

DECLARATION

WOMEN ACTIVE FOR  
CLIMATE

This Declaration was drawn up at the work session "POLICIES, WOMEN AND CLIMATE CHANGE" held on 15 October 2018, promoted by the Department of Rural Development, the Environment and Local Administration of the Government of Navarre, with the collaboration of the Parliament of Navarra. The purpose of the declaration is to give visibility, acknowledge and promote the contributions made by women in the field of Climate Change (CC). The declaration has involved the joint work of women who are active in politics and hold managerial positions in the public sector, providing our knowledge to effectively give the necessary drive and the constructive commitment enabling it to advance as quickly as possible in the fight against Climate Change. This work has brought to fruition a set of recommendations and commitments to boost climate change-related planning, management and action, and the role played by women.

This declaration is directed at the people who create and implement public policies, governments, local entities, international organisations, academic personnel, companies and civil society. Each one of us must act according to our capabilities and within the framework of the commitments we have undertaken.

For this reason, we women participating in this work session, being politicians and public managers, wish to publicise this Declaration so it can be shared and ratified by all those in favour, thereby supporting the work done at this Conference, using this Climate Change Roadmap of Navarre as guide, in line with recently signed international treaties on CC.

**THE STARTING POINT DRIVING US TO TAKE ACTION is our acknowledging that:**

Climate change is a reality and greenhouse gas emissions caused by human activities are most likely the major cause of climate change.

- It is necessary to take urgent action and move decisively towards a more sustainable society and economy.
- Women and men are facing climate change-related hazards affecting women the more seriously.
- Women contribute differently to climate change as they show different attitudes, use resources and make decisions differently and have different mobility patterns.
- Gender equality is an essential requirement for sustainable development and the efficient management of climate challenges.

The knowledge and capacities of women are crucial.

- The eco-feminist movement is a benchmark when addressing climate change from a gender point of view, as it has established the connection between the subordination of women and the destructive exploitation of nature.
- The 2015 Paris Agreement provides that the Parties should take into consideration their respective obligations regarding human rights and gender equality
- In Navarre, gender equality is mainstreamed across the Climate Change Roadmap (HCCN-KLINA).
- There are substantial examples that highlight the cross-cutting connection between gender and climate change: UN - Women, Global Climate Change Alliance, “C40 Cities”, “En energía, no sin mujeres” (“Energy: Not Without Women”) and “Women 4 Climate”.

**We are POSITIVE that:**

Equality between women and men, as well as the visibility, commitment and action of women both as professionals and in their private lives contribute to the necessary transition towards other ways of addressing climate change.

Climate change is an opportunity to demonstrate the strong contribution of women to a more egalitarian model that is more respectful with nature and individuals, especially with women.

**WE DECLARE our commitment to:**

Fostering the development of integrated and interconnected Climate Change mitigation and adaptation policies and actions from a cross-cutting perspective, strengthening the role of women in the vertical and horizontal integration of the said actions and policies, recognising how they interrelate, and their implementation from different areas of activity, including all the issues addressed in the Declaration.

**Through this Declaration WE UNDERTAKE TO PROMOTE AND BOOST:**

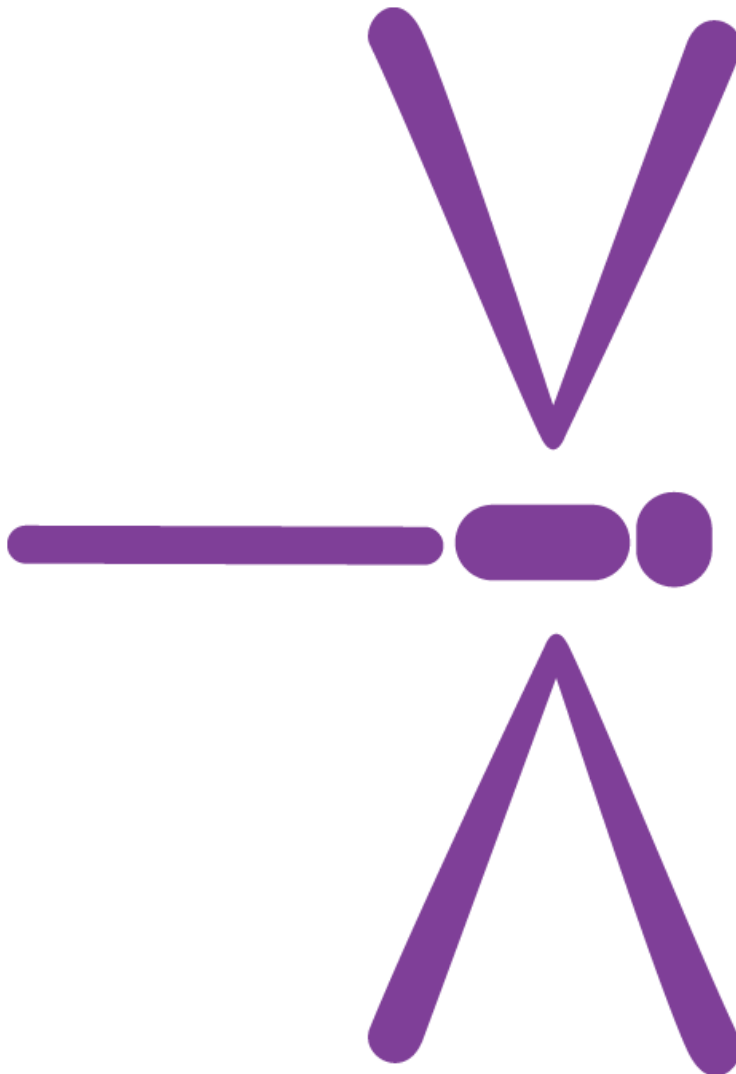
- **Empowerment** of women on climate change-related decision-making *providing funding for their training, participation and direct action; facilitating contact networks.*
- **Education** based on a new culture of sustainability *supported by debating, experiencing nature outside the classroom and gender mainstreaming across all levels.*
- **Studies and programmes** focusing on preventing and tackling **the effects of climate change on health**, especially for women, more vulnerable groups and the working population *putting the focus on the consumption of food, energy, water, housing, working conditions and health services.*
- **Presence and protection of women as agents of change** for sustainable land use *in decision-making bodies, in rural areas as guardians of the land and as women leaders in the field of RDI, energy, technology and climate change.*
- **Dialogue of knowledge** on energy efficiency and sustainable mobility within communities, bodies and companies *contributing thus to the choosing of sustainable models.*
- **Guidance for making sustainable decisions on consumption, tourism and trade** *enabling the access to information for daily environmentally-friendly consumption; promoting sustainable trade and tourism strategies.*
- **Increase in budgets and guaranteed public funding** for combating climate change with a gender approach *incorporating specific indicators that allow to assess the impact of climate change on the most vulnerable groups.*
- **Awareness-raising and participation** as basic tools for understanding, working and supporting the most vulnerable groups.
- The **action of women** to conceive and implement sustainable projects *giving visibility to historically sustainable practices of women.*
- **An environmentally-conscious public administration** committed to the principle of equality and to transparency, with human teams that are gender-equal and proactive towards the fight against climate change.

- **Hazard and emergency management planning** from a gender perspective  
*giving a voice to and putting into practice women's responsiveness to disasters.*
- Women as agents of change in the management of **housing schemes and social benefits**  
*and raising awareness to promote a shift to more sustainable habits in the family unit.*
- Key role of women in the use and **management of resources and natural spaces** and in the **management of waste.**
- Exchange and dissemination of creative successful practices against climate change  
*supporting **youth networks and movements** for climate and encouraging the integration of young women, by organising training and capacity-building actions for new women leaders against climate change.*
- **Social policies adapted to the climate vulnerability of different groups**  
*acknowledging too that climate change is a cause of migration which needs to be approached from a gender perspective for a better understanding and action.*
- New **employment opportunities for women** in mitigation and adaptation to climate change.
- **Research** in universities  
*building on the knowledge acquired to promote shared action to combat climate change jointly with different social groups.*

Finally, our sincere thanks go to the Government of Navarre for organising this Conference on “Women and Climate Change” and to the Parliament of Navarre for being the venue for this event and for the EFFECTIVE COMMITMENT that this work has brought to fruition:

Supporting and strengthening the cooperation between organisations and institutions involving women and consecrated to actions for climate and thus constitute the Women Active for Climate Network that is to continue and extend the abovementioned goals and desires.

We entrust the Directorate-General for the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Government of Navarre and the Gender Equality Institute of Navarre to publicise this Declaration and to encourage the people to adhere to it and to join the NETWORK OF WOMEN FOR CLIMATE.



MEMORANDUM

ACTIVE FOR CLIMATE

Climate change (CC) affects different social groups and societies in different ways. Its impacts do not affect young people and elder people equally. Nor do they affect people with less economic resources and the more affluent all the same. A heatwave is not the same for someone working in the street and for someone working inside an air-conditioned office.

Likewise, gender roles established by different societies directly determine the living conditions of its members. Each gender is associated with different tasks, different freedoms and access to different resources. As it stands, we can assert that CC affects women and men differently, as its impacts on the former are not the same as on the latter. Furthermore, the role played by women and men in relation to this global threat is also different. Knowledge, attitudes and responses are also learned on the basis of gender roles.

We should ask ourselves questions such as...

Who recycles at home? Who mends broken things?  
Who stitches loose threads? Who works more at home and who does outside?  
Who cares for granny? Who does the shopping or the cooking?  
What means of transport do we use?  
Where am I at my workplace and what happens when mercury rises?  
Who hold senior positions in our company?  
And in our governments? What decisions do they make and in the name of what/who?  
What do I do to cut down pollution?  
How can I live in a more sustainable way?  
What can I contribute and teach?

**IT IS NECESSARY TO BE PROPERLY AWARE OF REALITY IN ORDER TO ACT RIGHT.**

**There are plenty of illustrative examples of why CC has to be approached taking into account the gender perspective:**

We have:

Male attitudes that meet the role of traditional masculinity and that in a large number of circumstances force men to put themselves at risk as they try to keep up with heroic expectations. This is occasionally reflected in a higher male mortality rate in extreme situations.

Cases where the traditional function of man as financial provider for the family often results in higher suicide rates in the male community following a catastrophe.

An extremely high rate of women carers and with caring responsibilities who must adapt their lives and those of the people they care for to the effects of climate change.

Women in certain countries around the world with no access to property (right here, in Spain, ownership of land tends to be in the hands of men).

Women who are not taught to swim on the grounds of modesty.

Women who cannot travel to health facilities without the presence of a man.

Climate refugees exist – both men and women. However, it is usually women who stand most disadvantaged during climate migrations – especially when with dependent family members.

Poverty and energy poverty rates are higher for women.

Statistics show that women are more aware of sustainability issues and use public transport more frequently than men.

Senior positions are mostly occupied by men.

The list is endless.

So how could it possibly affect all of us equally?

**WOMEN AND MEN HAVE A LOT TO DO TO REACT TO CC. WHETHER FROM ONE OR MORE VIEWPOINTS, AS WE HAVE OUR OWN PARTICULARITIES WE CAN THEREFORE CONTRIBUTE A WIDER RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES.**



## Objectives

“Women Active for Climate” is set up as a contact network disseminating information and events that highlight the work of women concerning CC in its broadest sense; it seeks to become an exchange forum and be visible internationally.

The Network pursues the following objectives:

- 1. Improving **the role of women**, their voice and their capacities as regards the fight against CC.
- 2. Acquiring **knowledge and awareness** on CC issues and related risks taking into account the gender perspective.
- 3. Fostering a meeting place, **networks** and collaborative synergies among women. – **Joining forces**, working together and raising our voice.
- 4. Empowering people so they know how to move towards a more sustainable world and securing their commitment. – Boosting **training and sustainable habits**.
- 5. Disseminating **success stories**.

## Participants

We want to bring the Network and its resulting actions closer to ALL THE PEOPLE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED on the transition towards sustainability, as a tool to face CC.

We understand that this transition is not going to happen alone – even to the best of each person’s and body’s abilities. For this reason, a series of commitments and lines of action have been proposed for us to really work towards a more sustainable world. The commitments are broken down in three different tables (see annexes), based on what we have considered to be feasible for each of the groups concerned (public administration, companies/associations and citizens). These commitments are not limitative, i.e. they are guiding work strands which can be chosen, adapted or even extended. The annexes feature specific actions to be taken by each action group.

## How to become part of the Network

To enter the Network, you need to sign the declaration and provide some contact details on the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nOHVrOj\\_zl0BOjyI6MOBvOMiSpl04sOwvuBghMSuh3o/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nOHVrOj_zl0BOjyI6MOBvOMiSpl04sOwvuBghMSuh3o/viewform?edit_requested=true)

IF YOU ALREADY SIGNED IT BEFORE, you only need to confirm you are still interested by replying to the email you will be sent and provide the following details:

- Name and surname
- National ID Card no.
- Body
- Email

Contact information will be stored in a database and will be used to keep you updated on the progress of the project. We will submit a newsletter when all is ready and we will invite you to visit the website containing all the information on the project when it is launched.

The commitments you decide to undertake shall be reflected in your actions, and your actions, as mentioned above, can be those proposed in the annexes or other. If you wish to disseminate your actions and inform other persons and bodies likely to be interested in attending or replicating your best practices, please inform first the contact person indicated on the website so they can be uploaded in the agenda.

Additionally, it is important that you provide written proof of what you are doing in this sense. A simple data sheet containing the main details will do. Enclosed you will find a basic model, which will also be uploaded to the website. The Department of Rural Development and Natural Environment of the Government of Navarre, together with the INAI (Gender Equality Institute of Navarre) is considering a yearly monitoring to compile the information on the actions and to make them visible.

## Closing

As regards CC, it is clear that gender is unquestionably an issue that must be taken into account. Neither the effects of CC nor the responses to CC are the same among women and men.

If we want to deliver, we must take this fact into account. For us to be aware of our reality. For us to properly drive policies. For us to live better in a better planet.

Transition is not going to happen alone. We cannot wait for someone to come and grant us permission. We WOMEN must start moving and act. In addition, getting started will enrich us in all senses.

Each one of us, to the best of our abilities, with our biggest willingness and effort. Let us not waste this opportunity.

For the planet.

For us women.

Commitments and actions to be undertaken and performed by PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS:

FOCUS	Commitment	Actions
<p><b>EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN ON CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED DECISION-MAKING</b></p> <p><b>(GOAL 1 and 3)</b></p>	<p><b>Providing funding for their training, participation and direct action.</b></p>	<p>Funding plans, projects and training on climate change with a gender approach.</p>
	<p><b>Facilitating contact networks that favour joint action and transfer of knowledge.</b></p>	<p>Facilitating and disseminating the Network and its contacts.</p>
		<p>Creating new contacts and alliances for women that generate synergies and give consistence and continuity to the initiatives.</p>
		<p>Activating forums for the transfer of knowledge.</p>
	<p><b>Ensure equality for women at all levels as active agents in climate change-related policies, consultations and programmes.</b></p>	<p>Promoting the presence of women based on the principle of gender parity.</p>
		<p>Promoting initiatives where the presence of a certain rate of women and women experts is a requirement.</p>
<p>Fostering the role of women in campaigns and significant events (sustainable events, craft fairs, European Week for Waste Reduction, etc.)</p>		

<p><b>EDUCATION BASED ON A NEW CULTURE OF SUSTAINABILITY</b></p> <p><b>(GOAL 2 and 4)</b></p>	<p><b>Encouraging debate.</b></p>	<p>Building spaces and opportunities for meetings and conferences.</p>
	<p><b>Promoting a hands-on experiencing of nature.</b></p>	<p>Promoting fieldwork in schools: trips, volunteering, etc. (e.g. thematic school campaigns, visits to treatment plants, interpretation centres, waste recycling plants, etc.).</p>
	<p><b>Fostering knowledge on climate change with a gender equality approach inside and outside the classroom.</b></p>	<p>Teachers' training.</p>
		<p>Creating committed and egalitarian lesson plans.</p>
<p>Training on equality and sustainability for parents' associations.</p>		
<p><b>STUDIES AND PROGRAMMES FOCUSING ON PREVENTING AND TACKLING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON HEALTH, ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN, MORE VULNERABLE GROUPS AND THE WORKING POPULATION</b></p> <p><b>(GOAL 2 and 4)</b></p>	<p><b>Promoting studies and initiatives focusing on consumption of food, energy, water, housing, working conditions and health services – all from a sustainability perspective.</b></p>	<p>Conducting theme-specific studies.</p>
		<p>Awareness-raising campaigns and programmes.</p>
	<p><b>Studying the effects of climate change and its extreme impacts on health.</b></p>	<p>Surveillance systems with a gender approach (early warning, energy poverty control, monitoring of plagues and diseases, assessing working conditions and the consequences of climate change and extreme temperatures on the health of the working</p>

		population, etc.).
		Defining realistic and enforceable emergency plans for the population.
<p><b>PROMOTING THE PRESENCE OF WOMEN AS AGENTS OF CHANGE FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND USE.</b></p> <p><b>(GOAL 1, 2 and 4)</b></p>	<p><b>Promoting the presence of women in decision-making and rural and urban planning bodies, as guardians of the land and as women leaders in the field of RDI, technology, energy, climate change, etc.</b></p>	Promoting the capacity-building of women for the transition towards sustainability by offering training and funding.
		Promoting the presence of women experts in all fields and domains.
		Gender-mainstreaming in Local Action Plans.
		Facilitating the access to property and credit.
<p><b>DIALOGUE OF KNOWLEDGE ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY, SUSTAINABLE AND SAFE MOBILITY, CONTRIBUTING THUS TO THE CHOOSING OF SUSTAINABLE MODELS</b></p> <p><b>(GOAL 2, 4 y 5)</b></p>	<p><b>Contributing to the choosing of sustainable models.</b></p>	Using the Network as a platform for meeting and exchanging knowledge.
		Building spaces and opportunities for workshops and conferences.
		Integrating the gender perspective in urban and spatial planning schemes.
		Promoting the participation in adaptive management of natural and urban environments to climate change.

		<p>Conducting information and training sessions on the access to new systems and public-funding schemes (renovation, energy efficiency, etc.).</p> <p>Developing and participating in events in a sustainable way (reusable glasses in festivals, zero-waste, etc.).</p>
<p><b>GUIDANCE FOR MAKING SUSTAINABLE DECISIONS ON CONSUMPTION, TOURISM AND TRADE</b></p> <p><b>(GOAL 4)</b></p>	<p><b>Fostering sustainable trade and tourism strategies.</b></p>	<p>Drawing up a commitment form for entities interested in adhering to these practices.</p>
		<p>Favouring these entities.</p>
	<p><b>Facilitating the access to information for an environmentally friendly daily consumption and tourism.</b></p>	<p>Conducting responsible consumption and tourism campaigns.</p>
		<p>Engage in training and open-door events both for consumers and for providers.</p>
		<p>Conducting “zero-mile” campaigns with RECYCLED dissemination materials.</p>
	<p>Promoting reusable packaging.</p>	
	<p>Control access to protected areas</p>	

		Promote public transport in touristic areas which receive big amounts of visitors.
<b>ENSURING BUDGETS AND GUARANTEED PUBLIC FUNDING AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE, PUTTING THE STRESS ON GENDER PERSPECTIVE.</b>  <b>(GOAL 1 y 2)</b>	<b>Ensuring budgets that provide funding for fighting climate change, putting the stress on the equality between women and men.</b>	Ensuring budgets that provide funding for fighting climate change putting the stress on the working conditions and the potentials of women.  Urging international mechanisms to mobilise more funding.
	<b>Fostering studies to establish gender-specific indicators in research work, policies, etc.</b>	<b>Establishing gender-specific indicators to approach more precisely all those issues touching women and the fight against climate change.</b>
<b>AWARENESS-RAISING AND PARTICIPATION AS BASIC TOOLS FOR UNDERSTANDING, WORKING AND SUPPORTING THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS.</b>  <b>(GOAL 1, 2 and 4)</b>	<b>Making efforts for a better understanding, awareness-raising and improved participation.</b>	Fostering studies to identify more vulnerable groups and to define different actions.
		Conducting meetings, training and awareness-raising actions.
		Promoting participative actions in accessible and striking ways over different channels.
<b>THE ACTION OF WOMEN TO CONCEIVE AND IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS</b>  <b>(GOAL 1 and 5)</b>	<b>Giving visibility to historically sustainable practices of women.</b>	Conducting meetings and training.  Disseminating best practices/success stories.
	<b>Stimulating and encouraging female entrepreneurship.</b>	Providing assistance in the search for employment opportunities.



		Favouring entrepreneurship through assistance and financing.
<p><b>AN ENVIRONMENTALLY-CONSCIOUS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND TO TRANSPARENCY, WITH HUMAN TEAMS THAT ARE GENDER-EQUAL AND PROACTIVE TOWARDS THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE.</b></p> <p><b>(GOAL 1, 2 and 4)</b></p>	<p><b>Promoting an environmentally-conscious public administration committed to the principle of equality and to transparency, with human teams that are gender-equal and proactive towards the fight against climate change.</b></p>	Conducting awareness-raising events.
		Implementing transparency and equality mechanisms.
		Verifying sustainability issues of providers.
		Fostering the commitment to sustainability- and equality-specific actions.
		Promoting diversity when hiring personnel.
		Putting professions on an equal footing as regards salaries, and eliminating barriers that perpetuate professions and roles traditionally associated to one of the genders.
		Sustainable and egalitarian bidding specifications.
		Subsidies and biddings based on sustainable and egalitarian criteria.
<p><b>HAZARD AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b></p>	<p><b>Giving a voice to and putting into practice women’s responsiveness to disasters</b></p>	<p>Promoting sustainability standards/plans with a gender perspective in institutions (like ISOs)</p>

<b>PLANNING FROM A GENDER PERSPECTIVE</b>  <b>(GOAL 2 and 4)</b>		Considering emergency plans taking into account the gender perspective.
		Promotion self-protection plans against disasters with a gender perspective in local bodies.
<b>RAISING THE STATUS OF WOMEN AS AGENTS OF CHANGE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF HOUSING SCHEMES AND SOCIAL BENEFITS</b>  <b>(GOAL 1, 2 and 4)</b>	<b>Raising awareness to encourage a shift to more sustainable habits in infrastructures and in the family unit.</b>	Securing an environmental management with a gender perspective.
		Training events on housing, social benefits, etc.
		Awareness-raising campaigns that encourage best practices.
		Empowering and getting women involved in the reduction of environmental footprint and getting them to become environmental educators.
<b>KEY ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES AND NATURAL SPACES AND IN THE MANAGEMENT OF WASTE</b>  <b>(GOAL 1, 2 and 4)</b>	<b>Promoting the sustainable access of women to natural resources.</b>	Women-specific training on the sustainable use of the natural environment, on adaptation and mitigation.
		Training and protocols for the sustainable use of facilities and equipments.
		Knowledge exchange events.
		Securing the representativeness and promotion at work of women.

		Empowering women to get involved in the reduction of the environmental footprint.
<p><b>EXCHANGE AND DISSEMINATION OF CREATIVE SUCCESSFUL STORIES TO ENCOURAGE THE CONTRIBUTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE</b></p> <p><b>(GOAL 1, 3 and 5)</b></p>	<p><b>Supporting youth networks and movements for climate.</b></p>	By encouraging creative initiatives, the exchange and dissemination of contact networks.
	<p><b>Stimulating the integration of young women into the networks.</b></p>	Conducting training and capacity-building actions.
	<p><b>Building the capacities of new women leaders for climate.</b></p>	Disseminating best practices/success stories.
<p><b>SOCIAL POLICIES ADAPTED TO THE CLIMATE VULNERABILITY OF DIFFERENT GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>(GOAL 2 and 4)</b></p>	<p><b>Analysing the vulnerabilities of different genders and groups.</b></p>	Doing research on different social groups and their specific vulnerabilities regarding climate change.
	<p><b>Acknowledging that climate changes is a cause of migration which needs to be approached from a gender perspective for a better understanding and action.</b></p>	<p>Studying climate changes as a cause of migration and its uneven impacts depending on gender.</p> <p>Awareness-raising events on climate migrants.</p>
		Commissioning quick and participative instruments with local bodies and the civil society enabling to give solidarity-based responses to the foreseeable arrival of climate refugees.
	<p><b>Fostering and offering employment and entrepreneurship opportunities to women</b></p>	Ensuring training.

<b>NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE.</b>  <b>(GOAL 1 and 4)</b>	<b>in areas related to technologies, clean energies, circular economy, etc.</b>	Promoting mechanisms such as women-specific employment basins.
		Giving visibility to and encouraging women to establish businesses related to these areas.
<b>RESEARCH (IN UNIVERSITIES)</b>  <b>((GOAL 2, 3 and 5))</b>	<b>Promoting research (in universities) and building on the knowledge acquired to encourage shared action to combat climate change jointly with different groups.</b>	Analysing the results of the research separately (including events requiring hospital care and potentially resulting from climate change).
		Encouraging studies on climate change with a gender perspective (in universities).
		Enabling and urging to monitor and deploy early warning systems on the effects of climate change.
		Exploiting the resulting knowledge.
		Encouraging climate action groups/networks with a gender perspective.
<b>Mainstreaming gender perspective and climate emergency ACROSS policies and regulations. Failing to do this may only exacerbate existing inequalities.</b>		
<b>Reporting on the actions conducted and on their results.</b>		