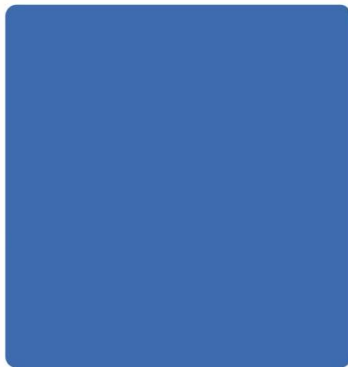


**OPEN CALL FOR THE
REPLICATION
PROGRAMME**

Guidelines for applicants



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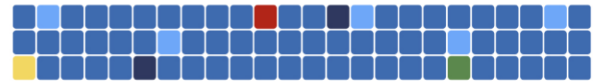
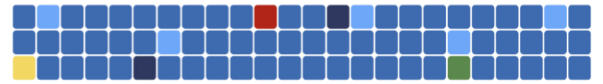


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1 ABOUT CLIMATEFIT

Climate change is already impacting Europeans' daily lives and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Extreme heat, drought, wildfires, and flooding, as experienced in recent years, will worsen in Europe even under optimistic global warming scenarios and affect living conditions throughout the continent. The [European Environment Agency's 2024 report](#) highlighted the urgency of climate adaptation policies and finance. Accelerated action is required to adapt to unavoidable and ongoing climate change.

The Climate Policy Initiative's "[Global Landscape of Climate Finance 2023](#)" report shows that while global climate finance has increased, adaptation finance still lags behind. Public budgets will not be able to address the adaptation finance challenge alone therefore involvement of private sector is crucial.

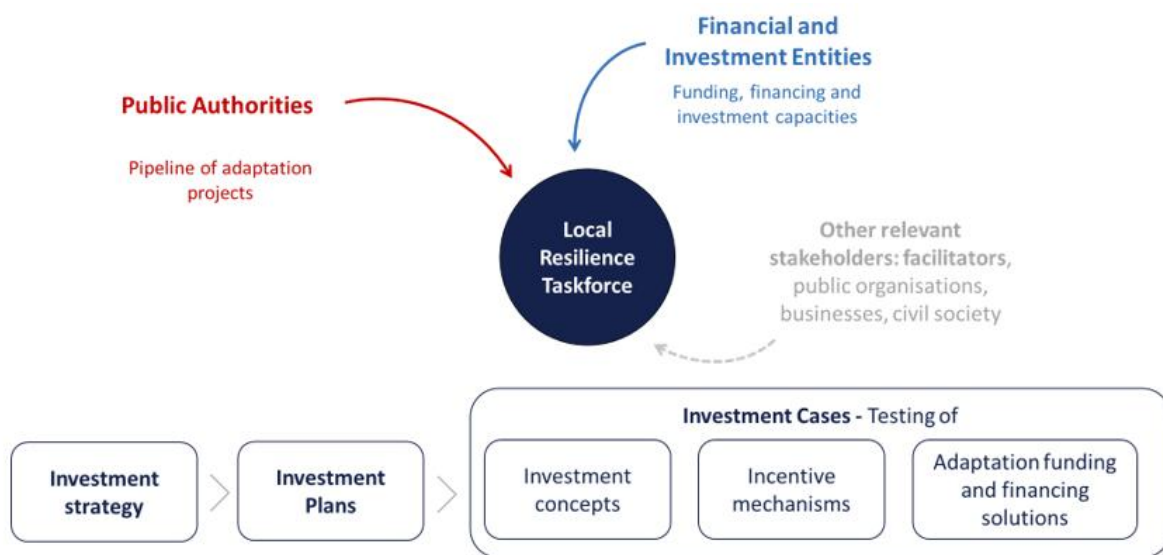
CLIMATEFIT is a 40-month project aimed at tackling these climate-related challenges. The project with the consortium of 32 partners, led by World Climate Foundation is funded by the Horizon Europe Programme. Its primary objective is to support EU territories in their quest for climate adaptation by bridging the finance gap, providing vital insights, innovative financial tools and building capacities of public authorities (PAs). The project will play a crucial role **through establishment of Local Resilience Taskforces and thus will favour exchanges between PAs and Financing and Investment Entities (FIEs), and the co-design of adaptation investment cases.**

Local Resilience Taskforces (LRTs) gather multiple stakeholders directly concerned by climate adaptation planning, funding and financing, in order to support the deployment of innovative processes and solutions, which will foster climate adaptation investment locally. LRTs cover a defined area at the local or regional level, allowing to identify and bundle adaptation projects. They are rooted in the local adaptation, legislative, and financial contexts and they aim to overcome barriers to adaptation finance at the local level, in a collaborative way.

2 ABOUT THE REPLICATION PROGRAMME

The impact of CLIMATEFIT will be optimised with the replication of project validated results on selected public authorities outside of CLIMATEFIT project initiating new Local Resilience Taskforces (LRTs).

Local Resilience Taskforce (as shown in the picture below) is an **arena** where representatives from different entities (PAs, FIEs, companies, technical partners) interact, debate, and discuss to enhance their respective capacities/maturities, to guide internal decision-making processes toward the successful concretisation of Investment Cases to co-develop and test solutions towards the funding and financing of adaptation solutions.



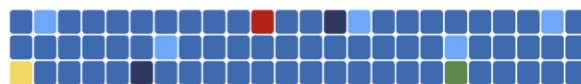
Picture: Scheme of LRT as a central to the development of CLIMATEFIT project's methodology and results

Through Replication Programme CLIMATEFIT mentors will share their experience in:

establishment of LRTs depending on local financial and regulatory contexts and stakeholders

development of investment strategies, investment plans and investment cases

The replication programme, **delivered in the form of three online replication workshops**, aims to engage public authorities in a comprehensive learning process, enabling them to tackle adaptation finance challenges effectively.



2.1 Engagement process and calendar

The programme is aimed at **Public Authorities (PAs)** willing to learn from CLIMATEFIT experience and lesson learned on how to design and implement bankable adaptation projects, and how to identify, apply for and negotiate various funding and financing solutions.

Priority will be given to:

- Local public authorities (city, municipality, district, metropolitan area, group of cities)
- Regional public authorities

Other public organizations acting as facilitators for PAs are welcome to apply, for example local or regional energy and climate agencies, local or regional development agencies. If applying as other public organisation you need to specify which local or regional public authority you represent and/or work for as well as provide specific data in the application form regarding the context, capacity and needs of public authority that you represent.

Applications will be selected according to eligibility and selection criteria described in this guideline (Chapter 3.2).

CLIMATEFIT will launch **one call for applications** to engage public authorities in its replication programme **in March 2025**.

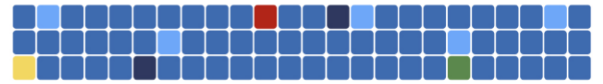
The call will be open from the **4th of March 2025 to the 30th of May 2025**.

2.2 Participation structure

The CLIMATEFIT Leader case studies (owned by local public authorities) their facilitators and other project partners will act as mentors to guide the replicators through the replication programme. Four groups of replicators will be formed according to their specific contexts, adaptation finance barriers and needs expressed in the application. Matching categories are presented in Chapter 3.2.

Leader case studies	Facilitators	Replicators
Alba Iulia Municipality (RO)	Alba Local Energy Agency (ALEA)	1st group of replicators
Brescia Municipality (IT)	Ambiente Italia S.r.l. (AMBIT)	2nd group of replicators
Flanders Region (BE)	University of Antwerp (UA)	3rd group of replicators
Strasbourg Eurometropolis (FR)	Climate Agency of Strasbourg (ACS)	4th group of replicators

Each group of replicators will be accompanied by a member of the CLIMATEFIT project consortium, who organises and facilitates the exchanges and make sure the replication programme runs smoothly.



2.3 The scope of the replication programme

Each group of replicators will follow the project implementation thanks to participating in **three online replication workshops** organised by assigned Leader case study. As participant attending the three replication workshops is mandatory.

Depending on the level of maturity (refer to Application form and Chapter 3.2) more advanced replicators will have the opportunity to participate in a **voluntary programme**.

Replication programme will consist of the following steps to be implemented by each learning group (also illustrated in the scheme below):

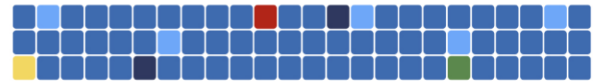
Step 1 “Getting started” → Online replication workshop 1: an online meeting of about 2-4 hours, where participants in a group will get to know each other. Mentors will present CLIMATEFIT highlights, facilitate knowledge transfer, also reflecting on the hurdles encountered and providing initial lessons learned. Replicator territories will present their local context and adaptational challenges focusing on financing.


Step 2 “Working Together” → Online replication workshop 2: an online meeting of about 2-4 hours, focusing on building LRT – Local Resilience Taskforce as a catalytic approach for accelerate resilience investments and as a dialogue arena for public authorities (PAs) and Financial and Investment Entities (FIEs).

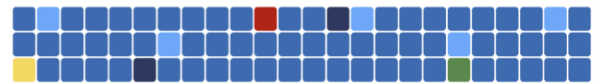
Step 3 “Moving Forward” → Online replication workshop 3: an online meeting of about 2-4 hours. Following the discussion from previous sessions the focus will be on making climate adaptation projects more bankable taking into account CLIMATEFIT approaches and methodology on developing investment strategies, plans and concepts. This workshop will also foster regional, national and international collaboration by disseminating some of the project’s interim results and outcomes to a larger audience.

Voluntary Programme as a Bonus step

Voluntary program will be oriented towards advanced replicators with the experience in implementation of climate resilient project using private finance and with identified project idea and Financing and Investment Entity (FIE) willing to commit to the LRT and climate adaptation finance topics. The program will be need oriented and will work on the principle of mentors offering experience and their lesson learned when the replicator expresses specific interest, also beyond the lifetime of the CLIMATEFIT project. Interactions will be based on ad-hoc short on-line or in-person exchange sessions.



 REPLICATION PROGRAMME STEPS	
1 GETTING STARTED	Online Replication workshop 1 Participants get to know each other → leaders present project and initial lesson learned; replicators present their context and needs.
Online Replication workshop 2 Focusing on building LRT – Local Resilience Taskforce as a catalytic approach for accelerate resilience investments (as a dialogue arena for Pas and FIEs).	2 WORKING TOGETHER
3 MOVING FORWARD	Online Replication workshop 3 Focusing on making climate adaptation projects more bankable following CLIMATEFIT methodology on developing investment strategies, plans and concepts.
Oriented towards more advanced replicators - Focusing on replicators specific project ideas, identifying financing solutions, engaging FIEs and other stakeholders.	Bonus step Voluntary Programme



2.4 Participation Benefits

Benefits as well as Opportunities of participating in a CLIMATEFIT replication programme:

Access to Expertise: Learn from leading experts in climate resilience and innovative financing.

Innovative Solutions: Gain insights into new and effective financing mechanisms and instruments

Tailored Support: Receive assistance to establish the Local Resilience Taskforce (LRT) and to develop Investment strategies, plans, and cases.
for climate adaptation.

Capacity Building: Participate in comprehensive workshops and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange sessions (through the Voluntary Programme).

Networking Opportunities: Connect with other territories and experts to share knowledge and best practices.

2.5 Participation Requirements

When applying to the CLIMATEFIT replication programme, **applicants commit to participate in all three online replication workshops** and to undertake the necessary preparation and follow-up tasks, according to the instructions and recommendations provided by the mentor. If you will be willing to take part also in the voluntary programme you will have the opportunity to focus on your specific project idea.

If you are selected to follow replication workshops **you will dedicate approximately 5 days (40 hours)** for the preparation activities and participation in the three replication workshops. If you are selected also to be part of voluntary programme your involvement will be flexible, depending on your specific needs and availability of the organisations in the allocated Leader case study.

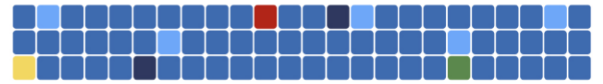
The CLIMATEFIT replication programme and all materials will be carried out in English. Participants must have a [B2 command of English](#) to be able to communicate easily within their group.

Participation to the CLIMATEFIT replication programme is free of charge. However, participants are expected to cover any costs related to their participation, such as internet access for online meetings or any other costs related to participation in the programme.

2.6 Where to find more information on the Replication programme?

An **informative online session** will be held during the first CLIMATEFIT EU webinar on the **4th of March 2025**. This session will present the replication programme, explain the application process, and highlight the benefits of participation.

Additional information can be found on the CLIMATEFIT website and by contacting the project coordinator of this task, ENERGAP, info@energap.si. This email address serves as a contact point for any questions regarding this open call and the replication programme.



3 ABOUT THE APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 How to apply?

The CLIMATEFIT Application Form is available [HERE](#).

The CLIMATEFIT application forms are submitted on the EUSurvey platform. This allows you to download a PDF version of the form. You can also save your application at every step to come back to it at a later stage. For these options follow the right sidebar within application form.

The Application Form is not extensive and will take you about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. Most of the questions are prepared in the form of choice from the list of predefined options. Only information provided in English will be admitted. No supporting documentation is required for the application. The questions are structured in four sections, namely:

- About your organisation
- About the applicant – contact information
- Climate Adaptation Context and Capacity
- Barriers and Challenges

Once you have completed your application, submit it by clicking the Submit button on the back of the application form. Right after submitting, the system will offer you to print and save the PDF copy of your contribution. After submission the edit option will no longer be available.

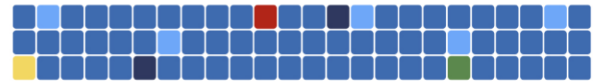
CLIMATEFIT will accept applications from:

- Staff members of local or regional public authorities (PAs) in the eligible countries.
- Staff members of other local or regional public organisations (e.g., energy/climate agencies, development agencies, ...) in the eligible countries with confirmed statement that your organisation is acting as representative and is working for local/regional public authority (included in the Application Form).

Eligible countries are EU Member States, the United-Kingdom and Horizon Europe Associated Countries.

Following countries are eligible to the replication programme:

Albania	Faroe Islands	Latvia	Portugal
Armenia	Finland	Lithuania	Romania
Austria	France	Luxembourg	Serbia
Belgium	Georgia	Malta	Slovak Republic
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Germany	Morocco	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Greece	Moldova	Spain
Canada	Hungary	Montenegro	Sweden
Croatia	Iceland	Netherlands	Switzerland
Cyprus	Ireland	New Zealand	Tunisia
Czechia	Israel	North Macedonia	Turkey
Denmark	Italy	Norway	Ukraine
Estonia	Kosovo	Poland	United Kingdom



We advise that individuals working in a relevant department (environment, climate, risk management, resilience, disaster preparedness, finance or similar) within the local or regional administration respond to the questionnaire. The submission of an application form does not constitute a political commitment and, therefore, does not require a signature or endorsement by a person holding a high-level political position in the public authority. Interested public organisations outside of the public administration are encouraged to engage with local or regional public authorities to support their potential participation in the CLIMATEFIT replication programme.

3.2 How will applications be evaluated?

The process of selection is internal to the CLIMATEFIT team. Eligible applications will be evaluated by the members of the CLIMATEFIT project consortium.

Selection criteria to:

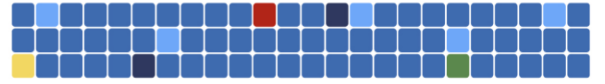
1. join the replication workshops:
 - overall quality of the application (i.e., answers provided are clear and complete)
 - priority will be given to staff members of local or regional public authorities (administration)
 - priority will be given to local or regional public authorities with adaptation plan or strategy developed
2. join the voluntary programme:
 - level of maturity following Public Authority Maturity Framework developed by ACTIERRA under CLIMATEFIT project (including experience in implementation of climate resilient project using private finance, identified adaptation project idea, stakeholder engagement)

Following the selection process four groups of replicators will be formed in order to create the most effective learning groups of mentors (leader case studies) and mentees (replicator territories).

Matching categories:

- location of replicators (countries)
- main climate risks
- main adaptation sectors
- policy and regulatory context (including climate, fiscal, economic, financial, among others)
- experience in collaboration with financing and investment entities
- adaptation finance barriers and needs

All applicants will be notified of the selection results via email no later than the end of June 2025. Selected replicators will additionally receive information to which Leader case study/Group of replicators they have been assigned. Group facilitators will subsequently contact participants to initiate the replication program, starting from October 2025 onwards.



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