

ERRIN - The role of regions for climate neutrality

The **CapaCITIES 2.0** and **Adaptation Hubs** projects seek to better understand the role of regions within multi-level governance systems for climate neutrality, for both mitigation and adaptation measures. ERRIN plays a key role in both projects, as a crucial representative of regions in these 2 initiatives.

Regions differ widely across Europe in their formal status, competencies, and influence; the 2 projects aim to assess how regional authorities contribute to climate actions and how they interact with national and local levels, particularly in supporting cities on their path to climate neutrality.

Thus, the following questionnaire targets competences and accountabilities, current and optimal multi-level governance, barriers and levers, among others. It consists of:

- 1 - **Climate mitigation**, current role and responsibilities
- 2 - **Climate adaptation**, current role and responsibilities
- 3 - Current **regional responsibilities** for climate neutrality
- 4 - **Multilevel coordination** and dialogue
- 5 - **Existing barriers and enabling conditions**

Thanks in advance for your participation!

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Participants information

1. First name *

2. Last name *

3. Region representation *

4. Email *

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Climate mitigation

Roles and responsibilities

5. How are responsibilities for climate mitigation primarily distributed across governance levels in your country? *

- ☐ National government
- ☐ Regional authorities
- ☐ Shared competences

6. National government - Indicate the political priority for climate mitigation *

(1 = lowest, 5 = highest)



7. National government - Please elaborate on it *

8. National government - Please indicate the ministries/agencies in charge of climate mitigation (who does what)

9. National government - Please indicate the specific field (e.g. energy, building) and relevant national policies for climate mitigation

10. Your regional authority - On average, please indicate the political priority for climate mitigation *

(1 = lowest, 5 = highest)



11. Your regional authority - Please elaborate on it *

12. Your regional authority - Please indicate the departments/agencies in charge of climate mitigation (who does what)

13. Your regional authority - Please indicate the specific field (e.g. energy, buildings) and relevant regional policies for climate mitigation

14. Shared competences - If so, how are they shared?

15. Are you aware of the national platform for climate mitigation in your country? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. Describe the exchange or collaboration you have/will have with the national platform, if any *

Climate adaptation

Roles and responsibilities

17. How are responsibilities for climate adaptation primarily distributed across governance levels in your country? *

- ☐ National government
- ☐ Regional authorities
- ☐ Shared competences

18. National government - Please indicate the political priority for climate adaptation *

(1 = lowest, 5 = highest)



19. National government - Please elaborate on it *

20. National government - Please indicate the ministries/agencies in charge of climate adaptation (who does what)

21. National government - Please indicate the specific field (e.g. water, urban) and relevant national policies for climate adaptation

22. Your regional authority - On average, please indicate the political priority for climate adaptation *

(1 = lowest, 5 = highest)



23. Your regional authority - Please elaborate on it *

24. Your regional authority - Please indicate the departments/agencies in charge of climate adaptation (who does what)

25. Your regional authority - Please indicate the specific field (e.g. water, urban) and relevant regional policies for climate adaptation

26. Shared competences - If so, how are they shared?

27. Are you aware of the national platform for climate adaptation in your country? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

28. Describe the exchange or collaboration you have/will have with the national platform, if any *

Multi-level governance responsibilities for climate neutrality

Regions and accountability

29. Are national authorities implementing climate policies in line with the overall targets (i.e. Paris Agreements, European Green Deal)? Please elaborate

E.g. Implementation of the Social Climate Plans, Submission of the latest National Determined Contributions, etc.

30. Does your region have binding targets or pledges on their own? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

31. Please elaborate on the targets/pledges

32. On average, to what extent does your region contribute to climate-neutral transitions? *

E.g. funding, learning opportunity, etc. (1 = not involved, 5 = strong influence and decision making)

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33. Please explain why and with possible examples

Multi-level coordination

Dialogue between country, regions and cities

34. Does your country have formal mechanisms for national-regional-local coordination on climate mitigation and adaptation? *

- ☐ Yes (formal, regular)
- ☐ Yes (informal)
- ☐ No

35. What is the format, frequency, actors (plenary meetings, working groups, assemblies, etc.) on the coordination

36. Please describe the participation process

Existing barriers and enabling conditions

Assessment and evaluation

37. What are the main barriers preventing stronger regional and local support to climate mitigation and adaptation? *

- ☐ Lack of legal competences
- ☐ Lack of stable funding
- ☐ Insufficient staff / expertise
- ☐ National frameworks too rigid
- ☐ Limited data access
- ☐ Weak collaboration between territories and national governments
- ☐ Political fragmentation
- ☐ Other (explain)

38. Please explain why *

39. What enabling conditions exist today that help regional and local authorities towards climate mitigation and adaptation? E.g. regional climate agencies, regional development funds, regional climate strategies *

40. What additional enabling conditions would be most helpful for your regional or local authority? E.g. regulatory changes, funding schemes, guidance, capacity-building, mandates *

41. Are there best practices in your country for regional-city collaborations on climate mitigation and adaptation? If yes, please list any examples

42. Anything else you would like to highlight on the role of regions in climate neutrality (either mitigation or adaptation)?

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