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TRAINING PROGRAMME - How to carry out stakeholder and citizen engagement in practice

Session 5: Community of Practice

February - July 2024

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Today's agenda

Time	Description
13:35 - 13:50	Agenda of the day & Introduction to Community of Practice
13:50 - 14:15	Experience sharing: Community of Practice in the Paris region and Q&A
14:15 - 14:25	Introduction to the practical exercise - Get ready for the exercice
14:25 - 15:25	Practical exercise (break-out groups) ● *Practical exercise questions (*break-out groups) - 40 mins ● *Return to plenary and sharing results* of discussions - 20 mins
15:25 - 15:30	Wrap-up & closing

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Training programme - 8 sessions

PROGRAMME

Session #1: Designing an engagement strategy - 6 Feb (repeated 29 Feb)
Session #2: Climate citizens' assemblies - 14 Feb (repeated 4 Mar)
Session #3: Climate adaptation workshops - 22 Feb (repeated 12 Mar)
Session #4: Awareness raising campaigns - 19 Mar (repeated 9 Apr)
Session #5: Communities of Practice – 2 Apr
Session #6: Green Participatory Budgets – 23 Apr
Session #7: Creative citizens' engagement – 21 May
Session #8: Citizen Science - 11 June

Repetitions after session #5 will be postponed after the summer. New dates available soon!

Quick-start tools for CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT IN CLIMATE ACTION

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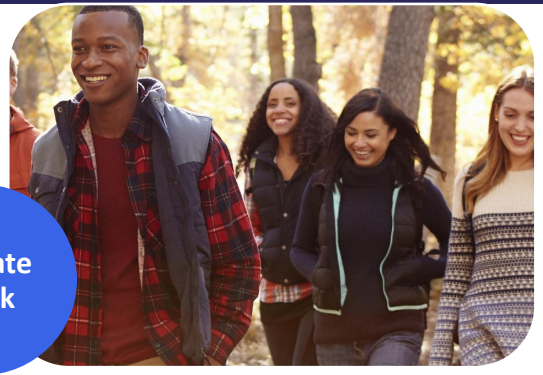

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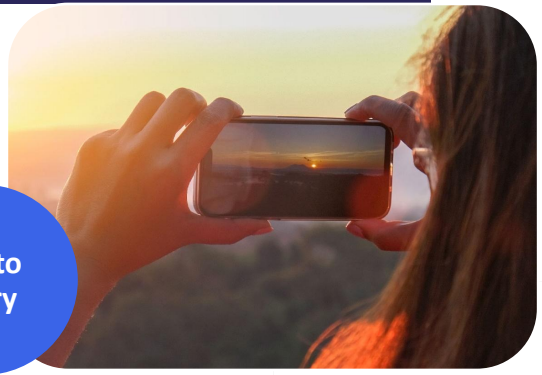
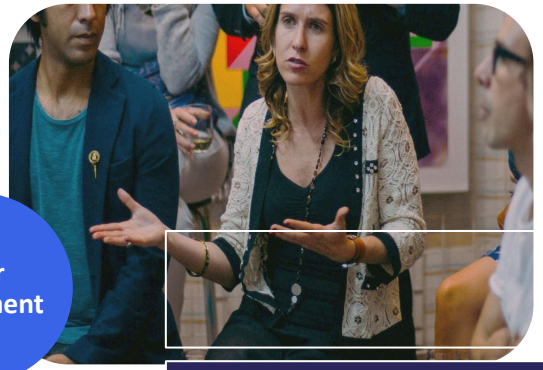


Photo Story

Local Climate Action Group



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For more information please connect:

Visit: https://climate-pact.europa.eu/get-involved/host-group-activity/quick-start-tools-citizen-engagement_en

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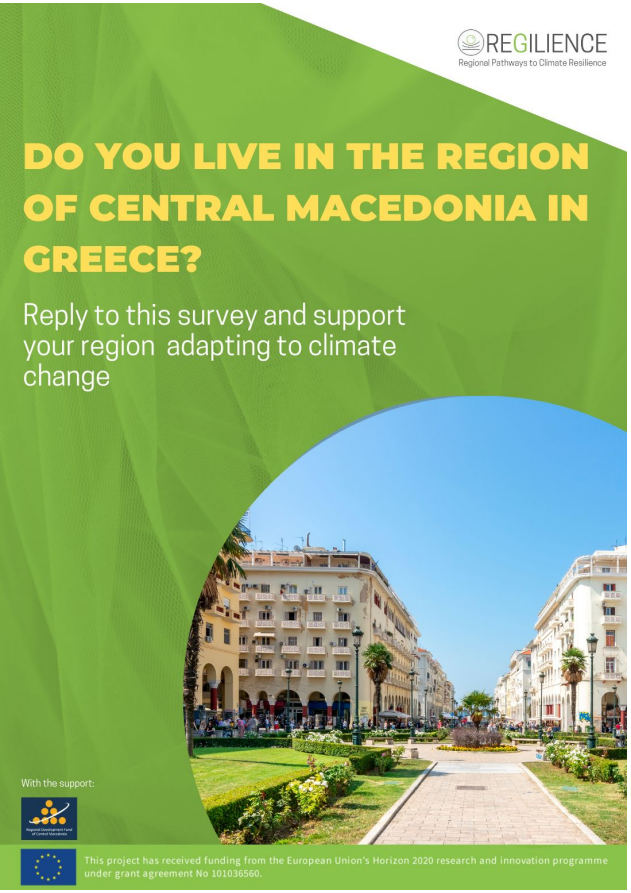
REGILIENCE Citizen survey



This survey aims to measure the level of awareness and participation of citizens in the region of **Central Macedonia, Greece**, taking into account the effects of climate change and regional needs.

Your valuable feedback/support will facilitate the co-development and implementation of measures to adapt and reduce the impacts of climate change in the region.

Respond to the survey and let your voice be heard!

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Central_Macedonia_Citizen_Survey

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What is a Community of Practice?

- Organised **groups of people with a common interest**
- People and experts from diverse fields engage in regular interactions.
- Community members affected by or interested in a same topic, **fostering a shared collective identity around the common interest.**
- Facilitate **knowledge sharing and advancement, mutual learning, skill enhancement,** nurturing innovative and creative practices, in a **trustful space.**

Why organising a Community of Practice?

- **Knowledge sharing and learning:** CoPs provide a platform to share expertise, practices etc.
- **Collaboration and networking,** among stakeholders, citizens, policy makers, and problem-solving.
- **Capacity building:** Enables individuals from different background, to enhance skills and competencies through engagement in discussions, workshops, training sessions.
- **Policy influence:** CoPs can influence policy development by advocating for evidence-based strategies
- **Community engagement and empowerment:** In decision-making processes, empowering communities to take ownership.

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How - Steps for Communities of Practice

01	**Preparation**	• **Domain and Purpose** identification of the CoP based on needs and priorities. • **Map potential members** understand concerns and interests and stimulate engagement. • **Governance structure** with CoP leads/moderators to ensure effective operation. • Core team and Core **group formation** and capacity building. • **Communication plan and Activity list**, including meetings, interactions, webinars, etc.
02	**Member recruitment**	• Outreach efforts: Members recruitment through different **events and activities**. • Maintain **openness**, honesty, lack of judgment, and **confidentiality** during the **recruitment process**.
03	**Community building**	• **Engagement tools and Flexibility**: level of engagement and opportunities from peripheral to core roles. • Foster **collective identity and sense of ownership** among community members.
04	**Management, communication and planning**	• Provide experiences sharing and resources **platform**. • Plan and ensure regular activities and interactions (collective meetings, one to one interactions etc.) • Use of **communication channels** to disseminate knowledge and experiences
05	**Post CoP**	• **Knowledge transfer** of key insights and lessons learned/ **Dissemination of results.** • Assess CoP's **outcomes,** gather feedback on successes/ improvement. • Encourage **ongoing connections and collaboration** among members (follow-up activities). • **Celebration and recognition** of members' contributions and celebrate achievements.

Tips for success

- Select and **understand the group** (tools such as: stakeholder analysis, mapping concerns and motivations can help)
- Tools and techniques for **active participation** and experiences sharing.
- Create a **welcoming space,** either virtual or physical, to facilitate productive interactions and **trust** among members.
- **Manage knowledge** effectively (reports findings, providing channels to share best practices and lessons learned within the community etc.)
- Establish a **governance framework** that fosters inclusive decision-making, distributed leadership, sense of ownership etc.

What outcomes you can expect

- Shared vision, Solutions co created
- Knowledge sharing, mutual learning and understanding
- Long term collaboration
- Community building and engagement

Practical aspects

- Allocate **proper resources** to ensure the day-to-day operation and leadership of the community (regular meetings, follow up, innovative tools etc.)
- Ensure **awareness** of alignment with the community's vision among members to prevent lack of meaningful participation.
- Foster **flexibility** in competencies to encourage integration of all community members and practices into members' work.

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Empowering adaptation - Communities of Practice - From ownership, collaboration, sense of belonging to co-created solutions

- **Knowledge exchange:** Foster scale-up, transfer of adaptation knowledge, practices, influencing policy decisions.
- **Mutual learning**: Enable social learning and problem-solving within real-world challenges, fostering co-creation, knowledge building.
- **Efficient dissemination**: Facilitate rapid diffusion and uptake of newly developed knowledge and practices, offering efficiencies in science efforts.
- **Active participation** and enabling environment, ensuring effective knowledge flow, collaboration, and co-created outcomes.

You can register to the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change CoP here

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Experience sharing: Feedback from Paris region - Community of Practice - European project Digital Water City DWC

Co-creation process

- Feedback -

Paris region case - Community of Practice

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QUESTIONS / COMMENTS?

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‘Hands-on’ Exercise: Rivertown Community of Practice

Rivertown city council has decided to establish a Community of Practice focused on climate change adaptation since the city is facing floods frequently. **You really need & want to prioritise practical solutions**.

Given the region's challenges, your team will work together to address key questions in preparation for the launch of this CoP.

Upon entering the breakout room, you will collaborate with your team to formulate strategies that will ensure success of your Community of Practice. A designated rapporteur will document the discussion.

Access the MIRO exercise via the provided link.

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Work in breakout rooms: Community of Practice

Time: 40 min

In your breakout rooms (5 min)

- Introduce yourself to the rest of the group & your interest in Community of Practice

Discuss the following questions and include your answers in the MIRO board (35 min)

- What would be the primary objectives of your community of practice?
- How can you ensure a co-created vision and foster a sense of belonging & co-ownership among members?
- Who would be the key actors and stakeholders to include in your Community of Practice (e.g., including types of experts, political leaders, private sector companies)?
- How can you ensure diverse representation in the Community of Practice? What steps can you take to facilitate this?

At the end, select your groups' rapporteur(s) to give a summary, we will use the remaining 20 mins to discuss in the plenary!

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Satisfaction survey

Participants can join at **slido.com**
with **1043232 #**
(2 April) or anytime at this link

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Next Training programme session

Session #6: Green Participatory Budget - Experience sharing from Lisboa

April, 23, 13:30-15:30h

Repetitions:

Session #4: Awareness raising campaigns - Experience sharing from Valladolid

April, 9, 13:00 - 15:00h

Find **Session 5 recording** in the following YouTube Link.