



PATHWAYS2RESILIENCE

Introduction to the Pathways2Resilience Expression of Interest



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Introduction to the Pathways2Resilience project

The [Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change](#) (Mission Adaptation) has the objective to support at least 150 European regions and communities to build resilience against the impacts of climate change by 2030. The EU-funded project Pathways2Resilience is supporting the Mission Adaptation objective by empowering at least 100 regions and communities to co-design regional/local strategic adaptation instruments, hereafter referred to as resilience pathways and innovation agendas, that ensure long-term impact through political commitment.

The Pathways2Resilience programme will allocate €21 million across 100 regions and communities via two call cycles to support the development of their resilience pathways and innovation agendas.

As part of the Pathways2Resilience Regional Resilience Journey framework, regions and communities will also receive a range of support services and capacity-building activities to increase their capacity for transformative adaptation to climate change and to assist them in formulating their strategic adaptation instruments. These support services will include support to formulate the resilience pathways and innovation agendas, advice on innovative finance mechanisms, training modules and a toolbox with the latest methodologies, tools, and guidelines to support regions and communities in their resilience journey.

1 Introduction to the Pathways2Resilience calls for proposals

The Pathways2Resilience programme will hold two open calls for proposals through which regions and communities may apply to receive a sub-grant of up to €300 000 for a project period of 18 months. The sub-grant must support one or more of the following activities in the region:

- Activities to develop pathways and innovation portfolios towards climate resilience, building on existing assessments of trends and projections of future climate change risks.
- Activities supporting the process of developing the pathways and innovation agendas, including relevant stakeholder engagement activities and capacity building.
- Activities related to communication, dissemination and exploitation as well as project management activities.

The calls for proposals will be open to all eligible European regions and communities located in EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries. Local and regional public authorities are eligible to apply for the Pathways2Resilience funding, either as single beneficiaries or as a consortium with a lead. A proposal may be led by an organisation (public bodies, private non-profit bodies, small and medium-sized enterprises) with support from the public authority.

The first call for proposals will open in late 2023/early 2024 and will remain open for two months. Detailed information on the call for proposals, will be announced in due course before the opening of the call.

2 Expression of Interest

2.1 Purpose of the Expression of Interest questionnaire

The Expression of Interest questionnaire launched by Pathways2Resilience enables regions to demonstrate their motivation, willingness, and capacity to apply for and join the Pathways2Resilience programme, while also allowing them to share their adaptation challenges, barriers and support needs. Further, it helps the project to understand the local governance and engagement of key stakeholders for adaptation activities, as well as to shape the services that will be offered during the programme.

The Expression of Interest questionnaire is not mandatory for regions and communities to complete in order to apply for the Pathways2Resilience calls for proposals.

2.2 Why should regions and communities respond to the Expression of Interest questionnaire?

By responding to the Expression of Interest questionnaire, regions and communities can benefit from the following:

- By demonstrating their motivation and willingness to be part of the Pathways2Resilience programme, the region will receive first-hand information on the opening of the calls for proposals as well as invitations to information sessions organised by the project in relation to the calls.
- Pathways2Resilience will offer support, in the form of facilitated dialogues and matchmaking activities, to public authorities to enhance local stakeholder engagement and inclusive adaptation planning. A collective local ecosystem, incorporating a range of local actors relevant to the region's work on climate adaptation, will enable regions to submit stronger applications for the Pathways2Resilience calls.
- By sharing information on their adaptation barriers, challenges and support needs, regions can help to co-design the support services and capacity-building activities developed by the project, ensuring that they correspond to their interests and needs.

2.3 Who can respond to the Expression of Interest questionnaire?

Local or regional public authorities from EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries can respond to the Expression of Interest questionnaire. The public authority does not have to be a signatory of the Mission Charter to respond to the questionnaire. If the public authority is a signatory of the Mission Charter, we still ask that this questionnaire is completed to ensure that the Pathways2Resilience programme fully understands the local/regional context, challenges and needs of the region or community.

We advise that individuals working in a relevant department (environment, climate, risk management, resilience, and disaster preparedness, planning or similar) within the local/regional administration respond to the questionnaire.

The submission of an Expression of Interest does not constitute a political commitment and, therefore, does not require a signature or endorsement by a person holding a high-level political position in the region or community.

Interested parties outside of the public administration, for example civil society organisations and knowledge partners, are encouraged to engage with local or regional public authorities to support their potential participation in the Pathways2Resilience programme.

2.4 How do you respond to the Expression of Interest questionnaire?

The questionnaire can be accessed [here](#). We estimate that this questionnaire will take 20 minutes to complete. (<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/P2RQuestionnaire>)

The deadline for completing the questionnaire is **15 September 2023 at 18:00 CEST**.

The European Regions Research and Innovation Network (ERRIN) is the Pathways2Resilience project partner responsible for developing the questionnaire and analysing the results.

Should you have any questions related to the questionnaire, please contact the helpdesk managed by ERRIN at: helpdesk@pathways2resilience.eu

- ⇒ Join the webinar info session on the Pathways2Resilience programme and how to Express your Interest on 09/06/2023, 10:00-11:00 CEST. Registrations are open [here](#). (<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/530326e6-703c-4603-aece-20ced4dfb559@34f6a7a2-2bee-4b36-9031-62368bac86ca>)

2.5 Next steps

The information collected through the Expression of Interest questionnaire will be used internally by the Pathways2Resilience project to develop its services and activities, to offer support for matchmaking activities to regions in need of such support, and to create an overview of regions and communities that have expressed their interest in the Pathways2Resilience calls for proposals. The information collected through the questionnaire will therefore not be made public at any point.

Regions and communities that have expressed their interest in the funding managed by the Pathways2Resilience project and that fulfil the respondent criteria set out in the sections above will be contacted for any activities and information related to the calls for proposals. Regions and communities that have expressed a need for support with engaging their local adaptation stakeholders will also be contacted by the project for this purpose.

Please note that there will be a mandatory application process for the Pathways2Resilience calls for proposals. Expressing your regions or communities' interest through this questionnaire will not replace that application process.

A region or community can withdraw their Expression of Interest at any point by contacting the helpdesk managed by ERRIN at: helpdesk@pathways2resilience.eu.

The Expression of Interest questionnaire will open again ahead of the second Pathways2Resilience call for proposals, planned for 2025. A region or community wishing to express their interest for the second call for proposals will not have to submit a second Expression of Interest, despite not being funded through the first call round.

The Pathways2Resilience team is looking forward to receiving your answers !