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Peer Learning Programme FAQ

What is the Peer Learning programme?

The Peer Learning programme from MIP4Adapt matches regions and local authorities based on common topics of interest. The groups will learn from each other, share experiences, receive mentoring from experts, and connect with existing projects working on the same topic to understand better the tools and solutions available to go from learning to action.

What are the benefits of participating in the programme?

- Learning and knowledge exchange: By exchanging experiences and practices, regions and local authorities learn from each other's successes and failures, accelerating the development and implementation of effective adaptation strategies and plans.
- Building alliances and partnerships for future projects and initiatives: Regional and local authorities can tackle shared problems by collaborating and exchanging practices, leading to more comprehensive and coordinated responses. This can be especially beneficial when addressing issues beyond administrative boundaries, such as river basin management or coastal protection.
- Scaling up successful strategies: Some regions and local authorities have developed highly successful adaptation measures that could positively impact climate resilience if replicated or tailored elsewhere. Dissemination and cooperation allow for scaling up such strategies, making a more impactful contribution to climate change adaptation.
- **Building trust and solidarity**: Climate change adaptation often requires collective action and cooperation among stakeholders. By engaging in mutual learning and support, regions and local authorities can build trust and solidarity, fostering a sense of shared responsibility in the fight against climate change.
- Regional identity and recognition: Collaboration on climate change adaptation can foster a sense of regional identity and visibility. Regions and local authorities that proactively address climate challenges and share their experiences can gain recognition and become leaders and pioneers in climate action, inspiring others to follow.
- Inform the future direction of research and associated funding: By connecting and learning from each other, regional and local authorities can identify common challenges and needs. Subsequent research can help regional and local authorities accelerate regional transformation to a climate-resilient future.

Who should attend the meetings?

The programme is *exclusive* to Charter Signatories. There is no limitation on the size of the team representing each Charter Signatory. You should decide who will attend the meeting based on availability, expertise, and interest in learning about the topic. To make the most of the peer-learning experience, MIP4Adapt advises having the same participant throughout the programme.

What is the role of Charter Signatories?

Charter Signatories are at the centre of the programme. MIP4Adapt will structure each meeting based on the specific interests of the group and the feedback received during the previous meeting. To make the most of the peer-learning experience, we would like to stress the importance of actively participating in the discussions by bringing questions and ideas and sharing your successes, challenges, and experiences. Participants who attend at least 50% of the meetings will receive a certificate of completion signed by the MIP4Adapt team.

How is the Peer Learning Programme organised?

The Peer Learning Programme will run from October 2024 until February 2025 and consist of four monthly online meetings. Each meeting will last approximately 1.5-3 hours, depending on the specific activities. Overall, the programme will require approximately 15 hours, divided between online meetings, preparation of materials, and revising the contents and tools shared throughout the programme.

Registrations for the programme will be open until Wednesday, 25 September. The programme will kick off on Wednesday, 2 October, from 10:00 to 12:00 CET.

Invitations to the first meeting will be sent after the registration process is complete. The Peer Learning groups will be organised based on the number of registrations and the topics that will be validated during the kick-off meeting. Charter Signatories will be clustered in small groups to allow for peer exchange.

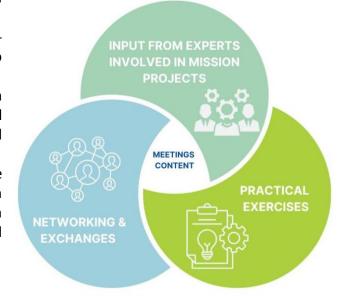
How are the meetings structured?

Based on the topics selected by participants in each focus group, the MIP4Adapt team will organise each meeting using a mix of the following methods to ensure a comprehensive and engaging learning experience:

• Expert Presentations: Gain insights from Mission Projects, Thematic Working Groups, and

inspiring Mission Stories shared by field experts.

- **MIP4Adapt Materials:** Access well-crafted materials specifically developed to support your learning journey.
- Hands-On Exercises: Participate in practical exercises and explore real-world examples of successfully implemented solutions.
- Tools and Databases: Utilise specialised tools and databases to deepen your understanding of the topics and learn how to transition from theory to practical action.



What support would I get from MIP4Adapt?

Each peer group will have one facilitator from the MIP4Adapt team who will support the group discussions and learning. The facilitator is there to help organise the meetings, take notes, write reports, register each group's needs and progress, facilitate discussions, and involve expert speakers and Mission projects in the conversation when relevant.

Can I read any feedback from the first Peer Learning cycle to learn more about its impact?

We asked participants of the first Peer Learning Cycle to provide feedback on the experience and the key takeaways they will bring home. Read what they had to say!

<< I really appreciated the large range of tools we were presented, from assessment, to financing, going through management and project structuration. It has been very useful to get to know all of these concrete instruments >>

<< The exchange with other participants was a great opportunity to get motivation for my own work as I learned that other people face similar problems. The hands-on exercises really helped a lot to get more insights on the topic. I will use it in the future >>

<< Firstly, the dynamic of the session has facilitated a lot the participation and the learning process. Then, I am really satisfied about all the tools and materials that were presented and how to use them and it was very inspirational to know different initiatives and projects that are taking place around Europe >>

<<The activity I have liked the most was the exercise we did on how to identify and analyse adaptation solutions for climate change. Besides the peer-learning reinforces the learning experience and I consider our facilitator manage the group in an excellent way to involve all participants contributing in some way >>

How can I register for the Peer Learning Programme?

Complete the <u>registration form</u> to secure your spot in the programme!