



**REGIONSADAPT**

**Catalysing climate  
adaptation ambition**

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## REGIONSADAPT

is the first global initiative for **regional governments** to



plan,



take concrete action,



cooperate, and



report efforts

**on climate adaptation.**



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# Mobilising ambition for adaptation action

Driven by the governments of Rio de Janeiro and Catalonia, **RegionsAdapt** was launched at COP 21 in Paris. Regions4 coordinates this initiative that now encompasses more than 70 signatory regions from five continents impacting over 270 million citizens.

**RegionsAdapt** mobilises ambition and action on climate adaptation by facilitating access to the latest innovations, tools and best practices at regional level throughout the world. Through knowledge sharing, capacity building, adoption of common standards, and contribution to the global processes, this unique regional partnership catalyses innovation on climate adaptation, fosters cooperation and supports regional governments improve their resilience.



By joining the **RegionsAdapt** initiative, governments commit to:

1

## Prioritize and plan,

adopting an adaptation plan or programme (mainstreaming adaptation into other sectors and/or policies) within the first two years of joining.

2

## Implement

concrete actions on adaptation in key identified priority areas.

3

## Report

annually on your adaptation progress through the Online Reporting Platform in partnership with CDP.



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# Regions leadership in climate adaptation

Regional governments have a critical role to play in addressing climate change and ensuring concrete results of adaptation actions. They:

- Have **close and direct contact** with citizens and are aware of the main challenges facing their territories, which allows them to act together with inhabitants to implement proper and game-changer measures to build resilience.
- Are key on **fostering urban-rural linkages** for effective integration of adaptation policies and sustainable development.
- Promote an **integrated territorial approach** to enhance synergies between different sectors and stakeholders.
- Have **strategic competences** on areas linked to climate policy such as energy, transportation and the built environment.
- Are able to **create strategic and powerful synergies** with other regions in order to exchange knowledge and key initiatives on adaptation.
- Are already **leading in climate adaptation** and collaborating with their National and local counterparts, facilitating multi-level governance for effective climate action.



# Why join?

1. Join **the only global initiative** of regional governments specialised on climate change adaptation.
2. **Learn from and exchange** knowledge, experiences, and good practices with other regional governments to improve your climate adaptation actions.
3. Strengthen **political participation** and **visibility** in the global processes and participate in major international events such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COPs.
4. Get involved in **joint programs and projects** aimed to boost and improve regional actions on climate change adaptation.
5. Take part in a **global reporting system** to manage and report your vital environmental information increasing your accountability and transparency.

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**To join RegionsAdapt does not entail any cost.**

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## Who can join?

The **RegionsAdapt** initiative is open to all governments situated between the local and national level from across the world, regardless of their size or the stage of implementation of their climate policy.

## How to join?

### Joining is easy!

To join the initiative members are required to:

- Complete the adhesion form accepting the three commitments.
- Assign two representatives from your region who will work directly with us throughout the initiative.



# Our areas of work and services to members

**RegionsAdapt** provides different services to its members through 4 pillars of action:

## Visibility and Advocacy

- Fostering multi-level governance and increased ambition in climate adaptation and resilience in the global climate agenda.
- Showcasing members' experiences through our #RegionsVoice campaign and continuous participation in major international events within the UN such as the COPs.
- Developing joint messages to position and strengthen the strategic role of regions in the global climate processes.

## Policy

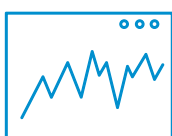
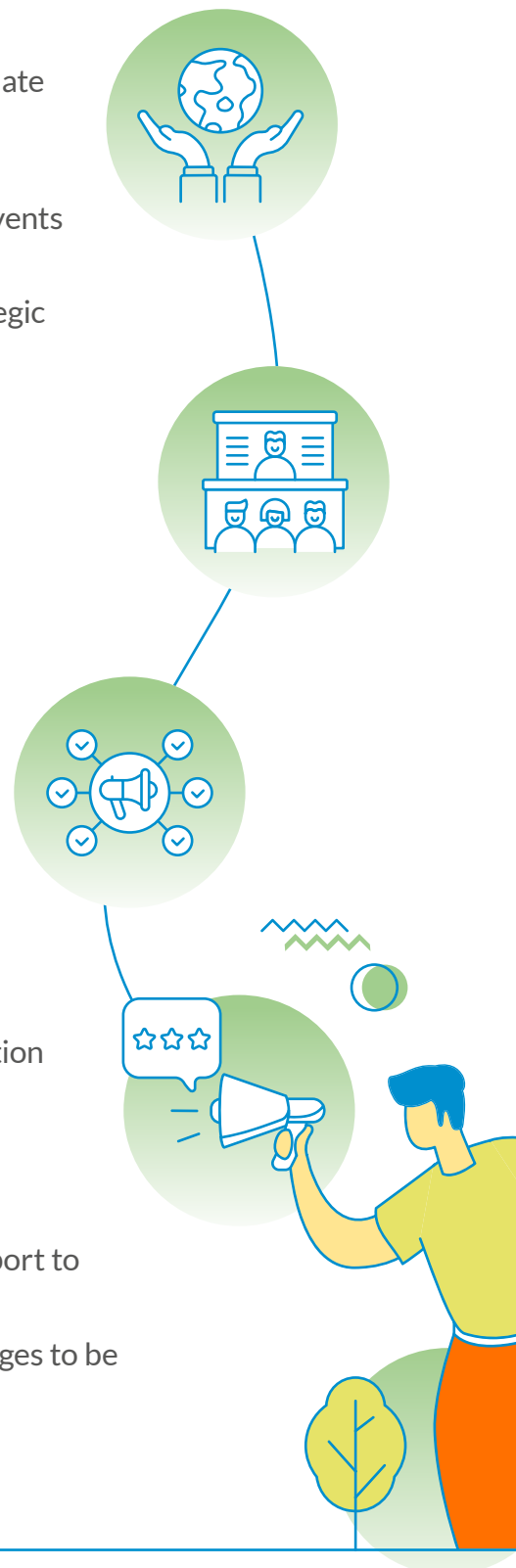
- Access to tools and resources to develop adaptation plans and programmes.
- Mainstreaming adaptation into sectoral policies through peer-to-peer learning and capacity building.

## Implementation

- Support implementation of adaptation actions through learning sessions, exchange of experiences and good practices within our Community of Practice.
- Showcase implemented actions in reports, publications, and dedicated Knowledge Hub.
- Access to Regions4 [Visiting Experts](#) and [Call4Projects](#) cooperation programmes.

## Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

- Report implemented actions through **RegionsAdapt** annual report to increase and showcase ambition, in partnership with CDP.
- Reporting for learning: share lessons learned to identify challenges to be addressed.

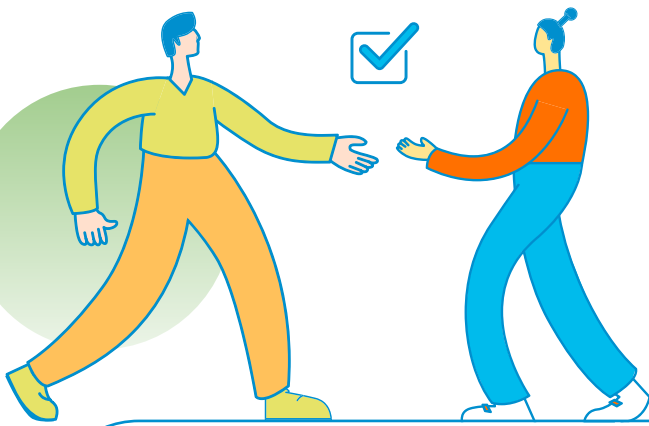


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# Synergies with other initiatives

**RegionsAdapt** works closely with UN bodies and other key partners to ensure synergies with other initiatives, particularly:

Marrakech Partnership



Marrakech Partnership on Global Climate Action: **RegionsAdapt** is actively involved in Marrakech Partnership Resilience Working Group.

RACE TO RESILIENCE

Official partner of the Marrakech Partnership Race to Resilience Campaign: seeking to catalyze a step-change in global ambition for climate resilience putting people and nature first.



United Nations  
Climate Change

Local Government and Municipal Authority Constituency: **Regions4** as the Secretariat to the **RegionsAdapt** is part of the LGMA Constituency to the UNFCCC, aligning forces with other city and region networks accredited to the UNFCCC.



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# REGIONSADAPT

## Raising ambition for adaptation and resilience



### +230

adaptation actions reported annually



### +50

regional adaptation plans implemented



### +40

webinars



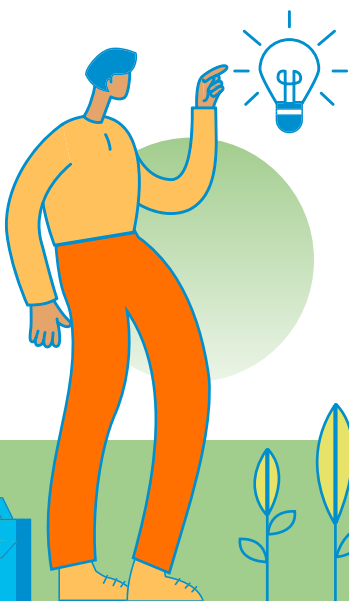
Partner in major international campaigns such as UNFCCC Race to Resilience



Publications, annual reports and compilations of case studies



Global Map of participants' adaptation strategies and plans



Regular contributions into international platforms such as the UNFCCC Global Climate Action Portal (NAZCA), UNISDR Sendai Framework and others

## It's time to adapt! Join us!



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Regions4 is the network that supports the initiative through its Secretariat. Through advocacy, cooperation, and capacity building, Regions4 empowers regional governments to accelerate global action on climate change adaptation, biodiversity and sustainable development. We invite all regions to also join Regions4 where they will be able to access additional benefits. More information at [www.regions4.org](http://www.regions4.org)

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