

Topic Guide - City/Region interview - understanding specific cases in engagement with end-users across Europe

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This document offers guidance for the moderators.

Platform: ZOOM

Practicalities: Please make sure to connect 10 -15mins ahead of the starting time

Remind the participants that “We do not require and collect any personal information and the response will be completely anonymized”.

A. General information

1. What are the climate change current strategies/policies in place?
2. How was your organisation involved to the development of these policies/strategies?
3. What are the actions currently being undertaken as part of climate change adaptation/mitigation in your city/region
4. In your opinion, what actions need to be undertaken for a successful climate change adaptation/mitigation practice at local authorities?
5. Do you believe that the current planning framework and design standards are adequate for climate change adaptation/mitigation? Why or why not?
6. Does/Did the city/authority rely on external expertise in order **to develop climate change adaptation/mitigation planning documents** or have significant parts of development been sub-contracted?
7. Does/Did the city/authority rely on in-house expertise in order **to develop climate change adaptation/mitigation policies**?
8. Does/Did the city/authority rely on external expertise in order **to implement the climate change adaptation/mitigation planning measures** or have significant parts of development been sub-contracted?
9. Does/Did the city/authority rely on in-house expertise in order **to implement the climate change adaptation/mitigation measures**?



10. What are the external supports available for climate change adaptation/mitigation measure implementation?
11. In your opinion, what were the main barriers the city/authority faced while developing **climate change adaptation/mitigation policies/planning documents**?
12. In your opinion, how important are the following factors in implementation of **climate change adaptation/mitigation policies** for your city?
13. In your opinion, which are the main obstacles for the implementation of **climate change adaptation/mitigation policies** for your city/region?

B. Stakeholder engagement

1. How do you perceive **the importance of cooperation** between the different relevant stakeholders (e.g., public administration, business, civil society) in terms of climate change adaptation/mitigation in your city?
2. How do you perceive the **level of cooperation** between the different relevant stakeholders (incl. citizens) in terms of climate change adaptation/mitigation in your city?
3. Does your city have a special department in charge of stakeholder (incl. citizen) engagement?
4. If not, in which form does your city organise its stakeholder engagement activities?
5. How would you describe the level of integration of the stakeholder engagement actions in the decision-making process in your city / city region?
6. How is the citizens' participation organised in your city / city region?
7. Which are the main barriers you had regarding stakeholder engagement and participation?

B. Climate Assemblies

1. Did/Do you organise CA in your city/region?
2. In your opinion, what is the reason to have/not to have such an initiative?
3. Could you describe the process of organising CA?
4. In your opinion, what were/are the main barriers in organising CA?
5. How are the output of CA integrated into the climate change policy?



D. Further “How” or “Why” type questions to get better understandings on the perception of the local government professionals.

