

Press Release: P2R Announces Selected Regions

40 Regions and Communities Taking Part in Journey
to Climate Resilience

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Some of Europe's most vulnerable regions and communities are poised to make actionable progress on adapting to climate change. Forty regions and communities (listed below) have been selected to take part in Pathways2Resilience, a flagship project funded by the European Union, to apply a new, transformative approach in their climate adaptation plans, with systemic innovation at its core.

This innovative programme will support selected regions to strengthen their resilience to a wide range of hazards, from droughts to wildfires, to better protect their combined population of more than 53 million. 16 of the selected 40 regions have reported being at high risk of exposure to climate hazards, citing heatwaves, wildfires, droughts and [floods](#) as the most urgent.

Mete Coban, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy of the Greater London Authority, said: "We are delighted that London has been chosen as one of the recipients of this flagship project - it's a testament to all the climate resilience work we have already started across the capital that we have been chosen as part of the first cohort. The support from Pathways2Resilience funding will enable us to take forward some of the recommendations from the London Climate Resilience Review to ensure London is prepared for the changing climate we have already experienced in the city. Worldwide projects like this can support us as we continue to build a fairer, greener London for everyone."

Regions and communities participating in the programme will have 18 months to develop a robust climate resilience strategy, complemented by an action plan and investment plan. In addition to a grant of €210,000, they will have access to practical guidelines, tools, and hands-on training and mentoring developed by Pathways2Resilience experts.

"The City of Budapest faces significant challenges in building resilience to the growing threats of climate change, including heat waves, floods, and droughts" say representatives of the municipality. "Short-term solutions are not enough; we urgently need national strategies and stronger governmental support to address issues such as water management, outdated legislation, and funding climate adaptation measures. By taking part in Pathways2Resilience and the Mission Adaptation, we hope to enhance international cooperation with and learn from other cities and regions who are committed to increasing climate resilience."

Pathways2Resilience is a flagship project of the [EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change](#). EU Missions are novel instruments meant to fast-track implementation of the EU Green Deal in five areas, including climate adaptation.

Many of the selected regions are facing multi-faceted climate hazards: "The challenges Marche Region intends to face are related to a wider array of climate risks, including drought or river and sea floods, which occur in a territory characterised by mountains and highly populated sea areas, with the aggravating factor of an elevated seismic risk," notes Stefano Aguzzi - Councillor for the Environment in the Marche Region of Italy. "Thanks to the involvement with Pathways2Resilience, the Region aims at defining and implementing its own climate resilience regional journey by enhancing collaboration across borders and sectors and by implementing

multi-objective measures. In the Pathways2Resilience context, Marche Region expects to consolidate strong partnerships with the other involved Regions in order to overcome common weaknesses by learning from others and building together through knowledge exchanges.”

Meanwhile, partners in Ithaki, Greece have highlighted their eagerness to exchange with other selected regions and communities: “Ithaki Island has a vulnerability index score of 6.39 at the NUTS3 level, indicating its heightened vulnerability and low adaptive capacity to climate change impacts. The project aims to equip Ithaki with essential tools and strategies for developing climate resilience pathways, drawing on best practices and experiences shared by municipalities such as Skiathos, an island which has already committed to the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change. Enabling Ithaki's and Skiathos' engagement in various knowledge-sharing activities beyond their target region, will facilitate the exchange of best practices and experiences also with other municipalities and regions, fostering community ownership and participation in resilience-building efforts, thus strengthening their resilience to climate change impacts and the effective implementation of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change.”

The initial cohort marks a first step toward the goal of Pathways2Resilience to support what will be a total of 100 regions and communities as they move towards climate resilience. The regions will be supported by a total of 21 million euros in cascade funding, allocated through two public calls for applications (the second of which will be launched in June 2025).

“Achieving a just transition to climate resilience will require a transformation that goes beyond performing technical tasks to changing mindsets and attitudes,” notes Laura Pando Martínez, Pathways2Resilience project coordinator and learning expert at EIT Climate-KIC. “Building a resilient future for all requires not only protecting the most vulnerable, but also making sure they have an active role in designing solutions and reaping opportunities.”

This first cohort is part of Pathways2Resilience’s aim to mobilise communities and elevate the ambition and capability of regional public administrations as they [embark on a journey toward a more resilient future](#).

Background information:

- Forty regions were selected out of 164 applications to be a part of Pathways2Resilience.
- Selected regions represent a combined population of more than 53 million people.
- More than 40% of the selected regions see hazards like heat waves as a priority, followed closely by wildfires at 32% and droughts and river floods both at 25%.
- Download the [map](#) of selected regions and communities.

Pathways2Resilience first cohort

NAME OF REGION / COMMUNITY	LEAD ENTITY	COUNTRY
Selenice	Selenice Municipality	Albania
Ararat Community	Nexus Intellect Research NGO	Armenia
Herzegovina-Neretva Canton	Hutovo Blato Nature Park	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Varna Municipality	Varna Municipality	Bulgaria
Istria County	North-West Croatia Regional Energy and Climate Agency	Croatia
Aradippou Municipality	Aradippou Municipality	Cyprus
Přerov	Statutory city Prerov	Czechia
Zlín Region	Palacky University in Olomouc	Czechia
Region Zealand	Region Zealand	Denmark
Greater London	Greater London Authority	England
Greater Manchester	Greater Manchester Combined Authority	England
Saue	Saue Municipality	Estonia
Kymenlaakso Region	Regional Council of Kymenlaakso	Finland
Région Île-de-France	Région Île-de-France	France
Région Normandie	Région Normandie	France
Bremen	Bremen Ministry For Environment, Climate And Science	Germany
Ithaki	Dimos Ithakis	Greece
Region of Western Greece	Region of Western Greece	Greece
Budapest	City of Budapest	Hungary
Donegal	Donegal County Council	Ireland
Tipperary	Tipperary County Council	Ireland
Marche Region	Regione Marche	Italy
Umbria Region	Regione Umbria	Italy
Klaipeda	Klaipeda State Seaport Authority	Lithuania

Cetinje	Agency for Development and Business Support	Montenegro
Arnhem-Nijmegen	Green Metropolitan Region Arnhem-Nijmegen	Netherlands
Gelderland	Province of Gelderland	Netherlands
Municipality of Sveti Nikole	Municipality of Sveti Nikole	North Macedonia
Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship	University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn	Poland
Alentejo Central	Association of Municipalities of Central Alentejo - AMCAL	Portugal
Terras de Trás-os-Montes	Intermunicipal Community of Terras de Trás-os-Montes	Portugal
West Region	Regional Development Agency of the West Region	Romania
The Arilje Municipality	Arilje Municipality	Serbia
Prešov Region	Prešov Self-Governing Region	Slovakia
Gorenjska	Local Energy Agency of Gorenjska	Slovenia
Castilla y León	Provincial Council of Valladolid	Spain
City of Málaga	Malaga City Council	Spain
Skåne	County Administrative Board of Skåne	Sweden
Sanliurfa	Sanliurfa Metropolitan Municipality	Türkiye
TRC1 (Gaziantep, Adiyaman and Kilis)	Silkroad Development Agency	Türkiye