

Adaptation to climate change – building resilience at local and regional levels
PLATFORMA-CEMR Webinar

27 April 2021

11:00 to 12:30 CEST

Online event

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Background

The Green Deal is one of the five priorities for the 2021-2027 EU programming period of its development and neighbourhood policies. The new [Global Europe instrument](#) will devote a consequent amount of its funds to matters and projects related to the fight against climate change's effects. In February 2021, the EU (DG CLIMA) released a [Strategy for adaptation to climate change](#), and its international dimension focuses on climate resilience. The narrative includes the subnational approaches to adaptation. In April 2021, the European Parliament is about to debate in plenary about MEP Monica Silvana Gonzalez' report on the effect of climate change on vulnerable peoples in developing countries.

In its draft version, MEP Gonzalez' [report](#) highlights the importance of ensuring resilience at all levels, involving local and regional governments in the decision-making process. Knowledge-sharing among peers, capacity-building and investment at cities and regions' levels is key to adapt to the effects of climate change.

The capacity of local and regional governments to tackle those challenges are significantly related to their empowerment and recognition by other tiers of government. We are also convinced that peer-to-peer cooperation is an important way to move forward, addressing collectively challenges we face at local level and building sustainable societies. This webinar is an occasion to present the EU's plans for the next financial period, and exchange on how subnational governments can contribute to the territorial adaptation to climate change and to building resilience at city/region level. The question of financing LRGs actions related to the adaptation to climate change is also key, and a UN facility will be presented.

PLATFORMA/CEMR launched a series of webinars in April 2020. They aim at learning and exchanging about EU development policy, how local and regional governments are concerned, what is the role of their representative associations at national and global levels, how to work in partnership, how to address particular challenges and propose suitable and sustainable solutions

Agenda

11.00 – 11.05	Introduction by PLATFORMA/CEMR - Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
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11.05 – 11.25	Adaptation, resilience and preparedness to climate change: the EU's priorities - European Commission / DG CLIMA, Elena Visnar Malinovska Head of Unit on climate change adaptation - European Commission / DG INTPA, Valentina Villoria, Programme Manager - External Relations, Unit F1 - Climate Change and Sustainable Energy; Nuclear Safety
11.25 – 11.35	Financing local action to adapt to climate change: UN LoCAL Facility - Rafael Moser, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)
11.35 – 11.45	Reducing the impact on vulnerable populations in developing countries - the European Parliament's views - Monica Silvana Gonzalez, Member of the European Parliament
11.45 – 12.10	What local and regional governments and their associations do with their partners to adapt to climate change 5 minutes per organisation - Nino Rukhadze, PLATFORMA spokesperson, Member of Tbilisi City Assembly (Georgia) - Crystele Ranchin, Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para la Solidaridad Internacional (Spain) - Constance Koukoui-Adjolohoun, Cités Unies France - Mame Bousso Faye, ENDA Energie (Sénégal)
12.10 – 12.25	Questions & answers
12.25 – 12.30	Wrap-up by CEMR/PLATFORMA - Eva BANOS DE GUIASOLA, policy advisor on climate and energy, CEMR

Moderation: Eva BANOS DE GUIASOLA, policy advisor on climate and energy, CEMR

Further readings:

- ☒ In a [recent position paper](#), PLATFORMA calls on EU Delegations to consider LRGs and their associations as key drivers for change in the development sector, and as partners in the programming of EU priorities.
- ☒ PLATFORMA study on how EU Delegation works with LRGs is available in [English](#), Spanish and [French](#)
- ☒ PLATFORMA published a [press release](#) on the draft final version of the upcoming Global Europe instrument
- ☒ CEMR [key messages on COP26](#) - call for action on mitigation and adaptation to climate change and engagement of all governments levels and stakeholders.

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We are a hub of expertise on European local and regional governments' international action, and aim at boosting European local and regional governments' contribution to EU development cooperation policies and international frameworks.

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