

Understanding the EU regions and local communities' capacity to engage citizens in deciding climate change actions

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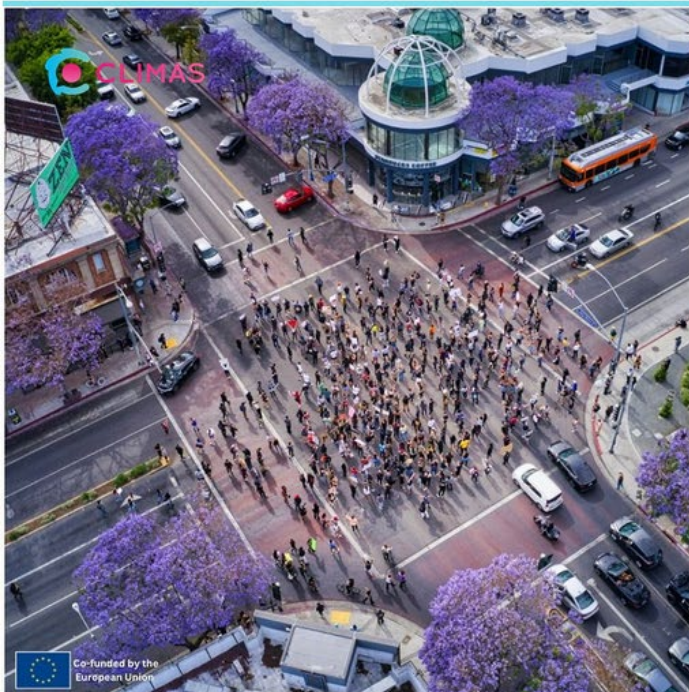
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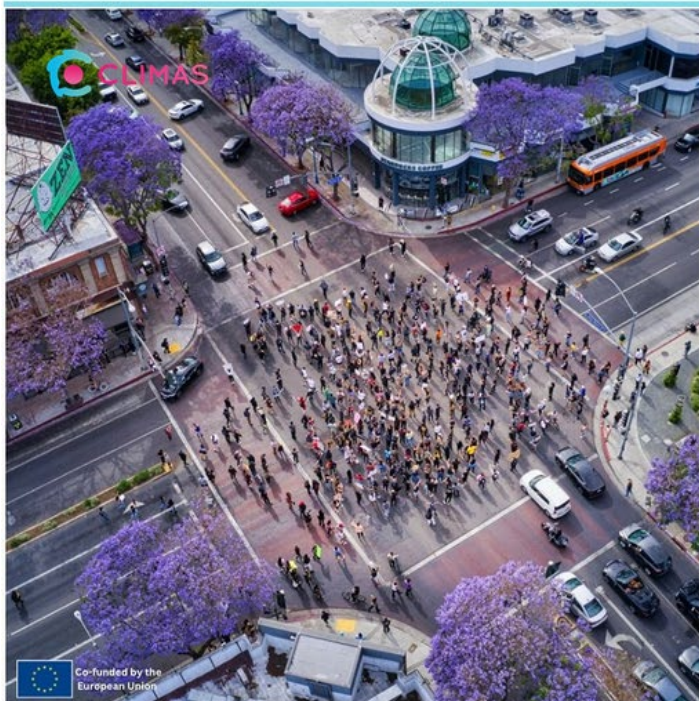
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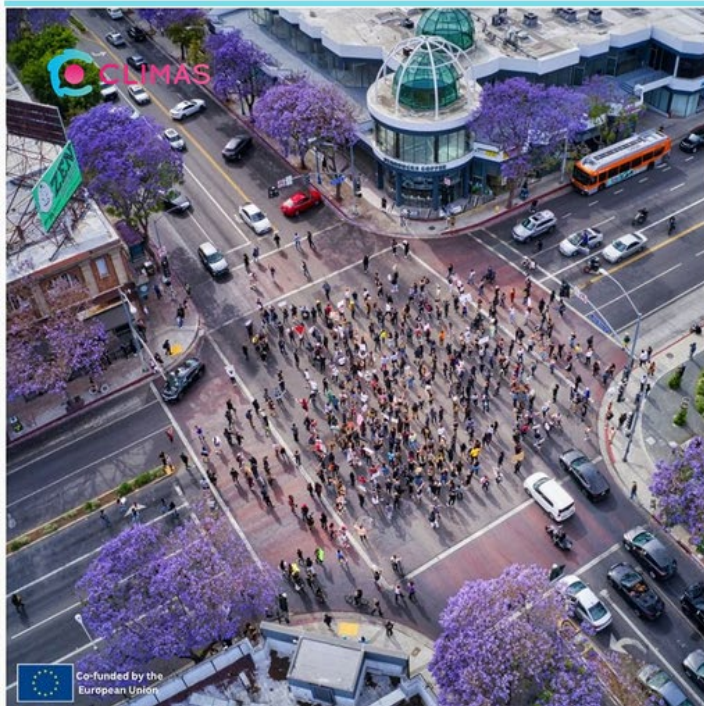
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Section I: Background Information - Context

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I → How would you describe your gender identity?

☐ A Female

☐ B Male

☐ C Transgender

☐ D Non-binary

☐ E Genderqueer

☐ F Other

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2 → Before we start, we need to know:
are you representing a city or a
region? *

☐ A City

☐ B Region

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3 → What is the name of your city?*

Type your answer here...

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4 → How many inhabitants does your city have? *

Type or select an option ^

less than 50.000

50.001 - 100.000

100.001 - 500.000

500.001 - 1.000.000

over 1.000.000



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3 → What is the name of your region?*

Type your answer here...

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5 → What organization and department do you represent?*

Type your answer here...

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6 → What is your role in your organization?*

☐ A Executive staff

☐ B Decision-maker

☐ C Policy maker

☐ D Project manager

☐ E Other

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7 → Does your city have a climate change policy (or other related strategies)? *

☐ A Yes

☐ B No

☐ C Other

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8 → Who developed the climate change policy (or related strategies)?*

Choose as many as you like

- ☐ A City officials (in-house)
- ☐ B City officials with input from experts
- ☐ C City officials with input from stakeholders (including citizens)
- ☐ D All the above
- ☐ E I don't know
- ☐ F Other

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What is the current approach to developing climate change policies?*

Choose as many as you like

- ☐ A Conducting research and analysis on climate impacts, adaptation and mitigation strategies
- ☐ B Setting targets and goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resilience to climate adaptation
- ☐ C Developing plans and strategies to achieve these targets and goals
- ☐ D Implementing policies and measures to achieve these targets and goals
- ☐ E Monitoring and evaluating progress towards achieving targets and goals
- ☐ F Other

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10 → How do you ensure that the climate change policies are inclusive? *

Choose as many as you like

- ☐ A Conducting equity assessments and analyses
- ☐ B Engaging with marginalized and vulnerable communities
- ☐ C Incorporating diverse perspectives and voices in policy development
- ☐ D Addressing social and environmental justice issues
- ☐ E Other

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Section II: Climate Change Policy Barriers and Drivers

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II → What is the nature of the main barriers faced in developing climate change policies in your city? *

Choose as many as you like

- ☐ A Regulatory (e.g., local, regional, national and European laws or regulations)
- ☐ B Organizational (e.g., capacity, inter-organisational cooperation, etc.)
- ☐ C Financial (e.g., lack of funds; difficulty accessing funding sources, etc)
- ☐ D Technical (e.g., lack of access to state of the art technology, etc)
- ☐ E Institutional (e.g, lack of cooperation between different public authorities, heavy governance structure, etc)
- ☐ F Social (e.g, mindsets, lack of social integration policies/strategies, etc)
- ☐ G Other

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12 → What are the main challenges to the implementation of climate change policies observed in your city? *

Choose as many as you like

- ☐ A Lack of public acceptance
- ☐ B Lack of political acceptance
- ☐ C Local authorities' lack of clearly defined motivation/trigger
- ☐ D Local authorities' lack of knowledge and skills
- ☐ E Difficulty to define the right moment for launching the policy
- ☐ F Difficulty to understand data-based evidence
- ☐ G Unclear responsibilities within the organization



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☐ F Difficulty to understand data-based evidence

☐ G Unclear responsibilities within the organization

☐ H Unclear legal framework

☐ I Poor evidence base

☐ J Unclear relation to strategic framework

☐ K Other

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13 → What is the nature of the main drivers for developing climate

 CLIMAS change policies in your city? *

Choose as many as you like

- ☐ A Regulatory (e.g., local, regional, national and European laws or regulations)
- ☐ B Organizational (e.g., capacity, inter-organisational cooperation, etc.)
- ☐ C Financial (e.g., possibility to access funding sources, etc)
- ☐ D Technical (e.g., access to state of the art technology, etc)
- ☐ E Institutional (e.g, good cooperation between different public authorities, etc)
- ☐ F Social (e.g, mindsets, citizens pressurs, etc)
- ☐ G Other

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Section III: Stakeholder Engagement Practice & Capacity

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14 → Has your city ever engaged with stakeholders (including citizens) in the development of climate change policies? *

☐ A Yes

☐ B No

☐ C I don't know

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15 → Does your city have a special department in charge of stakeholder (including citizen) engagement?*

☐ A Yes

☐ B No

☐ C I don't know

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16 → Please tell us more about your special department and its activities.

Type your answer here...

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16 → If not, in which form does your city organise its stakeholder (including citizens) engagement activities?*

☐ A Dedicated personnel in various functional departments

☐ B Partnerships with local NGOs / universities / research centres

☐ C Externalised services to external consultants

☐ D Other

OK



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17 → How frequently does your city engage with stakeholders (including citizens) in the development and/or implementation of climate change policies *

☐ A Regularly (at least once a month)

☐ B Occasionally (once every few months)

☐ C Rarely (once or twice a year)

☐ D Never

☐ E I don't know

OK



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18 → Which of the following methods does your city currently use to engage with stakeholders (including citizens) in the development and/or implementation of climate change policies*

Choose as many as you like

☐ A Community events and meetings

☐ B Online surveys

☐ C Social media

☐ D Participatory budgeting

☐ E Citizen assemblies

☐ F Educational programs and workshops



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Choose as many as you like



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☐ B Online surveys

☐ C Social media

☐ D Participatory budgeting

☐ E Citizen assemblies

☐ F Educational programs and workshops

☐ G Collaborative partnerships with local businesses and organizations

☐ H I don't know

☐ I Other

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19 → How are climate change actions and goals communicated to stakeholders (including citizens) in your city? *

Choose as many as you like

- ☐ A Through public meetings and forums
- ☐ B Through social media and online platforms
- ☐ C Through traditional media such as newspapers, TV news, etc
- ☐ D Through newsletters
- ☐ E Through workshops and training sessions
- ☐ F Through one-on-one meetings with key stakeholders
- ☐ G I don't know
- ☐ H Other

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20 → In your opinion, how do you assess the involvement of stakeholders (including citizens) in the formal public engagement process?*

☐ A Highly involved

☐ B Somewhat involved

☐ C Minimally involved

☐ D Not involved at all


☐ E I can't say

OK



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21 → Which stakeholders were involved in the development of the

 CLIMAS climate change policy?*

Choose as many as you like

☐ A General public

☐ B Environmental organisations

☐ C NGOs

☐ D Business community

☐ E Government officials

☐ F Universities/Research entities

☐ G I don't know

☐ H Other

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22 → Which stakeholders were involved in the formal public engagement process for the implementation of climate change measures?*

Choose as many as you like

☐ A General public

☐ B Environmental organisations

☐ C NGOs

☐ D Business community

☐ E Government officials

☐ F Universities/Research entities

☐ G I don't know

☐ H Other

OK



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23 → How does your city ensure that stakeholders (including citizens) are involved in the implementation of the climate change policy?*

Choose as many as you like

☐ A Through regular progress updates and communication

☐ B Through involvement in working groups or task forces

☐ C Through feedback and consultation opportunities

☐ D Through training and capacity-building programs

☐ E I don't know

☐ F Other

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24 → If your city has held a formal public engagement process related to climate change, how were the outputs of this process used in the development of climate change policies? *

Choose as many as you like

- ☐ A Used to inform policy development and decision-making
- ☐ B Incorporated into policy goals and targets
- ☐ C Integrated into plans and strategies for achieving goals and targets
- ☐ D Used to identify and prioritize policy actions and measures
- ☐ E I don't know
- ☐ F Other

OK



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25 → What are the main challenges faced in engaging with stakeholders (including citizens) on climate change issues? *

Choose as many as you like

☐ A Lack of interest or awareness among stakeholders and end-users

☐ B Limited resources or funding to support engagement efforts

☐ C Resistance to change or opposition to climate change policies

☐ D Difficulty in reaching and engaging with diverse groups of stakeholders and end-users

☐ E Inadequate instruments or procedures

☐ F Participation fatigue

☐ G There were no challenges at all



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☐ E Inadequate instruments or procedures

☐ F Participation fatigue

☐ G There were no challenges at all

☐ H I don't know

☐ I Other

OK



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26 → What are the main challenges faced in involving stakeholders (including citizens) in the implementation of the climate change policy?*

Choose as many as you like

☐ A Lack of resources or funding to support engagement efforts

☐ B Limited capacity

☐ C Lack of expertise among stakeholders and end-users

☐ D Resistance to change or opposition to climate change policies

☐ E Difficulty in aligning stakeholder and end-user priorities with policy objectives

☐ F There were no challenges at all



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policy.



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Choose as many as you like

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- ☐ D Resistance to change or opposition to climate change policies
- ☐ E Difficulty in aligning stakeholder and end-user priorities with policy objectives
- ☐ F There were no challenges at all
- ☐ G I don't know
- ☐ H Other

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Section IV: Climate Assemblies

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27 → **Has your city ever held a climate assembly? ***

*A climate assembly brings together randomly selected citizens to learn, deliberate and make recommendations on aspects of the climate crisis.

☐ A Yes

☐ B No

☐ C I don't know

OK



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28 → Who is responsible for organising climate assemblies in your city?

*

Choose as many as you like

☐ A Local Authority

☐ B Regional Authority

☐ C NGOs

☐ D Private entities

☐ E I don't know

☐ F Other

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29 → How are climate assemblies organised in your city? *

Choose as many as you like

☐ A Through Dedicated personnel in various functional departments

☐ B By Partnerships with local NGOs

☐ C By partnerships with universities / research centres

☐ D Externalised services to external consultants

☐ E I don't know

☐ F Other

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30 → How frequently does your city organise climate assemblies?*

☐ A Regularly (at least once a month)

☐ B Occasionally (once every few months)

☐ C Rarely (once or twice a year)

☐ D Never

☐ E I don't know

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31 → Is there any public information regarding your climate assemblies?
If yes, could you provide a link to the outlet hosting this
information?

Type your answer here...

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28 → If your city has NOT held a climate assembly or formal public engagement process related to climate change, could you please explain why?

Type your answer here...

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29 → Are you interested in learning more about climate assemblies from CLIMAS and organising them in the future in your city?*

☐ A Yes

☐ B No

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30 → **How would you prefer receiving information about organizing climate assemblies from CLIMAS?**

Choose as many as you like

☐ A Workshops

☐ B Presentations

☐ C Documents

☐ D Videos

☐ E Other

OK



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31 → Would you like CLIMAS to send you information about the project results?*

☐ A Yes

☐ B No

OK



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32 → **Moreover, do you provide your consent for the following activities?***

- a. To be contacted by the CLIMAS Consortium in the next 2 years for matters related to project activities.
- b. To be contacted by the CLIMAS Consortium for matters related to scientific research, even beyond the purposes of the current projects.

☐ A Yes, I consent

☐ B No, I do not consent

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33 → Could you please provide us an email address?*

name@example.com

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