

Pathways2Resilience Second Open Call overview

A project supporting the **EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change**

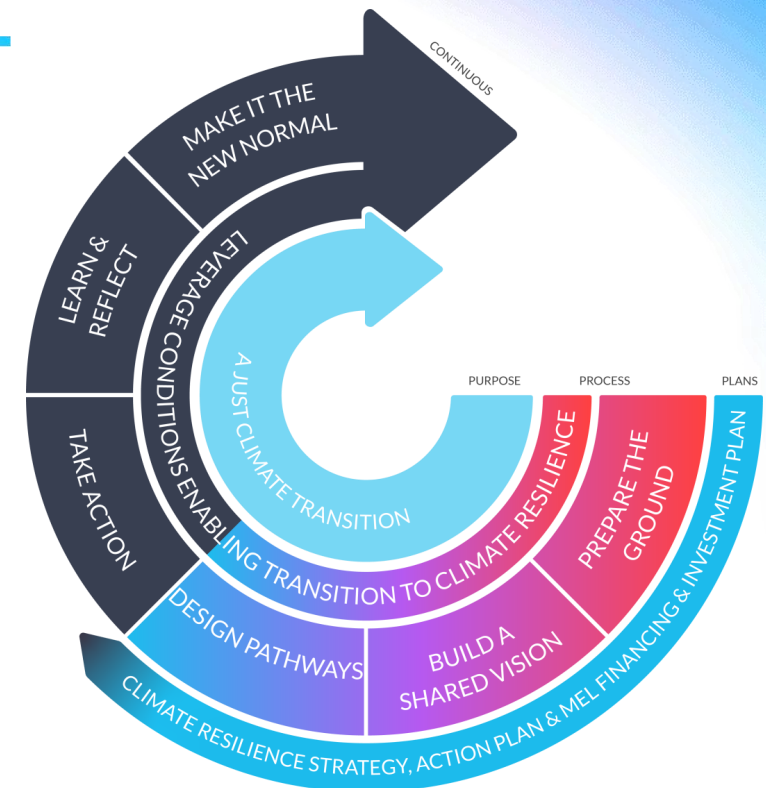


Pathways2Resilience accelerates climate adaptation in Europe

The Pathways2Resilience programme will allocate **€21M** in sub-grants via two open calls to support at least **100 European regions and communities** to co-design locally-led pathways towards a climate-resilient future, while providing them with support services and capacity-building activities.

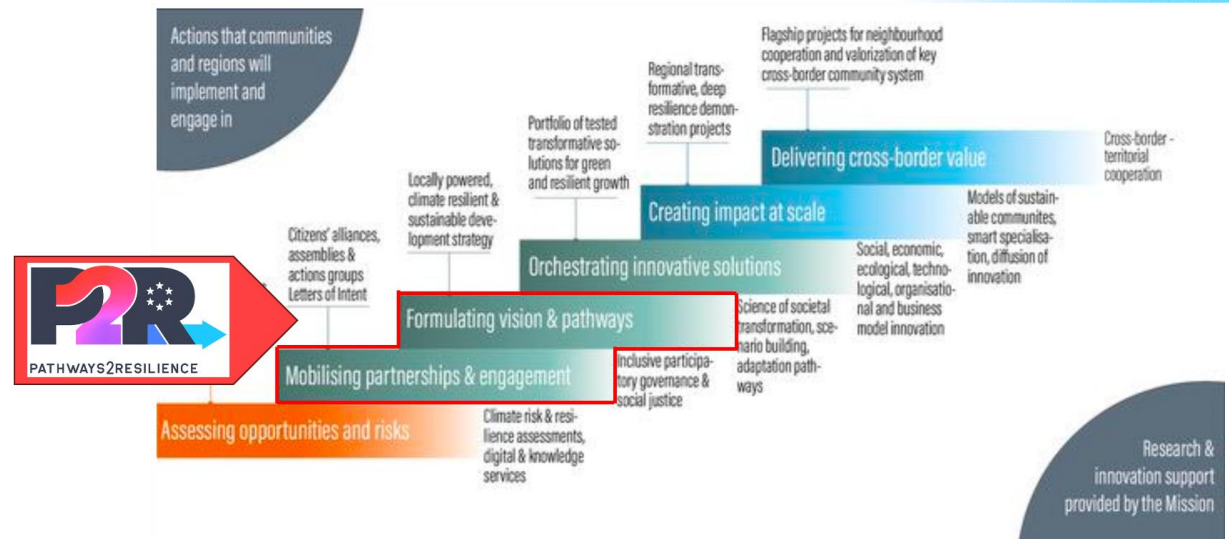
The Pathways2Resilience programme's transformational adaptation frameworks will guide regions and communities through different steps to accelerate their path towards climate resilience, resulting in the creation of:

- Baseline assessment
- Climate Resilience Strategy
- Climate Resilience Action Plan
- Climate Resilience Investment Plan

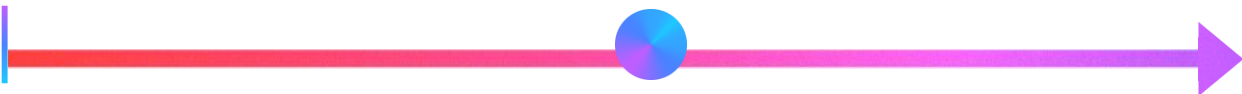


Pathways2Resilience contributes to the implementation of the Mission Adaptation's objectives.

- Its objective is to empower at least 100 European regions and communities to design climate resilience pathways by 2030.
- Total budget: 29,609,362.50 EUR from which 21M EUR is reserved for funding regional projects through public calls
- Duration: 5 years



Starts M1
Jan 2023

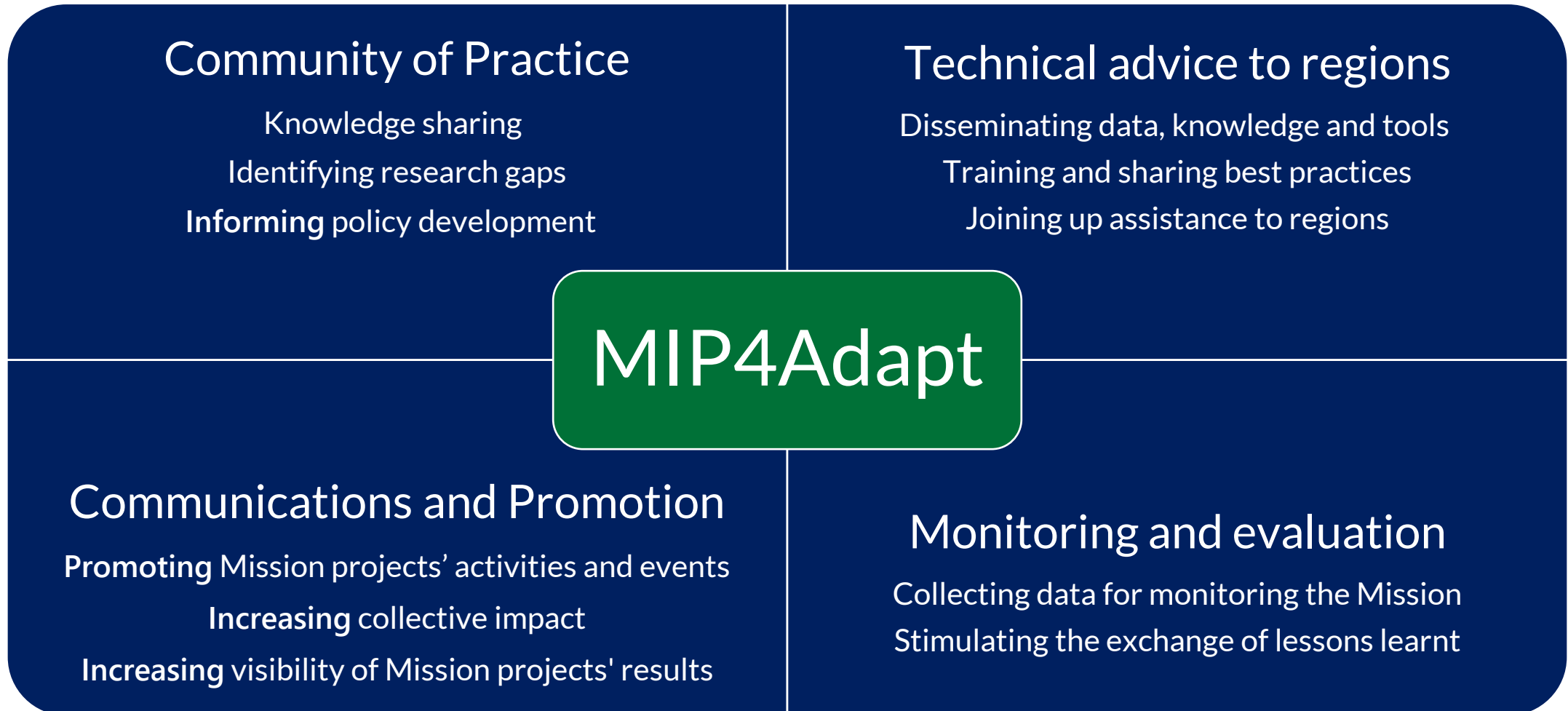


Current = M31
July 2025

Ends M60
Dec 2027

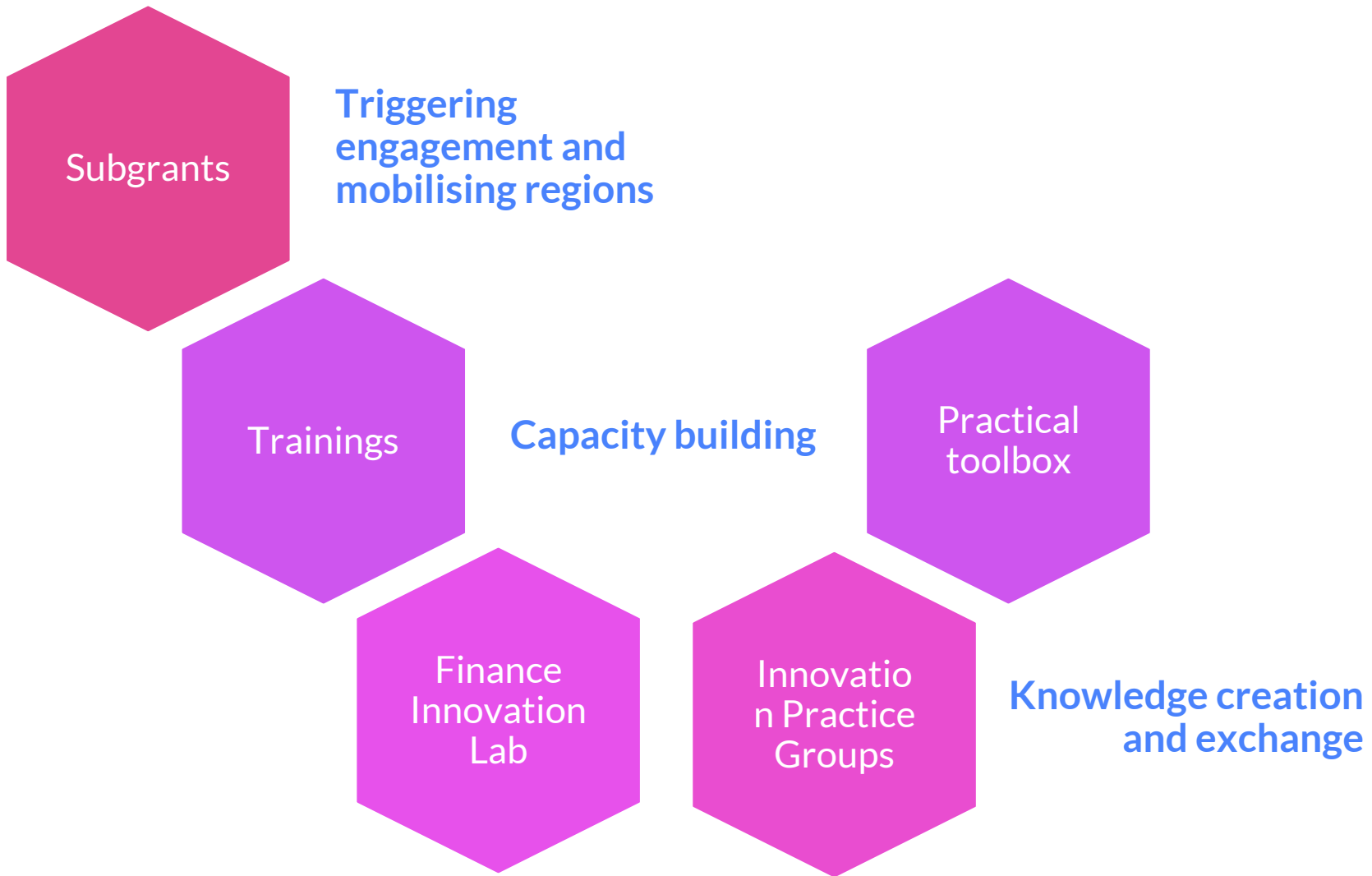


MIP4Adapt's role with Mission projects

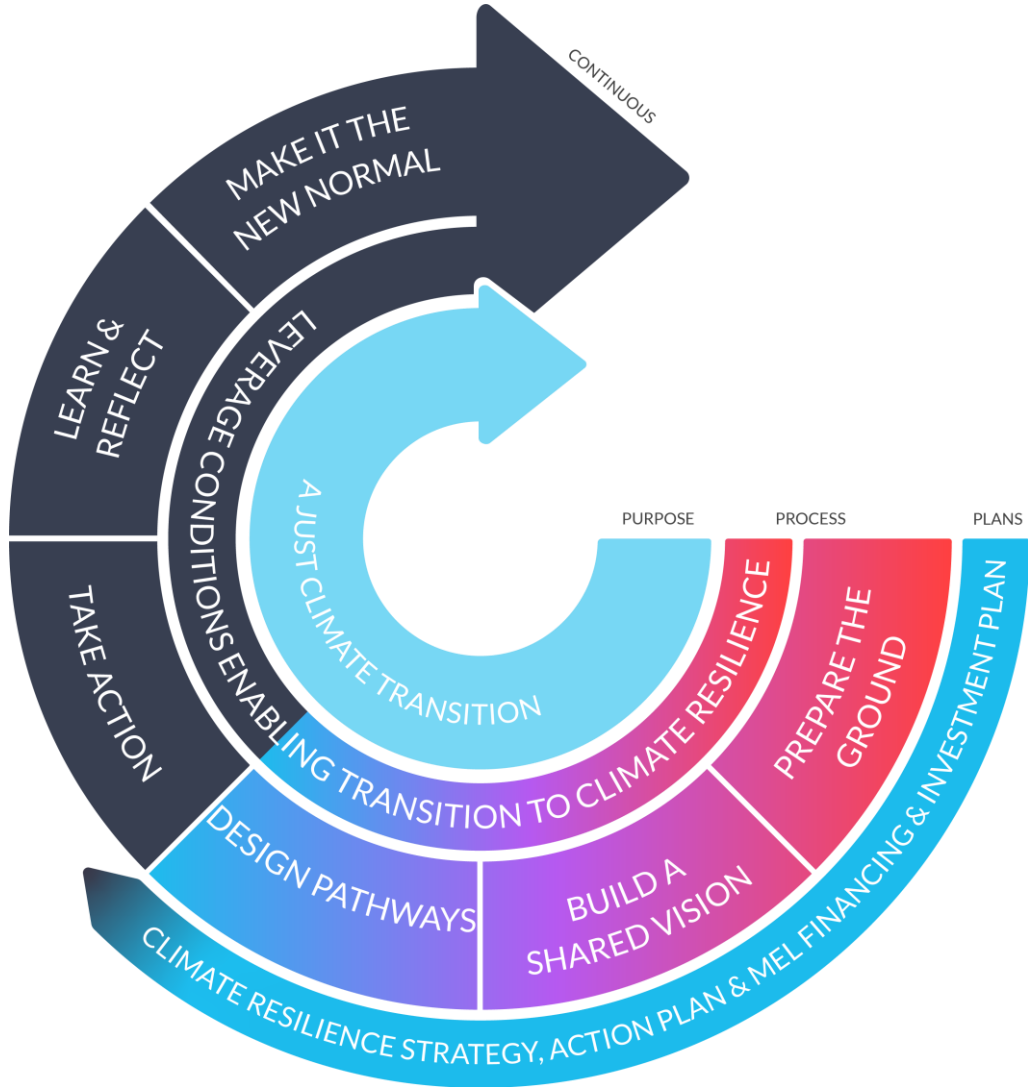




Pathways2Resilience in actions

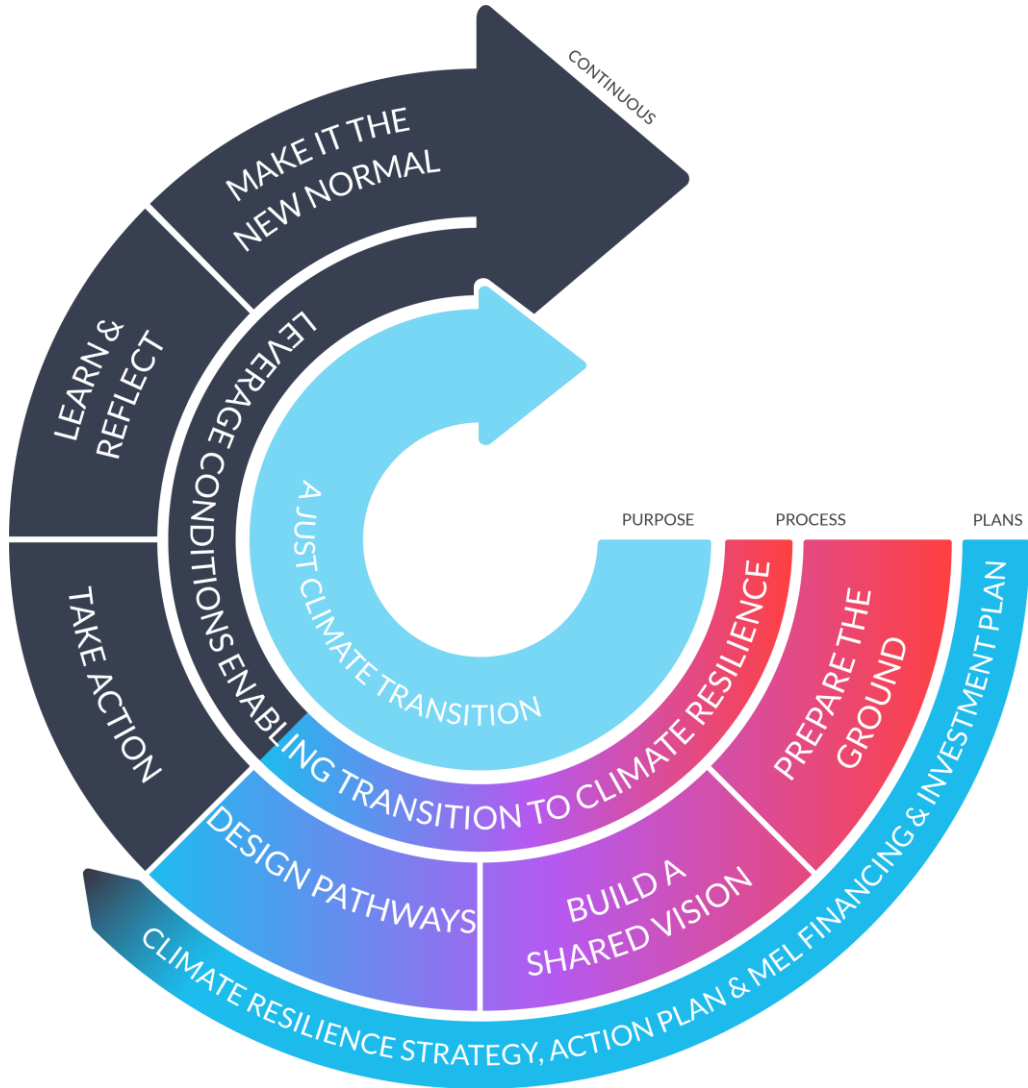


P2R's Frameworks: RRJ & AIC



- **Regional Resilience Journey (RRJ)**
 - Framework for developing *transformational* adaptation pathways
- **Adaptation Investment Cycle (AIC)**
 - Framework to devise a **financing approach** to enable the implementation of the RRJ

P2R's Regional Resilience Journey framework



○ Coverage of P2R

- P2R's logic covers the entire transition (what the strategy and planning should address)
- P2R funding and frameworks are limited to strategy and planning

P2R's Regional Resilience Journey framework



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A JUST CLIMATE
TRANSITION

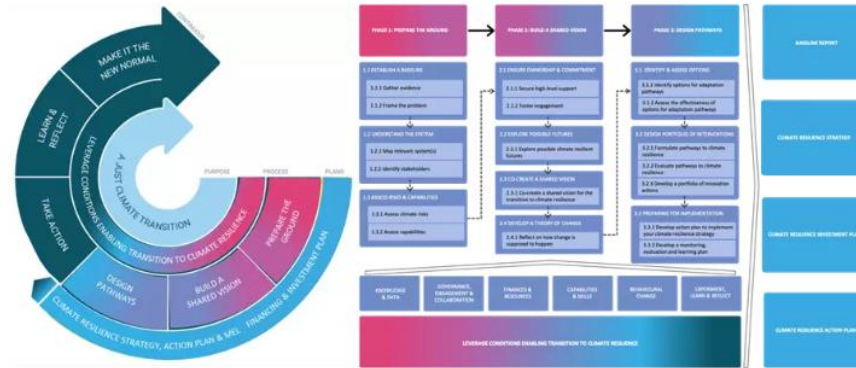
ENABLING
CONDITIONS

PREPARE THE
GROUND

BUILD A SHARED
VISION

DESIGN
PATHWAYS

PLANS &
STRATEGIES



The **Regional Resilience Journey framework** provides task-by-task guidance, including methods, tools and checklists, to help regions at all maturity levels create or improve their Climate Resilience Strategies and Action Plans. It applies a systemic approach, just transition and just resilience principles and harnesses transformative innovation. Successful strategies for climate adaptation and transitioning to climate resilience combine interventions across multiple levers of change in a coherent portfolio of actions, outlining how each intervention contributes to progress towards the desired outcomes.

Key Approaches used in the Regional Resilience Journey

Systems thinking: This approach is designed to help us grasp the interconnectedness and interdependencies of our world. It builds from the idea that none of our human interactions exist in isolation and therefore the changes applied to one part of a given system can have ripple effects in other parts of that system and those connected.

<https://www.pathways2resilience.eu/regional-resilience-journey-map/>

P2R Second Call for Regions and Communities

Applications welcome until
20 August 2025, 12:00 CET

Register your application via:

<https://www.pathways2resilience.eu/second-open-call/>

Helpdesk: pathways2resilience@climate-kic.org



Open Call: summary



- Applications can only be submitted through the Pathways2Resilience website
 - Deadline: 20 August 2025, 12:00 CET
- **In numbers:**
 - 61 subgrantees
 - 210,000€ maximum each
 - 18 months support (January 2026 – June 2027)
- **Main selection criteria:**
 - Most vulnerable regions (high climate risk and low adaptive capacity)
 - Diversity (countries, bioregions, climate risk types, scale, etc)
- Applicants must select a specific scope of where they will apply the P2R frameworks:
 - NUTS1, NUTS2, NUTS3, LAU or equivalent in your (eligible) country



Open Call: timeline

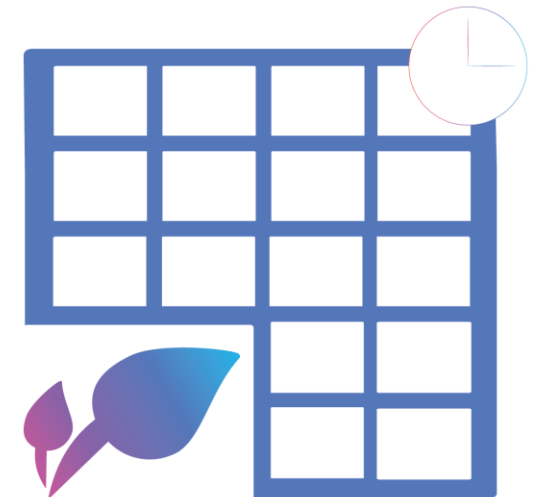


Call Opens	Thursday 15 May 2025 17:00 CET
Information Sessions	22 May 2025 13:00-14:00 CET Online 1 July 2025 13:00-14:00 CEST Online 23 July 2025 13:00-14:00 CEST Online
Application Deadline	20 August 2025, 12:00 CET
Review and Selection	September – November 2025
Eligibility Notification	September 2025
Award Status Notification	November 2025
Subgrant Agreements Signed	December 2025
Publication of Call Awards	January 2026
End of Call 1 Subgrants	June 2027

Open Call: subgrantee expectations



- Test, validate and further develop the P2R Frameworks
 - Attending the training sessions
 - Reviewing Pathways2Resilience methodologies and resources
 - Enriching the Climate Resilience toolbox
- Demonstrate progress towards climate resilience through Deliverables:
 - **Baseline Assessment**
 - **Climate Resilience Strategy**
 - **Climate Resilience Action Plan**
 - **Climate Resilience Investment Plan**



Open Call: eligibility



- Eligible geographies for legal entities and scope of work:
 - Part of EU Member States
 - or Associated Countries within Europe's biogeographical regions
- Applicant **leads/coordinators** must be legal entities defined as:
 - Public authorities at Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) 1, 2 and 3 level, and Local Administrative Units (LAU); or
 - Bodies governed by public law in compliance with Article 2.4 of the Directive 2014/24/EU
- Other entities that can be part of a consortium:
 - Private non-profit bodies and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

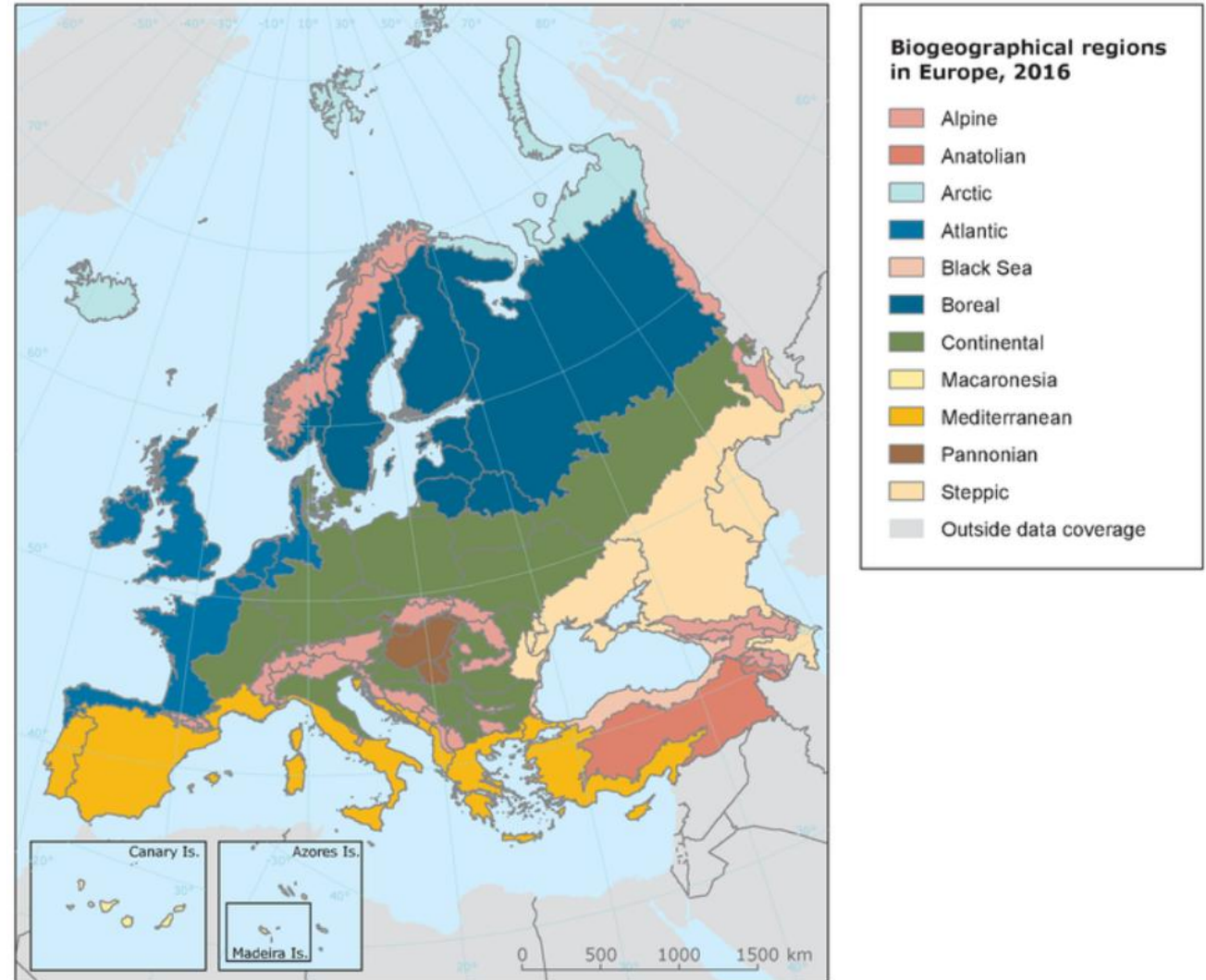
Sole applicants and consortia are both eligible but must have a **single designated Coordinator**



Open Call: eligibility – biogeographical regions



- <https://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/figures/biogeographical-regions-in-europe-2>
- Aligned with the scope of the EU Mission
Adaptation to Climate Change



Open Call: eligible activities



Eligible subgrant activities will follow the provision for activities under Horizon Europe costs categories, and will be organized along the following:

- Activities to develop regional pathways, plans and innovation portfolios towards climate resilience building on existing assessments of trends and projections of future climate change risks.
- Activities to develop Investment Plans to translate those pathways, plans and portfolios into pipelines of bankable projects.
- Activities supporting the process of developing the pathways as specified in the scope topic text including relevant stakeholder engagement and capacity building.
- Activities related to communication, dissemination and exploitation and project management activities.

Activities related to demonstration and deployment of climate adaptation solutions are not eligible for funding under this call.

Open Call: selection key criteria



- Eligibility check
- Pre-screening: Vulnerability (high climate risk and low adaptive capacity) + Diversity (country distribution)
- External Evaluation:
 - Alignment with EU Mission Adaptation
 - Scope & Fit with P2R approach
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Justice approach (e.g.: ethics, sustainability, gender, migration, marginalised groups, accessibility, etc)
 - Need for support
 - Actionability / Readiness to benefit from P2R
 - Knowledge sharing (beyond the region)
 - Resources mobilization plan (including budget estimate)
- Strategic/Portfolio selection:
 - Countries, bioregions, climate risk types, scale, adaptation priorities

Open Call: selection pass conditions



- Eligibility check
- Pre-screening: maximum 120 eligible applicants
- External Evaluation: all applicants passing minimum score threshold
 - Alignment with EU Mission Adaptation
 - Scope & Fit with P2R approach
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Justice approach (e.g.: ethics, sustainability, gender, migration, marginalised groups, accessibility, etc)
 - Need for support
 - Actionability / Readiness to benefit from P2R
 - Knowledge sharing (beyond the region)
 - Resources mobilization plan (including budget estimate)
- Strategic/Portfolio selection: maximum 61 applicants with best portfolio score
 - Countries, bioregions, climate risk types, scale, adaptation priorities

Open Call: pre-screening



- **Two-step top-down approach:** if the number of admissible applications exceeds 120, this approach will be used to create a pool of 120 applications that will progress to the next stage.
- **Allocating 120 slots per country:**
 - **A)** According to the target number per country (see annex table in the main call doc)
 - **B)** Remaining slots are distributed equally per country, with ties resolved by prioritizing vulnerability, indicated by the highest INFORM Climate Change Risk Index values.
- **Population size assessment:** Allocation of available slots to specific regions within each country, based on three ranges: (1) Over 3 million inhabitants; (2) 3 million to 800,000 inhabitants; (3) Less than 800,000 inhabitants.
 - Ties will be resolved via JRC Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre (DRMKC) at the relevant level for comparison (NUTS2 or NUTS3), prioritizing highest vulnerability. Where data is not available, the RMC score will be used.

Changes from first call



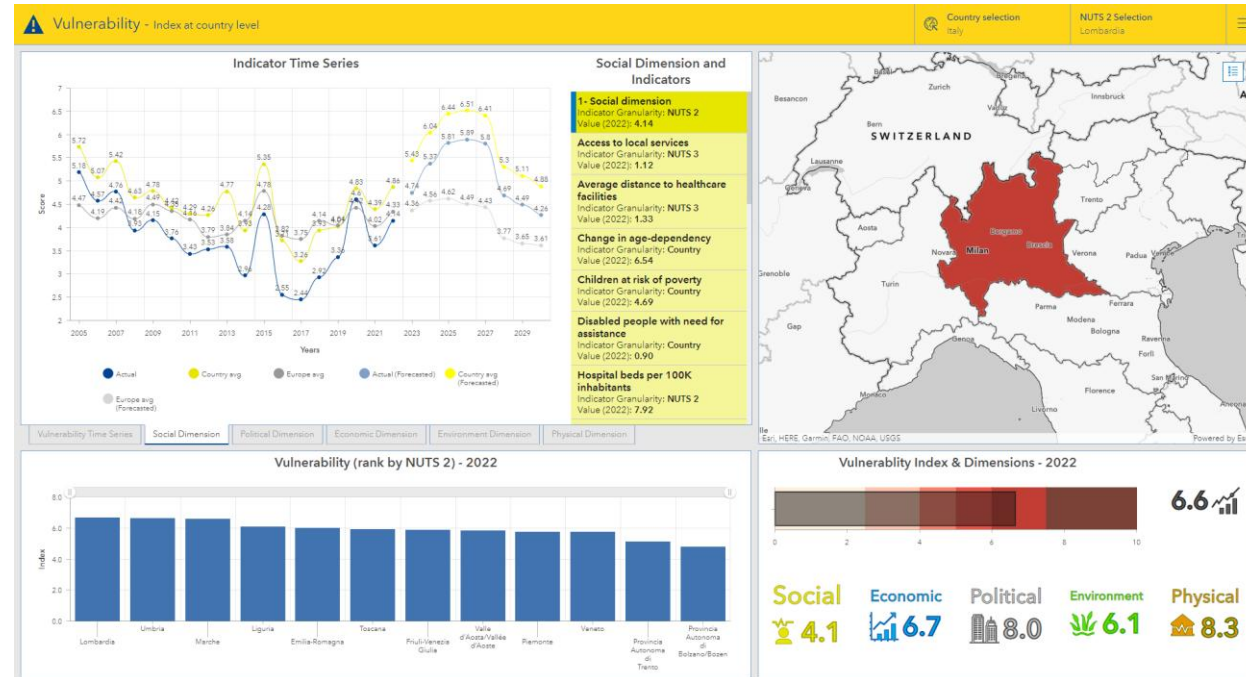
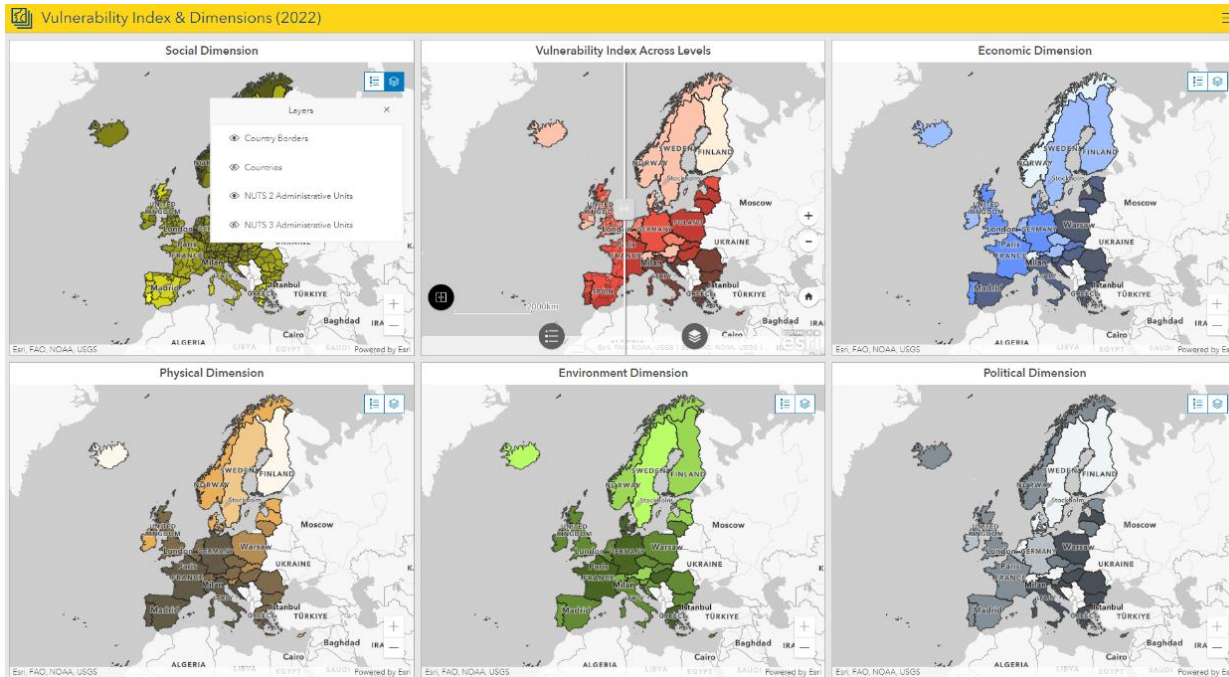
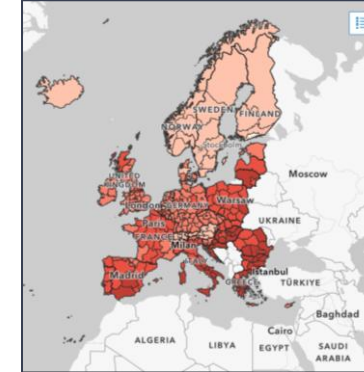
- Subcontracting limit: must be limited to 25% of the total budget
- Target number of subgrantees: to reduce the bias towards smaller countries
- Expert evaluation: added a few questions (scope, actionability) and refined others (e.g.: alignment)
- Strategic selection: added the possibility of P2R consortium providing a score
- Switzerland is now an eligible country

Open Call: selection (JRC – Vulnerability Index)

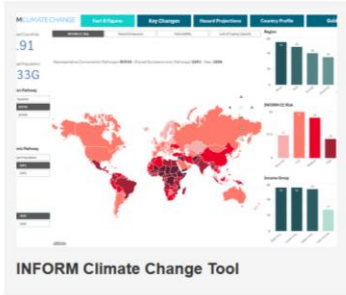


<https://drmkc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/risk-data-hub#/vulnerabilityhome>

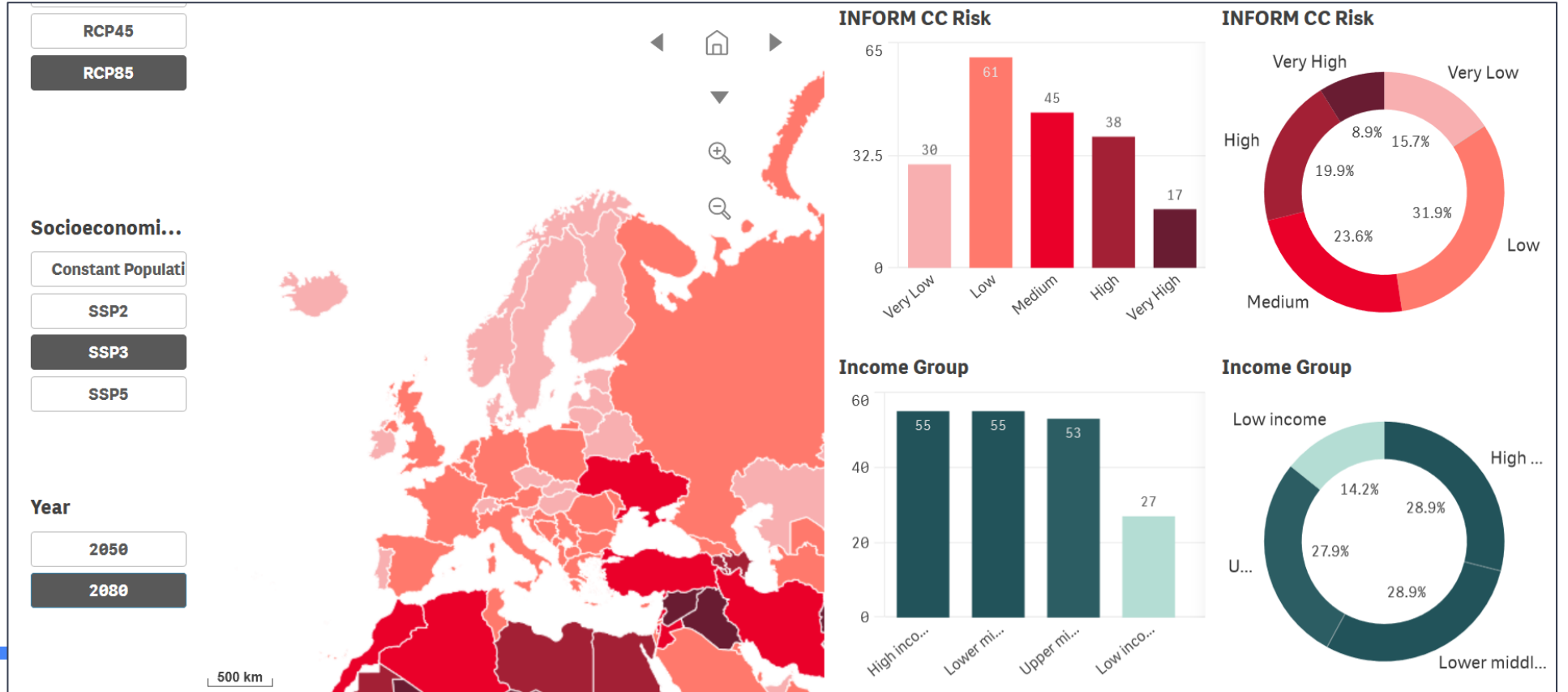
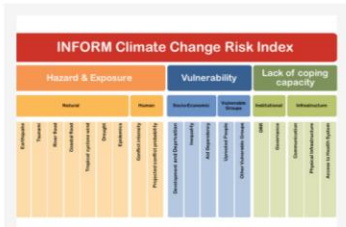
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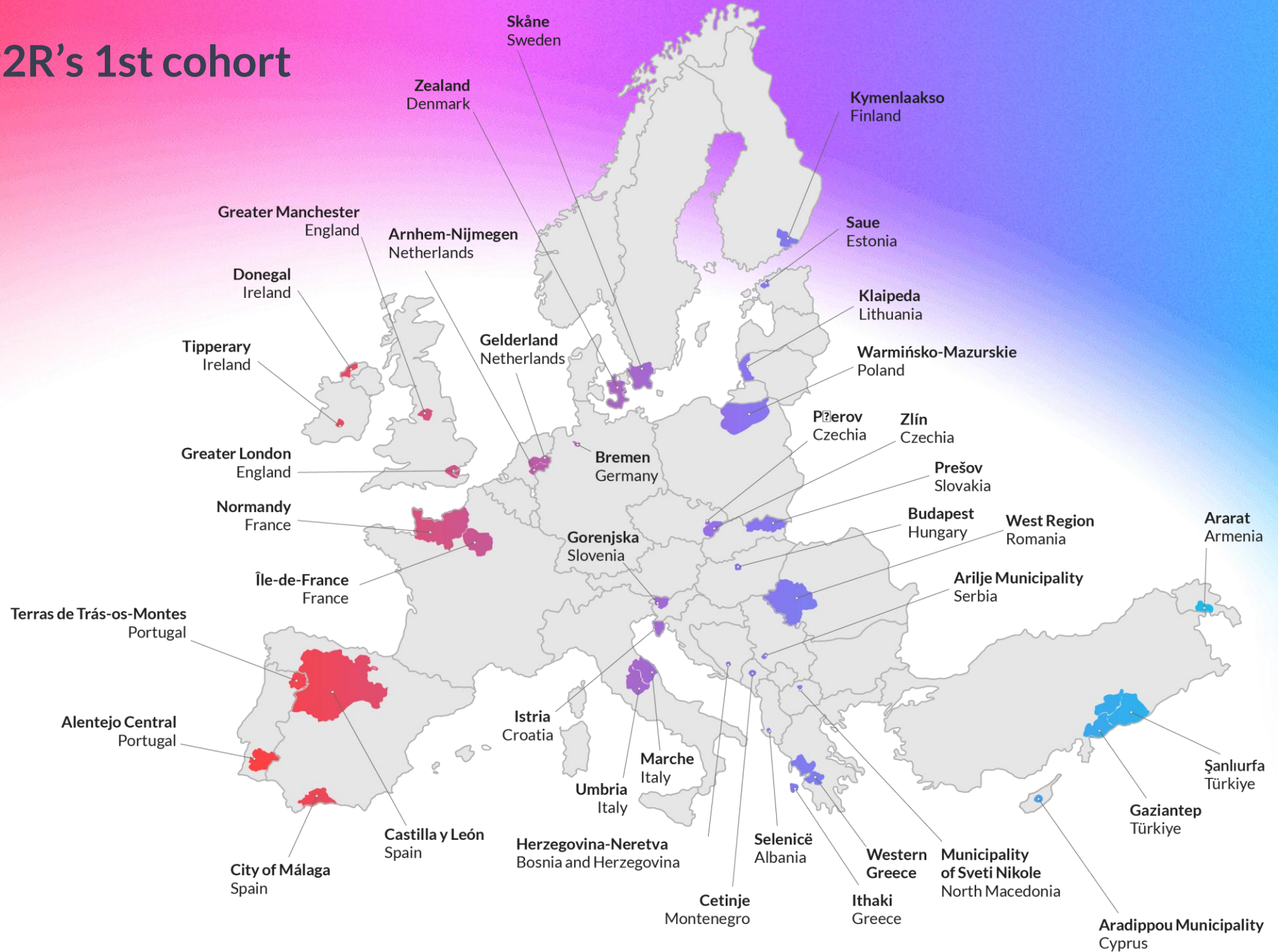
Open Call: selection (JRC – INFORM climate)



<https://drmkc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/inform-index/INFORM-Climate-Change>



Regions of P2R's 1st cohort



Open Call: application



- Basic info:
 - Applicant names, PIC, contact, etc
 - Scope: NUTS1-2-3, LAU or equivalent
- Resilience Maturity Curve self-assessment
- Evaluation questions (5000 characters limit for each)
 - Alignment with EU Mission Adaptation
 - Scope & Fit with P2R approach
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Justice approach (e.g.: ethics, sustainability, gender, migration, marginalised groups, accessibility, etc)
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The Resilience Maturity Curve (RMC) Self-Assessment

The Resilience Maturity Curve Self-Assessment is structured around a questionnaire that is part of the P2R application process. The questionnaire is designed to help regions and communities evaluate their climate resilience capacities.

Through 100 indicator statements, the Self-Assessment enables participants to assess their:

- Anticipatory Capacity
- Absorptive Capacity
- Adaptive Capacity
- Transformative Capacity

An overall resilience score is calculated from 0 to 10 that reflects the regions current level of climate resilience.

The 3 purposes of the RMC self-assessment questionnaire



The RMC self-assessment questionnaire has three main purposes:

- 1. Measure baseline resilience capacities:** The first purpose is to define the baseline capacities of the applicants to adapt to the climate change. Based on the answers of the applicants, a score will be provided. All applicants will receive the results of their RMC self-assessment. For successful applicants, this score (0-10) will be used to map the regions on the resilience maturity curve.
- 2. Inform the selection process in P2R:** The second purpose is to inform the selection procedure. The results from the self-assessment are one of the indicators used in the P2R selection process – in order to identify the level of maturity of the regions and prioritize, where needed, those with less maturity and in more need of support.
- 3. Identify resilience gaps:** The third purpose is to identify the gaps in resilience capacities across the different phases of the Regional Resilience Journey (more on RRJ below) and Key enabling conditions (KEC), thereby providing a roadmap for targeted interventions.

The 4 sections of the RMC Self-Assessment Questionnaire



The first 3 sections of the RMC correspond to the 3 phases of the **Regional Resilience Journey (RRJ)**:

1. Prepare the ground
2. Build a shared vision
3. Design pathways

The 4th section of the correspond to six different Key Enabling Conditions (KECs) that are essential intervention points to accelerate capacities to adapt to climate change.



- 1) Finance and resources; 2) Knowledge and Data 3) Governance Engagement and Collaboration
- 4) Capabilities and skills 5) Behavioural Change 6) Experiment Learn and Reflect



How the overall resilience capacity score is calculated

Each indicator is scored on a scale from 0 to 4, based on a qualitative rubric. The values are converted as follows:

Answer option	Score value
0	0
1	.25
2	.5
3	.75
4	1
N/A / Do not know	Excluded from the score

To calculate the overall resilience capacity score, the average of all answered indicator scores is multiplied by 10. This final score places your region within one of three resilience maturity categories:

- **Low:** 0.00 – 3.33
- **Medium:** 3.34 – 6.66
- **High:** 6.67 – 10.00



Who should complete the self-assessment and from what perspective?

The RMC Self-Assessment Questionnaire is designed to be completed collaboratively with colleagues in your region's administration who have roles most relevant to the different sections of the questionnaire.

If possible, complete the self-assessment in a workshop with colleagues to discuss and answer together for greater accuracy. If that's not feasible, involve experts for relevant sections and review responses collaboratively to ensure accurate feedback.

Key roles could include, but are not limited to:

Programme Manager; Climate Adaptation Officer; Technical Officer; Adaptation Finance Officer; Community Engagement Coordinator; Political role; Consultant.

Please complete the Self-Assessment Questionnaire from the perspective of the scope of your project.

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