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Event Summary: Matchmaking regions and R&I actors for the 2024 Mission calls.

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1. Introduction: the event at a glance

Registration & participants

241 registrations and 161 participants, including:

22 from Charter Signatories

Three Friends of the Mission

13 Mission Projects

123 Others (55 research institutes or universities, 27 private companies, 19 NGOs, 13 non-signatory or participating in projects regions, three Mission Secretariat representatives, one NCP, four regions and local authorities participating in projects, one regional agency)

Event's objective & highlights

This matchmaking event was designed to foster interaction and engagement, encouraging collaboration among regions, local authorities, and research and innovation (R&I) stakeholders. The goal was to create partnerships that will develop compelling project proposals for the 2024 calls of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change, topics 06-09.

Access the **recording and presentation** [here](#).

Key findings

- Various regions in breakout rooms had significant experience with European and Horizon projects and were eager to act as demonstrators.
- Discussions in one breakout room emphasised enhancing bankability through carbon offset, whole value chains, blockchain integration, and resilience assessment tools.
- There is a need for tailored capacity building for authorities to improve their ability to develop bankability solutions for regional actions, as highlighted in Breakout Rooms.
- Various organisations expressed interest in addressing climate challenges, with specific guidance needed on the definition of rural areas.
- Participants emphasised enhancing climate resilience for vulnerable populations and the necessity of tailored communication strategies for different risks and contexts.
- Participants showed interest in focusing on district-level impacts in the tourism sector, air pollution, heatwaves, and public awareness, with an emphasis on the importance of existing monitoring systems, preparedness, risk communication, and the industry's role in interconnected systems.

For further details see Section "Findings and outputs".

2. Event Summary

The event provided participants with an overview of the Horizon Europe call of 2024 for the Adaptation Mission with a specific focus on topics 06,07,08 and 09.

It helped match local and regional authorities with R&I actors (universities, research institutions, networks) to boost their participation in demonstration projects. Participants could pitch their ideas and introduce themselves and the challenges they would like to address in an EU-funded project.

It featured the presentation of two Charter Signatories, the Euskirchen county and the region of Andalucía, who discussed their experience as demonstration sites in current Mission Adaptation projects.

Finally, the National Contact Points (NCP) and the different activities they organised to support the application process were presented.

The main highlights include:

Municipality of Euskirchen

- The Land4Climate project focuses on Nature-based Solutions to mitigate climate risks and enhance ecosystem services.
- Implementation includes urban measures, such as tiny forests and reed grass plantations, and rural measures, including planting hedges and creating orchard meadows.

- Achievements include increased biodiversity, enhanced climate protection, improved soil health, and community involvement.

Region of Andalucía

- Participation in the ClimEmpower project to strengthen climate resilience in five high-risk regions in southern Europe.
- Alignment with the Andalusia Plan for Climate Action and multilevel cooperation for regional planning.
- Enhancement of a comprehensive communication programme to support climate resilience efforts.

National Contact Points

- NCPs provide support and guidance for the Horizon Europe work programme, focusing on project proposal preparation.
- Goals include improving NCP skills, standardizing services, enhancing applicant support, and fostering synergies with related networks.
- Collaboration with the Horizon Europe NCP Portal to streamline processes and share resources.

3. Findings and outputs

Based on the insights gathered from the discussions, several key findings have emerged:

Breakout Room 1: HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-06

- **Experience and Interest:** Participants had significant experience in European and Horizon projects, with regions like Hauts-de-France and Friuli-Venezia-Giulia keen to join as demonstrators.
- **Bankability Solutions:** Discussions focused on improving bankability through carbon offset, whole value chains, blockchain integration, and resilience assessment tools.
- **Capacity Building:** Discussions highlighted the need for tailored capacity building for authorities to enhance their capabilities in working on bankability solutions for regional actions.

Breakout Room 2: HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-07

- **Call Understanding:** Participants had queries on the definition of rural areas, with guidance provided through info sessions.
- **Demonstration Sites:** Various organisations, including three Municipalities in the Murcia region in France, Häme region in Finland, Tiefengtal region in Austria, an Association representing 11 municipalities in Denmark, and the ACQUA Association, expressed interest in addressing challenges like drought, heat waves, soil erosion, and biodiversity.
- **Consortia Engagement:** Two established consortia pitched their ideas, indicating strong engagement and potential for successful matchmaking.

Breakout Room 3: HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-08

- **Focus on Vulnerable Groups:** Participants chose this topic to enhance climate resilience for vulnerable populations, with authorities like the Capital Region of Denmark, Manchester, and Hauts-de-France showing interest as demonstrators.
- **Project Experience:** Many participants had prior experience with adaptation projects like Regions4Climate and REGILIENCE.
- **Tailored Communication:** Emphasised the need to tailor communication strategies to specific risks and contexts to effectively reach vulnerable populations.

Breakout Room 4: HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-09

- **Participant Engagement:** Limited activity from regions and local authorities, with Valencia showing interest in participating as a demonstration site.
- **Focus Areas:** Valencia plans to focus on district-level impacts, particularly in the tourism sector, air pollution, heatwaves, public awareness, and social co-creation.
- **R&I Insights:** Importance of identifying existing monitoring systems, preparedness, risk communication across sectors, and the role of industry in interconnected systems.

4. Next Steps

You can find the list of upcoming events organised by the MIP4Adapt below:

- **Heatwave Chronicles: Strategies for Resilience in a Warming World**, July 10th at 2 PM CEST, find more information about the event and register [here](#).

If you are part of the Charter Signatories space, join the following Chat Rooms to continue the discussion on the Mission Adaptation 2024 Call and find partners for your application:

- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-06](#)
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-07](#)
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-08](#)
- [HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-09](#)

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