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ON THE PROGRESS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES OF THE CLIMATE PROJECT

IMPROVING EU REGIONS' ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

In this fourth edition of the CLIMATE newsletter, you will find:

- CLIMATE's Workshop on ecological restoration of natural ecosystems following extreme weather events
- Key insights and lessons learned from workshops in Helsinki and Drenthe
- Survey insights on public authorities' readiness for climate adaptation
- Partners in action
- What is next?

DURATION

1 Apr 2024 -
30 Jun 2028



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1,571,458 €

INTERREGIONAL EVENTS

Interregional Workshop on Ecological Restoration | Milan, Italy | 12–13 November 2025



Project partners gathered in Milan for the CLIMATE interregional workshop on ecological restoration of natural ecosystems following extreme weather events and climate - induced disasters, hosted by **the Lombardy Foundation for the Environment**. The two-day event focused on strengthening partners' technical capacities, exchanging good practices, and developing operational insights for climate adaptation policies.

Key highlights from the workshop:

- ✔ Expert presentations on the growing impacts of climate extremes, including rising temperatures, more frequent heatwaves, heavy precipitation, and droughts, and their effects on natural and urban environments.
- ✔ Discussions on ecological restoration as a key climate adaptation tool, addressing governance frameworks, legal instruments, stakeholder engagement, and the integration of climate considerations into restoration planning.
- ✔ Case study from Lake Varese, presenting experimental interventions to enhance plant biodiversity, stabilise eroding shorelines, restore ecological connectivity, and control invasive species through nature-based and bioengineering solutions.
- ✔ Interactive partner sessions, where participating regions presented mini case studies, encouraging knowledge exchange and joint reflection on restoration approaches across Europe.

KNOWLEDGE & TOOLS

Assessment of partners' and authorities' capacity and needs to cope with climate impacts

We are pleased to announce the completion and publication of our report, which compiles the findings from regional needs assessments conducted across nine European regions. The findings suggest that institutions across CLIMATE territories are advancing in the right direction but require strengthened resources, clarified governance frameworks, and systematic learning mechanisms to deliver tangible results. By building on existing strengths, addressing systemic bottlenecks, and scaling successful practices, public authorities can enhance resilience, safeguard communities, and effectively respond to the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change. Read full report [here](#).

Summary report on climate information management

Effective use of climate data is essential for successful climate change adaptation. During the CLIMATE visit participants learned key topics such as uncertainties in climate projections, early warning systems, and the application of real-time data, all of which play a critical role in supporting adaptive strategies. During the interregional workshop, participants engaged in practical exercises to explore how climate data can be managed and translated into actionable measures. Peer learning across sectors also took place, as different aspects of climate data management, ranging from technical systems to communication and institutional coordination, were explored. Read full report [here](#).

Summary report on workshop on joint civil protection operations

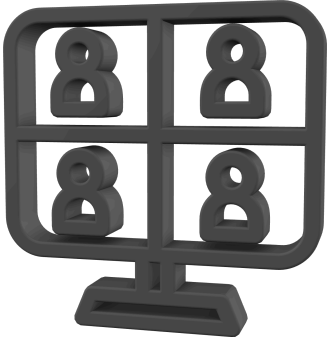
This lessons-learnt report presents the outcomes of the interregional workshop on joint civil protection operations. It highlights the key lessons identified during the event and provides recommendations for strengthening civil protection efforts across partner regions. The report builds on the knowledge shared during workshop sessions, site visits, and the interactive exercise, as well as on the lessons-learnt questionnaires completed by partners at the end of the event. Read full report [here](#).



PARTNERS IN ACTION

Regional Stakeholder Group Meetings

Regional stakeholder meetings continue to involve key stakeholders in the project and facilitate exchange of knowledge and expertise, as well as lessons learnt and insights gained from completed or ongoing project's activities, such as site visits and workshops.



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Capitalise lessons learnt into policy results

The CLIMATE partnership is now forming **a working group of thematic curators**, drawing on the expertise of partner organisations. This group will jointly review and translate **interregional learning into practical improvements**.

This collaborative effort will help partners:

- **Provide** targeted recommendations for policy improvements.
- **Ensure** that regional actions are aligned with each territory's development potential and evolving needs.
- **Strengthen** climate governance through more effective and inclusive approaches.
- **Support** coordinated responses to climate challenges across regions.

This process represents a key step toward ensuring that regional climate policies are not only well-designed, but also practical, inclusive, and impactful.



WHAT ELSE IS NEXT?

Interregional workshop on community engagement mechanisms for inclusive climate governance - [March 2026](#)

The workshop will provide partners and stakeholders with **practical insights on:**

- Understanding the role of public participation in climate planning and decision-making
- Exploring open and inclusive climate governance structures
- Integrating community engagement measures into policy instruments
- Promoting social inclusiveness in climate governance processes

Interregional workshop on climate-resilient infrastructure and green urban interventions - [June - 2026](#)

The workshop will provide partners and stakeholders with practical insights on:

- Planning investments in critical infrastructure to reduce climate-induced disruptions to essential services and emergency response.
- Designing and implementing green urban interventions to mitigate urban heat-island effects.
- Assessing infrastructure vulnerabilities and prioritising structural investments.
- Applying effective heat-island cooling strategies.



CLIMATE CONSORTIUM

CLIMATE brings together 10 partners from 9 EU countries.

(Greece, Finland, Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Latvia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Albania)



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