in their territories. For the replication, the consortium could include one or more partners that would provide support for the technical exchanges and the knowledge uptake in the replicating” regions or local authorities. Replicating regions are not necessarily expected to carry out on the ground activities already in the course of the project. However, replicating regions should at least prepare the theoretical framework for replicating the successful solutions and explore means to fund the implementation of those solutions.

### **Links to the Mission and to other projects and initiatives**

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<sup>48</sup> a green conservation approach is minimally harmful to the environment and humans. Aligning with the circular economy, green conservation is decarbonizing, zero-waste, accessible, and available. ([GoGreen](#))

Proposals should build (when relevant) on existing knowledge and adaptation solutions developed by previous projects<sup>49</sup> and explore synergies with ongoing projects<sup>50</sup> from EU and national programmes, like the European Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage and the [Joint Programming Initiative on Cultural Heritage and Global Change](#).

Synergies with other funding sources (EU and national) are encouraged to identify opportunities to scale up the solutions demonstrated and to foster their broad deployment across Europe through other programmes.

Proposals should include a mechanism and the resources to establish operational links and collaboration with the Mission Implementation Platform (including on monitoring). Projects funded under this topic will be expected to participate in the Mission Community of Practice and to share relevant knowledge to feed the work of the project stemming from HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-02. Proposals are encouraged to (dedicate resources to) link their monitoring to the framework developed by the project [UNDERPIN](#).

Applicants should acknowledge these elements and already account for them in their proposal, making adequate provisions in terms of resources and budget to engage and collaborate with the Mission.