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Gender Statement

The need for gender mainstreaming arises from persistent inequalities in power distribution and access to services and opportunities between people of different sex and/or gender identities. As demonstrated by literature and advocated in the European and international arena, this influences the understanding and perception of climate change dynamics and effects. Women and men, but also people in the LGBTQI+ community, are differently affected by the accelerated change of climate. Only by taking into consideration their diverse visions can scientific research reach meaningful and universal conclusions that properly inform climate action.

For these reasons, the REGILIENCE consortium is committed to including gender and intersectionality as transversal aspects in the project's activities. In line with EU guidelines and objectives, all partners – including the authors of this deliverable – recognise the importance of advancing gender analysis and sex-disaggregated data collection in the development of scientific research. Therefore, we commit to paying particular attention to including, monitoring and periodically evaluating the participation of different genders in all activities developed within the project, including workshops, webinars and events but also surveys, interviews and research, in general. While applying a non-binary approach to data collection and promoting the participation of all genders in the activities, the partners will periodically reflect and inform about the limitations of their approach. Through an iterative learning process, they commit to planning and implementing strategies that maximise the inclusion of more and more intersectional perspectives in their activities.

This deliverable highlights the importance of communication and dissemination to have equal balance of different gender identities. The stakeholder engagement plan also illustrates different types of engagement/ approach at a different step of the process. This is developed with a consideration of various dynamics and interests of women, men, and people in the LGBTQI+.



About

REGILIENCE is committed to supporting the European Green Deal and the EU Mission “Adaptation to Climate Change” by fostering the adoption of regional climate resilience development pathways.

The project develops, compiles, shares, and promotes tools and scientific knowledge to support European regions in identifying and addressing their climate-related risks. We work closely with sister projects, such as ARSINOE, IMPETUS, and TransformAr to enhance the capacity of 7 focus regions to tackle the unavoidable impacts of climate change.

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Abbreviations

CBP	Capacity Building Plan
EC	European Commission
EURESFO	European Urban Resilience Forum
IAs	Innovation Actions (REGILIENCE sister-projects)
LRAs	Local and Regional Authorities
NBS	Nature-Based Solutions
OTS	Open Training Session
MIP4Adapt	Mission Implementation Platform
P2P	Peer-to-Peer Mentorship
PPPs	Public-Private Partnerships
RTS	Regional Training Session



1 Executive Summary

Deliverable 1.10 represents the second version of the capacity-building plan ([D1.4 Capacity building activities, including their description & evaluation, v.1](#)), which will also be enriched with content in its last version, in Deliverable 1.11 (due project month 47, September 2025). The first version contextualised the capacity-building activities in view of the REGILIENCE objectives and KPIs, focusing on the regional needs identified by the dedicated survey and during the selection process of the REGILIENCE focus regions (see [D1.1 Resilience planning development needs of regional authorities and stakeholders](#) for details). D1.4 explains how the different activities were designed, how the monitoring and reporting will take place, and how the feedback from participants of the sessions is considered. This second version reports on already organised activities and gives an overview of the remaining ones. It also includes feedback and lessons learned from the first set of activities. The last version of this deliverable (D1.11) will report the last activities and include conclusions from all the activities performed under T1.4 Capacity building of regions.

In this document, you will find reporting information about already organised activities of REGILIENCE capacity-building programme namely, Open Training Sessions (OTS) and activities on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), targeting Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs) but open to all interested stakeholders, and Regional Training Sessions (RTS) and Peer-to-Peer exchanges (P2P) focusing solely on our focus regions.

From the capacity building programme, we already organised four OTS out of the ten planned. The fifth one is scheduled for the 10th of December 2024 and will be about the connections between the clean energy transition and the adaptation to climate change. The five remaining OTS will adopt a sectoral approach and address the health, just resilience, water resilience, citizen engagement and Nature-Based-Solutions (NBS) topics.

Regarding the RTS, Murcia's programme is completed and gathered around 45 in-person participants for each session. One in-person workshop has been organised in Poreč, gathering 29 participants from different organisations and municipalities from Istria. The concept, combining expert presentations with local data and interactive sessions was validated by the participants and organisers. The agenda is good for replication in other focus regions. Overall, programmes have been discussed with five out of the seven focus regions and will be implemented early 2025. For the remaining two regions, follow-ups will be made to ensure proper engagement by the end of the project.

The first P2P session was organised in October 2023 in the scope of EURESFO in Cascais and focused on how to institutionalize resilience at the local level and mainstream climate resilience and adaptation across different departments. A second peer-to-peer session took place in Valencia, as parallel closed-door session during EURESFO 2024 and focused on multiple approaches to risk management, and how local authorities can embed risk management within their institutional structures and processes.

REGILIENCE work on PPPs entailed an in-depth literature review at the beginning of the project, two activities during EURESFO 2024 (a workshop focusing on bridging the gap and mobilising resources for climate resilience through PPPs and a panel discussion focusing on bridging the gap between financiers and climate-neutral cities and regions) and a collaboration with the Mission Implementation Platform (MIP4Adapt) with different activities. More activities with opportunities to engage focus regions will be explored during the rest of the project.



2 Introduction

As part of the Stakeholder Engagement, Communication and Dissemination Plan (D1.2 and D1.6), REGILIENCE is organising capacity-building activities (T1.4) with the objective to co-design climate resilience trajectories within seven pre-selected focus regions and communities to help them move forward in their resilience pathway. These activities are essential to support regional and local changemakers in implementing adaptation measures, to inform them of the opportunities and challenges for taking up solutions being developed in other projects, and to overcome existing institutional, regulatory and financial barriers. As described in deliverable D1.2 “Communication and Dissemination Plan”, they are one of the main dissemination streams for the forthcoming solutions made available by the sister projects (ARSINOE, IMPETUS, and TransformAr) but also the tools and knowledge developed in the REGILIENCE project: the online platform solutions (T2.2), the decision-making support platforms (T2.1), funding opportunities (T2.3), the set of monitoring indicators (T3.1 and T3.2), the decision support matrices (T4.2) and the maladaptation tool (T3.3). The capacity building of the regional stakeholders is therefore key to ensuring the ownership and dissemination of the solutions for climate resilience in the regions. These activities also closely integrate the guidance for supporting regional climate resilience pathways (T4.3) and draws on bottom-up baseline information and needs from regions collected through the selection process of focus regions (T1.1) and build on the engagement plan developed in T1.2.

Under T1.4, different activities are foreseen to reach both a wide audience, to disseminate the tools and solutions developed within the REGILIENCE project cluster, and REGILIENCE focus regions, providing tailored and in-depth support. Below is the list of the different activities.

- General webinars and workshops in the form of Open Training Sessions (OTS)
- Regional trainings tailor-made to the region's needs and interests (RTS)
- Peer-to-peer activities in the form of twinning (P2P)
- The opportunity to test Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)
- Helpdesk

For more details on the concept, selection and prioritisation of topics, planned programme and timeline, you can consult the first version of this deliverable (D1.4 Capacity-building activities, including their description & evaluation, v.1).

In the next sections, you will find a recap of T1.4 contributions to REGILIENCE overall objectives, targets and indicators followed by an overview of the already organised activities with corresponding lessons learned, key takeaways and indicative timeline for remaining activities. More details on each activity are reported in the last section (4. Detailed reporting).

2.1 Contributions to Objectives, Targets, and Indicators

2.1.1 REGILIENCE Impact Targets

The activities of T1.4 contribute to the overall REGILIENCE impact targets and especially to:

- 10 regions (or provinces, counties or equivalent) co-design climate resilience pathways, supported by REGILIENCE in addition to the regions targeted by the Innovation Packages, as a previous step to sign a climate resilience contract.
- 10 successful regional climate resilience pathways are used as inspiring examples by other regions.



Note: The selection of the focus regions led to 7 regions actively participating in the REGILIENCE project instead of the initially planned 10. The project team aims to achieve the stated impact but might have to adjust it according to the reduced number of REGILIENCE focus regions.

2.1.2 Key Performance Indicators

The work performed within T1.4 contributes to several KPIs of the REGILIENCE project, especially:

- 290 individual support activities (workshops, webinars, helpdesk, twinning, etc.) have been provided to prioritised regions on climate resilience pathways.
- 5 new funding/financing opportunities have been explored and explained.
- 20 past or ongoing climate resilience pathways have been assessed.

The REGILIENCE project team aims to reach a large number of stakeholders with the activities performed in T1.4. Table 1 shows the different foreseen activities within the project lifetime in measuring the expected impacts.

Table 1: KPIs of the T1.4. Capacity-Building Activities

Activity	Number of events		Expected impact	
	Target	T1.4 contribution so far	Target	T1.4 contribution so far
Workshop/webinar	40	8	1200	464
Helpdesk support	200	226	200	226
Mentorship	30	2	60	14
PPP-Testing	10	1	200	40

Note: The number of workshops/webinars and helpdesk support might be reduced due to the fact of achieving 7 focus regions instead of the initially planned 10 regions. The project team aims to achieve the expected impact.

3 State of the capacity building programme

3.1 Open Training Sessions (OTS)

The Open Training Sessions (OTS) programme is a series of webinars open to all resilience stakeholders in focus regions but also in other EU regions. Their objective is to build up capacities of key actors in all interested European regions. The sessions cover different topics such as, inspiring experiences (including sister projects), funding opportunities, indicators, barriers and risks (such as maladaptation). The webinars are open to all parties and held in English. More details on the concept are available in D1.4 in section 4.1 (p.11). Below you will find the list of already organised OTS with key lessons learned and feedback received and the timeline of remaining OTS until the end of the project. A more detailed reporting is available in section 4.2.

3.1.1 Organised sessions



Date	Title	# Attendees	Feedback rating ¹
22/3/23	EU landscape on resilience	125	4,6/5
21/4/23	Step by Step towards climate resilience	52	4,6/5
12/12/23	Financial Support for Regional Adaptation	59	4,6/5
11/03/24	Multi-level governance	61	4,4/5

3.1.2 Lessons learnt/Feedback received

Overall, the first cycle of OTS has fulfilled its objective to set the scene on climate resilience for regional stakeholders by giving an overview of the EU landscape, presenting some key tools, informing about funding and financing opportunities and addressing governance challenges.

One of the key takeaways from the first cycle is that most speakers have mentioned the lack of sectoral adaptation assessments and strategies during the multilevel governance session. The second phase of REGILIENCE OTS programme focusing on sectors is therefore very aligned with the gaps highlighted during this session. In addition, during the third OTS on financing, some issues on the selection and eligibility criteria of the cascade fundings were raised: some organisations and some vulnerable regions are not eligible. REGILIENCE will put extra effort to include these regions and organisations in our activities. On the format of the webinars, to improve even more the appropriation of knowledge by the participants, we will be considering more interactive settings and solutions-oriented content.

In addition to the many opportunities, we offer to give opinions and feedback, we also created a survey to allow participants to vote on the topics to be tackled during the second cycle of the OTS. You can see the results on the graph below (Figure 1). The results are useful to understand what is of interest for the audience to guide us when selecting the topics of the remaining OTS. The final choice of topics also takes into consideration our focus regions' priorities and gaps of knowledge and solutions at the EU level.

¹ The feedback was received through a Slido questionnaire disseminated at the end of each session. Participants were asked to rate how well the training session met their expectations on a scale from 0 to 5.

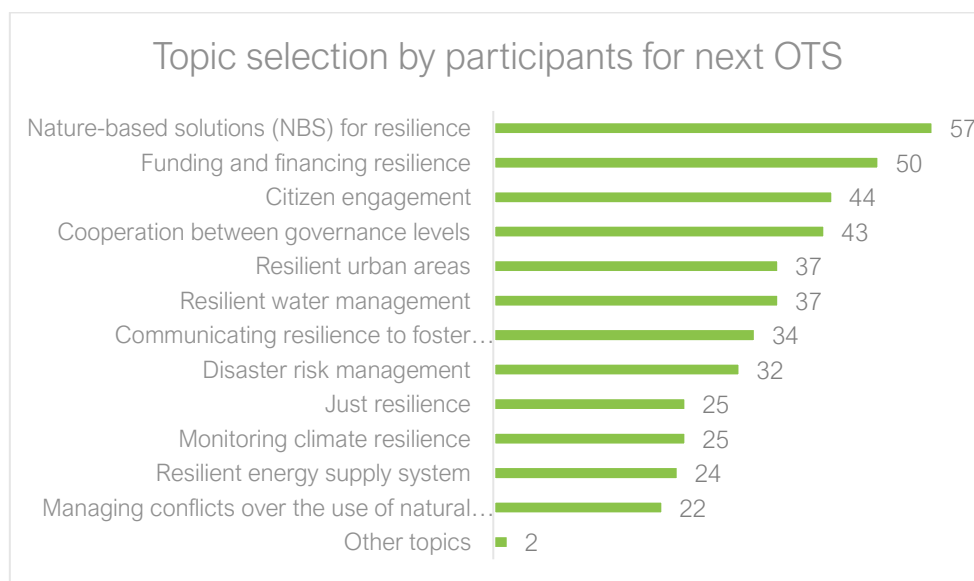


Figure 1 - Topic selection by participants for the 2nd cycle of OTS

3.1.3 Timeline of remaining OTS

Date	Title/Topic	Sectoral focus
10/12/24	Time to Adapt: Embedding Resilience in Local and Regional Plans	Energy
January 2025	Responding to climate change impacts on human health	Health
February 2025	Just resilience	Climate justice
March 2025	Water resilience	Water
March 2025	Climate Pact Session: "Regional perspectives on engaging stakeholders and citizens in climate adaptation planning and implementation" (if selected)	Citizen's engagement
TBD	Nature-Based-Solutions (NBS)	NBS
TBD	Disaster Risk Management	Disaster Risk Management

3.2 Regional Training Sessions (RTS)

Regional Training Sessions are directly targeting REGILIENCE 7 focus regions' (Central Macedonia, Istria, La Réunion, Madeira, Murcia, Valencia, Yuzhen Tsentralen) needs and interests. The objective is to provide information and in-depth exchange with experts to the 7 focus regions. In the next sections, you will find more details on how the topics and programmes were developed and a description of each region's programme, timeline and key takeaways when activities have already been organised. More details on each of the activities can be found in section 4.3.



3.2.1 Presentation of the offer and selection of topics

REGILIENCE approach was bottom-up, with the idea to have demand-driven RTS to the greatest extent possible and sessions hosted by regional partners with contributions from the consortium partners. After presenting the overall capacity-building programme during welcome meetings organised on the 27th of February, 6th and 16th of March 2023, we felt a need to adopt a more guided approach. Therefore, as a basis for the following discussions on the definition of each region's capacity-building programme, we prepared a list of potential activities (see Figure 2) based on REGILIENCE consortium's and Innovation Actions (IA) projects' knowledge.

List of potential activities and objectives

How can regions and cities get started with adaptation? (adelphi)	<div>Assessing opportunities and risks</div> <div>Mobilising partnerships & engagement</div> <div>Formulating vision and pathways</div>
Decision Support Dashboard (FC.ID, adelphi)	
EU Mission on Adaptation - what is in it for me? (ICLEI)	
Deep dive into some impacts and adaptation actions (FT?)	
Climate Proofing (REGEA)	
Training on adaptation platforms (F6S)	
How to engage citizens on climate change adaptation? (F6S)	
Strategic Framework for Regional Climate Adaptation and Resilience (REGEA)	
Regional stakeholder mapping, knowledge exchange cooperation, stakeholder engagement (IEECP)	
Pathway Development Playbook (TransformAr)	
Best practice solutions and inspiring experiences from IA actions in regions (IAs)	
Maladaptation (FT) - testing	
Training on monitoring (adelphi)	

Figure 2 - Slide presenting the list of potential activities

In order to accelerate the process, we decided to prepare a “targeted offer” for each region based on a careful analysis of the needs survey (D1.1 Resilience planning & development needs of regional authorities and stakeholders) and on the information gathered during the welcome meetings. The offer included a set of three activities adapted to each region's needs, interests and capacity to engage in REGILIENCE activities. Figure 3 showcases an example of “targeted offer” for Central Macedonia.

Central Macedonia – Thessaloniki

Contact: Regional Development Fund

Needs	RTS	Additional activity
<p>Main barriers: Mistrust in institutions; Mistrust in public-private investment/partnership projects</p> <p>Priorities: flooding (reactive rather than preventive, Civil Protection Department), transportation (depending on other levels of government, mitigation), energy and buildings (need a plan involving the different owners)</p> <p>Stakeholders (from all relevant sectors) are identified and engagement processes started</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop on flooding/Natural disaster risk planning. Follow-up of last high-level event input? 2. Training on climate proofing REGEA + Slovakia. Exoikonomo21 programme in Thessaloniki 3. Exchange with one IA on a tool + case study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting on the dashboard - Testing the maladaptation tool - Citizen survey

Stage: strategy/planning

Figure 3 - Example of targeted offer for Central Macedonia

To better present this new offer, we organised meetings with all focus regions to define their capacity building programme and an indicative timeline. During these meetings, we combined bottom-up and top-down approaches: on-demand requests based on REGILIENCE offer (list of potential activities) and recommendations of activities for each region (“targeted offer”).

Below are some lessons learnt from the process of defining a capacity building programme with our focus regions. In the next sections, you will find summaries of the activities organised and/or planned in each region and key takeaways when applicable. A more detailed reporting of all RTS is available in section 4.3.

3.2.2 Lessons learnt/Feedback received

The main learning from our exchanges with the seven focus regions is that most of them are at the very beginning of the process of becoming climate resilient. In order to get off to a good start and not hasten the development of pathways to resilience and to put all efforts in meaningful activities, we decided to focus on preparing the ground for adaptation; following the [Climate-ADAPT Regional Adaptation Support Tool's approach](#). Our training sessions have the objective of reinforcing the mainstreaming of the climate resilience topic in the regions by training municipalities and stakeholders from key sectors such as energy agencies, urban planners and development funds and by raising awareness of citizens. We also adapted our method by embedding the bottom-up approach into a pre-defined framework with the list of potential activities and “targeted offer”. This method has made it easier to define the training programme in most of the regions.

The main challenge we faced was the gap between the regions’ motivation and interest in the activities and their capacity to engage in the organisation of the activities. In some regions, the main barrier is not the lack of financing opportunities but rather the lack of capacity to use them, especially in the most vulnerable regions that lack adaptive capacity. To overcome this issue, we proposed more online activities and offered more support in designing and organising the



activities. Other external events also influenced our partners' capacity to engage such as political changes and climate disasters.

3.2.3 Murcia Regional Trainings

3.2.3.1 Programme

In Murcia, we were in contact with the regional Directorate-General for Housing and Architecture which wanted to organise a 3-days programme for urban-planning professionals from 45 municipalities of the region targeting landscape and urban planners. The topics addressed are solutions for revegetation, alternatives to traditional drainage systems and types of nature-based solutions that can be applied in urban spaces. The main learning objective focused on sustainable alternatives to traditional urban models such as revegetation, Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) and Nature-Based Solutions (NBS). A secondary objective was to give the opportunity to municipalities to exchange knowledge and experience to build a regional overview of activities and measures implemented. Common needs and interests will emerge from this information-sharing. Networking moments were essential to encourage future collaboration. An expert from TransformAr participated actively in the first session by presenting its NBS activities in Prague.

3.2.3.2 Timeline

Date	Focus Region & Topic	Status
30/10/24	Revegetation of urban spaces	Done
06/11/24	Nature-based solutions in urban spaces	Done
13/11/24	Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS)	Done

3.2.3.3 Key takeaways

The training sessions were successful in gathering around 45 in-person participants for each session. A more detailed reporting will be available in the next version of this deliverable.

3.2.4 Istria Regional Trainings

3.2.4.1 Programme

In Istria, our main contact is IRENA, the local energy agency, and REGEA, another energy agency very active on climate adaptation topics in Croatia, is also part of REGILIENCE consortium. The priorities and interests raised by our partners were to engage with the buildings, tourism, energy and water management sectors and to address specificities of coastal areas and Nature-Based Solutions (NBS). With their support, we decided to seize the opportunity of one of REGILIENCE project meetings organised in Istria to support the organisation of the first RTS targeting municipalities and with the objective to introduce the climate resilience topic and concepts to them. Istrian region has also been selected to enrol in the Pathways 2 Resilience (P2R) programme in which REGEA is also involved. Therefore, we decided to look for synergies for the two remaining trainings.



3.2.4.2 Timeline

Date	Focus Region & Topic	Status
24/10/24	Workshop for Istrian municipalities	Done
Spring 2025	Workshop on NBS	TBD
Spring 2025	Workshop in collaboration with Pathways 2 Resilience	TBD

3.2.4.3 Key takeaways

The concept of the first workshop organised in Poreč was validated by the participants and organisers. Combining expert presentations and interactive sessions triggers conversations and exchanges among the participants. The agenda is good for replication in other focus regions. It was much appreciated to have part of the presentations in Croatian, and to showcase the nationally available data sources. A more detailed reporting will be available in the next version of this deliverable.

3.2.5 Madeira Regional Trainings

3.2.5.1 Programme

In Madeira, our contact is AREAM, the Regional Agency for Energy and Environment. They raised interest in building a 3-sessions programme addressing the planning and nature-based solutions aspects with a focus on storms and urban vegetation management. The targeted audience is AREAM staff but also municipalities and key stakeholders they are working with. In order to ensure a higher participation and success of the training programme, they asked for it to be online and to have most of the sessions in Portuguese. In order to meet the language and expertise needs, FC.ID support will be key. They already participated actively in drafting the initial programme which is still pending sisters-projects input. Once the draft programme is fully completed, we will validate it with AREAM and set the dates early 2025.

3.2.5.2 Timeline

Date	Focus Region & Topic	Status
January-February 2025	Planning climate adaptation – Focus on health	Draft programme available – AREAM validation pending
February 2025	Nature-Based Solutions – Focus on forest	Draft programme available – AREAM validation pending
March 2025	Disaster Risk Reduction – Focus on storms	Draft programme available – AREAM validation pending



3.2.5.3 Key takeaways

A more detailed reporting will be available in the next version of this deliverable, when the trainings are organised.

3.2.6 Yuzhen Tsentralen Regional Trainings

3.2.6.1 Programme

In Yuzhen Tsentralen, we are in contact with the Energy Agency of Plovdiv. As they are already in close contact with municipalities for energy planning and reporting, they want to target them as key audience. More specifically, they would like to organise an in-person workshop on adapting to climate change focused on what municipalities can do to increase their resilience. They asked for our support to prepare the workshop with an internal training of their staff in a “train-the-trainers” format. During this training, we would address all the key aspects to consider for municipalities and provide some material (slides, tools, content...) they could re-use during the in-person workshop. During the workshop, they will be the ones providing knowledge to the municipalities and our support would be more focused on the logistical aspects. We also suggested an additional stakeholders mapping exercise for them to have an overview of all regional and national experts they can mobilise if needed. We will assess their need of such activity after the “train-the-trainers” session.

3.2.6.2 Timeline

Date	Focus Region & Topic	Status
January 2025	Train-the-trainers on climate adaptation planning and implementation	Draft agenda under development
February 2025	Stakeholders Mapping (TBD)	TBD
March 2025	Workshop for municipalities	TBD

3.2.6.3 Key takeaways

A more detailed reporting will be available in the next version of this deliverable, when the trainings are organised.

3.2.7 Central Macedonia Regional Trainings

3.2.7.1 Programme

In Central Macedonia, our main contact is the Regional Development Fund (RDFCM). We also have contacts with Thessaloniki which we engage in some of our activities. RDFCM asked for an internal training on climate adaptation planning and implementation and for developing their relationship with Thessaloniki. We also underlined the existence of [LIFE-IP AdaptInGR](#) project which aims at implementing the Greek National Adaptation Strategy and developing the 13 Regional Adaptation Action Plans and will look for potential opportunities for synergies. RDFCM is also very much interested in citizens engagement and would like to organise an open street event



to raise awareness and further disseminate the citizen survey. This activity should be organised in the scope of a larger event and we are still looking for good opportunities.

3.2.7.2 Timeline

Date	Focus Region & Topic	Status
January 2025	RDFCM internal training on climate adaptation planning and implementation	Draft agenda under development
TBD	Collaborative activity with LIFE-IP AdaptInGR	TBD
TBD	Open street event to raise citizens' awareness	TBD

3.2.7.3 Key takeaways

A more detailed reporting will be available in the next version of this deliverable, when the trainings are organised.

3.2.8 La Réunion Regional Trainings

3.2.8.1 Programme

In La Réunion, we are in contact with the Regional Agency for Energy and Climate. The Agency has been going through organisational changes during the last year, they went from Horizon Réunion to Energies Réunion. They informed us that they lacked the capacity to engage in REGILIENCE activities for some months. They should have more time to engage in our activities in 2025. Our “targeted offer” for them was to organise workshops with stakeholders from key sectors (energy, tourism, biodiversity) based on TransformAr playbook and a specific training on climate proofing and critical infrastructures. This might be too demanding from them, we might have to define another programme once they have more capacity to engage.

3.2.8.2 Timeline

Date	Focus Region & Topic	Status
TBD	Training on climate proofing and critical infrastructures	Draft agenda under development
TBD	TBD	TBD
TBD	TBD	TBD

3.2.8.3 Key takeaways

A more detailed reporting will be available in the next version of this deliverable.

3.2.9 Valencia Regional Trainings

3.2.9.1 Programme

Valencia is our most advanced focus region in terms of climate adaptation. They have a Regional Adaptation Action Plan with a sectorial focus and a set of general actions established for next



years. They are now at the implementation stage with the objective to transform the general actions into concrete projects and measures. In the need survey and in discussions, they also underlined a need to transfer knowledge and tools to municipalities and a need of financial resources for forest management and biodiversity. Based on this information, our “targeted offer” is therefore to organise a specific training for municipalities, a training on monitoring and third activity focusing on sharing regional best practices and lessons learnt.

Our contact is from the Valencian Generalitat and more specifically the Department of Environment, Water, Infrastructure and Territory. They were very much engaged in REGILIENCE activities at the beginning of the project, with, for example, the co-organisation of a session at EURESFO in 2023. Since few months, the communication has been more difficult, they should have more capacity to engage in 2025, after their recovery from the latest disastrous climatic events.

3.2.9.2 Timeline

Date	Focus Region & Topic
TBD	Training on climate adaptation planning and implementation
TBD	TBD
TBD	TBD

3.2.9.3 Key takeaways

A more detailed reporting will be available in the next version of this deliverable.

3.3 Peer-to-Peer mentorship (P2P)

The Peer-to-Peer Mentorship aims to complement the capacity-building activities offered to REGILIENCE Focus Regions by facilitating professional exchange with high-level representatives and innovation leaders (such as the Chief Resilience Officers). The mentorship is intended as guidance provided by a mentor (an experienced professional) to a mentee (regional representatives). This activity was initially designed as twinning process to support bilateral knowledge exchange, facilitate peer-to-peer learning, and professional development. However, the sessions implemented so far took place in smaller working groups and focused on specific topics. The Peer-to-peer Mentorship will continue until the end of REGILIENCE project in October 2025.

3.3.1 Organised activities

The first peer-to-peer session was organised in October 2023 besides the programme of the European Urban Resilience Forum (EURESFO), held in Cascais (Portugal). REGILIENCE hosted a closed-door session and invited representatives from the Focus Regions to participate into a mentoring session with selected Chief Resilience Officers from Resilient Cities Network. Three representatives from Focus Regions (Central Macedonia, Comunidad Valenciana, Istrian region) and three Chief Resilience Officers (from London, Milan, and Tbilisi) participated in the session, moderated by Resilient Cities Network. The session was attended in total by more than 15 people, including mentors, mentees, R-Cities staff members and REGILIENCE consortium partners. The



session focus on learnings from the CROs on how to institutionalise resilience at the local level and mainstream climate resilience and adaptation across different departments. Some outcomes of this session were captured in the [Adaptation Story “Integrating climate adaptation and resilience into different sectors and local policies”](#), publish on MIP4Adapt in 2024. The takeaways were also included in a poster and presented during the Third Forum of the Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change in May 2024.

A second peer-to-peer session took place in Valencia, as a parallel closed-door session during EURESFO 2024. Three representatives from Focus Regions attended the sessions (Madeira and Murcia region), together with four CROs mentors (from London, Manchester, Ramallah, The Hague). The session was attended by more than 20 participants, including other CROs from Resilience Cities Network, as well as partners from REGILIENCE and staff of Resilience Cities Network. The content of the session focused on multiple approaches to risk management, and how local authorities can embed risk management within their institutional structures and processes. In fact, risk-informed decision-making can facilitate the identification of solutions which provide cascading benefits and support the creation of fully climate-resilient development pathways.

3.3.2 Lessons learnt/feedback received

The feedback received from representatives of Focus Regions is positive so far (although it did not include formal evaluation surveys).

The CROs who participated as mentors in these sessions acknowledged the added value of having these group discussions, rather than individual or one-to-one mentorships.

Given the difference of background, knowledge and experience, the content of these sessions cannot be too narrow or specific. Moreover, these sessions aim to be complementary to the OTS and other capacity-building activities. For these reasons, the main topics of the sessions were mainstreaming adaptation, institutionalisation of resilience, and risk management approaches.

3.3.3 Timeline of the remaining activities

At least one more in-person peer-to-peer exchange will take place in 2025, following the same format of the previous session. This activity will take place in EURESFO 2025 and will bring the numbers of Chief Resilience Officers as mentors above 10.

A series of other peer-to-peer sessions will take place online during 2025 (estimated 3). Representatives from Innovation Actions (IAs) regions and sister projects will be invited to participate, as well as other mentors indicated by other consortium partners. The date of these activities will be defined according to the calendar of events and other engagement activities taking place.

3.4 Public-Private-Partnerships Testing (PPPs)

This activity aimed at exploring innovative public-private partnerships for climate adaptation in regions and local authorities. The objectives were to test new approaches to create awareness and consensus among the private sector and citizens, strengthening the enabling environment for



further uptake. In the first phase of the project, desk research was conducted to investigate different definitions and approaches to PPPs, as well as to collect relevant case studies and potential innovations. In parallel, engagement on the topic with REGILIENCE Focus Regions and IAs regions was sought, although with poor results. The approach was to consider a more extensive definition of PPPs, extending it to broader forms of collaboration with the private sector and including the engagement of local communities. Moreover, REGILIENCE aimed to fill gaps in existing practices as well as in literature. In fact, most of the PPPs under resilience and climate adaptation focus on large infrastructure projects and the concept of “resilience of infrastructure”/ “resilience through infrastructure”. In this perspective, useful recommendations came from [UNECE](#), and the idea of People-First Public Private Partnership, which highlights the importance of delivering public value for people through PPPs.

3.4.1 Organised activities

In terms of activities, a data collection and literature review has been carried out to collect multiple definitions of PPPs, approaches, as well as case-studies. Main sources of references were the World Bank (i.e., through a dedicated [Toolkit](#)) and the Global Center on Adaptation (through the [Climate-resilient infrastructure Officer Handbook](#)). Engagement with REGILIENCE Focus Regions and IAs regions was established but it has not led yet to tangible outcomes or testing activities.

During EURESFO 2024, a workshop was organised as parallel session during the program. The workshop focused on bridging the gap and mobilising resources for climate resilience through PPPs. It was organised by Gold Standard, Resilient Cities Catalyst and Resilient Cities Network. The workshop analysed different case-studies and explored how local governments can design partnerships to make adaptation projects more ‘bankable’ and leverage private sector investments. Another panel discussion was organised during EURESFO 2024, focusing on bridging the gap between financiers and climate-neutral cities and regions; the session was organised by ICLEI and Resilient Cities Network and partners from ARSINOE, IMPETUS and TransformAr were invited as speakers.

In parallel, REGILIENCE is one of the projects represented in the Mission’s Working Group on Financing Adaptation. The objective is to share knowledge and maximise synergies among different Mission’s projects. In this regard, REGILIENCE is leading a knowledge product for cities and regional authorities on the topic of PPPs and is supporting a common deliverable with the other projects (refinement of the database of adaptation options case-studies developed by [CLIMATEFIT](#) project). In addition, a promising collaboration was established with [Soteria](#) project (collaboration with the insurance sector) and with other partners part of the Working Group.

3.4.2 Lessons learnt/feedback received

The engagement with regions proved to be very difficult, as they were not committed to work on the topic of the PPPs. At the same time, it is difficult to ensure engagement and participation of the private sector. Furthermore, regional representatives seemed to have limited knowledge on the topic to run concrete “testing” activities. For this reason, the final objective of this activity is to develop a knowledge product that target local and regional authorities, and which could become an additional resource on MIP4Adapt.

3.4.3 Timeline of the remaining activities



A series of workshops and events (both in-person and online) will take place until the end of the project, focusing primarily on exploring different approaches, creating awareness and better understanding of PPPs. Additional testing activities can only be implemented depending on the availability and commitment of the regional representatives who take part in this activity.

The knowledge product to support regions in setting innovative PPPs will be released in the first part of 2025 and presented in different events (such as EURESFO). R-Cities will also organize an online workshop with the seven regions to present and validate the knowledge product developed. Additional collaboration opportunities with other projects will be explored, considering that this knowledge product is part of the activities delivered by the Working Group on Financing Adaptation, initiated by REGILIENCE in 2024.

Regarding the Focus Regions, a regional workshop took place on 24th October 2024 in Poreč (Istria region). One of the parallel sessions focused on financing and funding adaptation, discussing enabling conditions, needs and barriers to PPPs in the Croatian context; examples of re-greening initiatives at the municipal level were discussed. A similar format will be followed in at least two more regional training taking place in 2025; these workshops will focus on the exploration of PPPs in different regional contexts and on identifying opportunities for innovations.

Furthermore, in the context of the collaboration with other Mission's projects, R-Cities participated in the webinar "[How to combine public and private funding](#)", organized by MIP4Adapt on 28th November 2024. Representatives from [CARDIMED](#) and REGILIENCE moderated a roundtable on how to foster private and public collaboration to financing climate resilience. REGILIENCE will participate in future events organized (or supported) by the Working Group on Financing Adaptation.

Summing up, at least 5 workshops or event activities are expected to be delivered during 2024, both online and in-person, including regional workshops, ad-hoc workshops with Focus Regions, as well as sessions in large events.

3.5 Helpdesk

REGILIENCE provides an on-demand helpdesk service tackling different topics, e.g. institutional, regulatory, technical and financial barriers or more practical information on the project progress or outcomes.

3.5.1 Support delivered

Support has been delivered to the focus regions through email exchanges and on a wide range of topics from the organisation of the workshops to the participation in other EU events such as EURESFO or other opportunities. More specifically, support has been provided in some regions' application to cascading funds such as Pathways2Resilience and Climaax calls. So far, (until November 25th 2024), we received 226 emails from our focus regions.

3.5.2 Lessons learnt

In order to facilitate the exchanges, we wanted to define specific contact persons from REGILIENCE consortium speaking the language of each of the focus regions. However, this was too complex to organise. We also anticipated more confusion from the regions if we multiplied the



number of contact persons from REGILIENCE consortium for the same kind of activities. We finally decided that FEDARENE is the main contact point for focus regions.

3.5.3 Timeline for remaining support

The helpdesk is working since the beginning of 2023 and will end in October 2025, at the end of the project.



4 Detailed reporting

4.1 Reporting process

The activities performed within T1.4 are being monitored to assess the impact and collect feedback from participants. The aim of the monitoring is to:

- Receive feedback and information on the event from the participants:
 - to improve our activities and events concerning the organisation, the interactivity of the format, and the interest in the overall format.
 - respond to the needs of the participants to keep the offer attractive for example due to the initiative “have a say on the agenda” which helps to prioritise the topics for upcoming events and to adjust the technical level of knowledge according to the stated needs.
- Monitor the progress with reaching the KPIs and assessing the impact to keep track of the success and if needed adjust the overall capacity-building approach on time.

The reporting on the monitoring of each activity takes place no later than 14 days after each session. This includes the reporting on the KPIs and general information shown in Table 2 as well as for public events the publication and promotion (follow-up email, social media, etc.) of the takeaways, presentation materials and Slido session results on the dedicated subpage of the REGILIENCE website (<https://regilience.eu/community-building/>). The template shown in Table 2 will be filled out by the organisers of the activity (mainly FEDARENE and RCN) and included in the latest version of the “Capacity building activities, including their description & evaluation” report and the takeaways and materials sent to F6S for publication on the dedicated REGILIENCE page.

Table 2: Reporting Template for Capacity-building Activities

SESSION TITLE	TITLE OF ACTIVITY
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	<i>Open Training Session/Regional Training Session/Peer-2-Peer/Public-Private-Partnership</i>
TIME AND PLACE	<i>Date and Time Online/location</i>
ATTENDEES (+ opt. registrations/active participants/video views)	<i># participants (# registrations) (# active votes)</i>
OBJECTIVES	<i>Aim of the session</i>
TAKEAWAYS	<i>Key findings or key messages of the activity</i>
SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS & ROLE	<i>Agenda / Role of the Facilitator</i>
TARGET AUDIENCE REACHED	<i>Which target audience did participate? (Scientific Community; Industry; Civil Society & NGOs; General Public; Policymakers at local, region, national & EU levels; Media; Investors; Customers; Others)</i>
MATERIAL & LOGISTICS	<i>Which materials and tools have been used during the session?</i>
USEFUL LINKS	<i>Link to takeaways/materials/recordings</i>
OVERALL SATISFACTION OF PARTICIPANTS	<i>The result of the Slido session or other feedback received</i>
COMMENTS	<i>Personal comments and remarks on the activity if applicable</i>

4.2 Open Training Sessions



4.2.1 Open Training Session #1

Table 3 summarises the results and key facts of the Open Training Session #1.

Table 3: Results of the Open Training Session #1

SESSION TITLE	THE EU LANDSCAPE ON RESILIENCE
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Open Training Session
TIME AND PLACE	22/03/2023 from 10:00 to 12:00 CET - online
ATTENDEES (+ opt. registrations/active participants/video views)	125 Attendees (199 Registrations/ 55 Active votes/ 78 Video views (13/11/24))
OBJECTIVES	Raise awareness of the EU initiatives and opportunities related to climate resilience and adaptation to level the knowledge of European regions on available opportunities
TAKEAWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EU landscape on resilience and its framework covering the Climate Law and the EU Adaptation strategy including the links to national and international regulations like the IPCC AR6 Synthesis Report provides a supporting umbrella for regional adaptation work. An EU-wide climate risk assessment and the Adaptation Mission Charter are key in delivering regional support. • Learning from the experience of frontrunners in the adaptation process and sharing the most promising solutions is key for REGILIENCE and the first Adaptation Mission project cluster. • The Mission Implementation Platform (MIP4Adapt) will offer technical assistance to regions and provide hands-on support and knowledge to build adaptation strategies. • Climate Change Adaptation requires timely actions of all actors within their fields and along all governance levels, for instance, the Policy Support Facility of the Covenant of Mayors which will help local and regional authorities to move from the planning to the implementation of adaptation strategies.
SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS & ROLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johannes KLUMPERS (DG CLIMA): introduces the EU resilience and adaptation landscape and upcoming developments • Jole LUTZU (ICLEI Europe): presents REGILIENCE and the first Adaptation Mission projects cluster • Richard SMITHERS (Ricardo Energy & Environment): introduces the Mission Implementation Platform for Climate Adaptation (MIP4Adapt) and upcoming opportunities • Alison De Luise (Covenant of Mayors): presents the Policy Support Facility, its main outcomes and lessons learned • Matthias Watzak-Helmer (FEDARENE): introduces and moderates the session, Q&A, and interactive moments (Slido)
TARGET AUDIENCE REACHED	Slido responses (most responses first): Other; Private sector; Academia; Local & Regional Authorities; National Authorities; Citizen organisation.
MATERIAL & LOGISTICS	EU survey registration form, MS Teams meeting set up, Slido polls and Q&A, PowerPoint presentations, recording of the session
USEFUL LINKS	<p>Takeaways and materials are available on the REGILIENCE subpage https://regilience.eu/community-building/ and within the news article on REGILIENCE https://regilience.eu/the-european-resilience-landscape-a-regilience-open-training-session/</p> <p>The recordings are available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnuFa7LIBvI&t=1s</p>



OVERALL SATISFACTION OF PARTICIPANTS	Overall satisfaction of the participants according to the feedback survey: 4,6 out of 5
COMMENTS	The REGILIENCE team has held the first Open Training Session (OTS) of our series of capacity-building events for regional actors working on climate adaptation. This session focused on the EU resilience landscape and explored highly innovative EU initiatives and projects. This OTS aimed to guide regions on where to get support concerning the current challenges and needs faced by regions. Additionally, the opportunities to boost climate resilience developments were highlighted. The speakers provided valuable insights on EU strategies and initiatives, emphasising the importance of adaptation and resilience strategies, multi-level governance, and networking as a means to achieve climate resilience.

4.2.2 Open Training Session #2

Table 4 gives an overview of the results of the Open Training Session #2.

Table 4: Results of the Open Training Session #2

SESSION TITLE	STEP BY STEP TOWARDS CLIMATE RESILIENCE
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Open Training Session
TIME AND PLACE	21/04/2023 from 11:00 to 13:00 CET - online
ATTENDEES (+ opt. registrations/active participants/video views)	52 Attendees (138 Registrations/ 33 Active votes/ 91 Video views (13/11/24))
OBJECTIVES	This OTS aimed to provide insight into the Adaptation Support Tool to allow us to later cluster our offers according to the steps of the AST and further promoted the playbook of TransformAr to a wider audience to show a structured way to develop climate resilience pathways.
TAKEAWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional actors can get information, guidance, and support from different sources to structure and succeed in their climate resilience journey. The Adaptation Support Tool offered on the Climate-ADAPT website helps to identify available materials and information according to your advancement on climate resilience developments. The playbook developed within the TransformAr project gives regional actors guidance on how to codesign regional climate resilience pathways with local stakeholders and citizens. Different approaches to engaging local communities and implementing the methods of the TransformAr playbook have shown equally successful and convincing results in the pathway development as well as in the identification of users with the agreed actions and their support during the implementation.
SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS & ROLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles and practices of transformational pathways Josipa Arapović (REGIA) Presentation of the Adaptation Support Tool (AST) – Focus on regions Lucy Gregersen (EEA) & Linda Romanovska (Fresh-Thoughts) Playbook on resilience pathway development Filiep Dewitte/ Lynn Michaux (Verhaert) The playbook in action... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...with the users of the playbook Giles Rickard (Westcountry Rivers Trust)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ... with the Galicia shellfish gatherers and mussel aquaculture farmers Amaya Soto (CETMAR) • Introduction, wrap-up and closing Moderator: Jen Heemann (IEECP)
TARGET AUDIENCE REACHED	Slido responses (most responses first): Other; Private sector; Local and Regional Authorities; Academia; NGO; National and European Authorities.
MATERIAL & LOGISTICS	EU survey registration form, MS Teams meeting set up, Slido polls and Q&A, PowerPoint presentations, recording of the session
USEFUL LINKS	<p>Takeaways and materials are available on the REGILIENCE subpage https://regilience.eu/community-building/ and within the news article on REGILIENCE https://regilience.eu/step-by-step-towards-climate-resilience-second-regilience-open-training-session/</p> <p>The recordings are available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDPvTAZAKws</p>
OVERALL SATISFACTION OF PARTICIPANTS	Overall satisfaction of the participants according to the feedback survey: 4,6 out of 5
COMMENTS	This session of the REGILIENCE Open Training Session (OTS) provided insight into two pathway development approaches focusing on technical and sectoral developments to reach resilience and emphasised user experiences. It showed the importance of stakeholder and citizen engagement during the development of climate resilience strategies and introduced successful solutions. Participants learned about the benefits and opportunities available to European regions and gained insight into successful solutions. Overall, the session aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and inspiration needed to proceed with their climate resilience movement in their communities.

4.2.3 Open Training Session #3

Table 5 gives an overview of the results of the Open Training Session #3.

Table 5 - Results of the Open Training Session #3

SESSION TITLE	FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL ADAPTATION
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Open Training Session
TIME AND PLACE	12/12/2023 from 10:30 to 12:00 CET - online
ATTENDEES (+ opt. registrations/active participants/video views)	59 Attendees (101 Registrations/ 17 Active votes/ 57 Video views (13/11/24))
OBJECTIVES	This session aimed at providing an overview of the funding opportunities currently available at the EU level for the different steps of the adaptation pathway.
TAKEAWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLIMAAX proposes a climate risk assessment framework with different steps. They have a guidance on how to identify and quantify past and future trends and identify risks indicators relevant for your region. Different tools are also available on three layers: base, dashboard and download. Finally, they provide a cascading fund, the first call will code on the 8th of March 2024. • Pathways 2 Resilience (P2R) focuses on transformative adaptation. They propose sub-granting to support regions on their transformative adaptation based on the resilience journey framework they developed. The first call closes on the 22nd of



	February 2024. They also propose other tools available on their website.
SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS & ROLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European funding opportunities – an overview Matthias Watzak-Helmer (FEDARENE) Presentation of the CLIMAAX funding and support opportunity Frederiek Sperna Weiland (DELTARES) Presentation of the P2R funding and support opportunity Ricardo da Silva (EIT Climate KIC) Introduction, wrap-up and closing Moderator: Jen Heemann (IEECP)
TARGET AUDIENCE REACHED	n/a
MATERIAL & LOGISTICS	EU survey registration form, MS Teams meeting set up, Slido polls and Q&A, PowerPoint presentations, recording of the session
USEFUL LINKS	<p>Takeaways and materials are available on the REGILIENCE subpage https://regilience.eu/community-building/ and within the news article on REGILIENCE https://regilience.eu/financial-support-for-regional-adaptation-third-regilience-open-training-session/</p> <p>The recordings are available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAF-wIJ_WOk&t=1s&ab_channel=REGILIENCE</p>
OVERALL SATISFACTION OF PARTICIPANTS	Overall satisfaction of the participants according to the feedback survey: 4,6 out of 5
COMMENTS	<p>Some issues on the selection and eligibility criteria of the cascade fundings were raised, some organisations and some regions are not eligible. REGILIENCE could put extra effort to include these regions and organisations in our activities.</p> <p>The session was very useful to clarify the selection and eligibility criteria, a lot of questions raised from the audience.</p>

4.2.4 Open Training Session #4

Table 6 gives an overview of the results of the Open Training Session #4.

Table 6 - Results of the Open Training Session #4

SESSION TITLE	MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Open Training Session
TIME AND PLACE	11/03/202 from 11:00 to 13:00 CET - online
ATTENDEES (+ opt. registrations/active participants/video views)	61 Attendees (121 Registrations/ 18 Active votes/ 102 Video views (13/11/24))
OBJECTIVES	The objective of this session was to highlight the latest findings concerning the national adaptation plans in Europe and on their funding aspect. Another aim was to share the experience of TransformAr and its Governance Framework Tool along with local examples of multi-level governance from Sweden and Croatia.
TAKEAWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EEA has several reports on the status of national adaptation actions, including assessments reports, all available on their website. The situation in the EU varies depending on the country but the tendency is to shift from a “soft” to a mandatory approach in legislations. Overall, the sectoral approach is lacking and sub-national levels are quite active (CoM and Mission Adaptation) despite no official requirement to report



	<p>sectoral and regional plans. Different institutional arrangements exist with Climate ministries emerging since 2021 even if the policy ownership is usually anchored at Environmental ministries. Some good examples are Iceland's office of climate services and adaptation, Austria collaboration between disaster risks experts and climate change adaptation experts mandated by environment ministers, Estonian ministries collaboration with association of cities and municipalities, Netherlands Delta Programme's "Stress-tests" at local levels, Ireland climate action regional offices... Overall, the institutional arrangements are good but even if collaboration is a key factor of success, implementation is still lagging behind. The key gap is human capacities for institutional, financial and technical coordination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• REGILIENCE analysed 158 policy documents (RRF green transition pillar & NAS/NAP) related to climate adaptation which gives an overview of the allocation of fundings on climate adaptation measures in Europe. The main challenge is the fragmentation among the different levels of governance and compartmentalisation of policies which limits their coherent integration and design. In addition, the absence of clear distinction between mitigation and adaptation complicates the reporting of the activities. The recommendations are to enhance the horizontal coordination, to break the siloed fundings, integrate adaptation measures into planning and develop budgets and decision-making at lower levels.• TransformAr developed a Governance framework tool to foster transformational adaptation in their pilot regions. They also conducted a report on voluntary and legally binding requirements. They found that sectoral assessment is lacking, high needs of investment, measuring of progress and impact is difficult and that NBS are heavily promoted by the EC but still not included in strategies and plans.• The NEVERMORE project's local stakeholder groups, called local councils are composed of different organisations coming from different parts and sectors of the society. They organise topical debates and site visits to discuss vulnerable assets in regions, identify policy gaps, give policy recommendations, and test and evaluate digital tools. They are good examples of multilevel governance in Sweden.• The NECPlatforms project implemented climate and energy dialogues in Croatia. In practice, key stakeholders from local and regional level and experts in energy and climate discussed to promote horizontal and vertical dialogue. The objective is that the Climate and Energy Dialogue becomes a key platform in Croatia, beyond the NECP implementation.
SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS & ROLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status of national adaptation actions Angelika Tamasova (EEA)• Funding climate resilience in national and regional adaptation plans Giulia Viero (IEECP)• TransformAr Governance Framework Tool and Report Jan Cools (University of Antwerp)• Regional experiences with multi-level governance Isabella Katsimenis (North Sweden Regional Energy Agency)• Multilevel governance dialogues for climate and energy policy Tomislav Novosel (REGEA)• Introduction, wrap-up and closing Moderator: Indriany Lionggo (IEECP)
TARGET AUDIENCE REACHED	n/a
MATERIAL & LOGISTICS	EU survey registration form, MS Teams meeting set up, Slido polls and Q&A, PowerPoint presentations, recording of the session



USEFUL LINKS	Takeaways and materials are available on the REGILIENCE subpage https://regilience.eu/community-building/ and within the news article on REGILIENCE https://regilience.eu/multi-level-governance-fourth-regilience-open-training-session/ The recordings are available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaAjFXpsSSs&ab_channel=REGILIEN CE
OVERALL SATISFACTION OF PARTICIPANTS	Overall satisfaction of the participants according to the feedback survey: 4,4 out of 5
COMMENTS	Maintenance and institutionalisation of tools and good practices is sometimes challenging. Exploring collaboration with other projects and platforms is key to sustain project results. Communication and dialogues are not only building trusts among stakeholders but also an effective approach to enhance collaboration and engage them in an informed decision making and creates support for initiatives and an opportunity to find creative solutions inclusive for everyone. The lack of sectoral adaptation assessments has been mentioned by most of the speakers. The second phase of REGILIENCE OTS programme focusing on sectors is therefore very aligned with the gaps highlighted during this session.

4.3 Regional Training Sessions

4.3.1 Murcia

Table 7 - Murcia training programme

SESSION TITLE	TITLE OF ACTIVITY
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	<i>Open Training Session/Regional Training Session/Peer-2-Peer/Public-Private-Partnership</i>
TIME AND PLACE	<i>Date and Time Online/location</i>
ATTENDEES (+ opt. registrations/active participants/video views)	<i># participants (# registrations) (# active votes)</i>
OBJECTIVES	<i>Aim of the session</i>
TAKEAWAYS	<i>Key findings or key messages of the activity</i>
SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS & ROLE	<i>Agenda / Role of the Facilitator</i>
TARGET AUDIENCE REACHED	<i>Which target audience did participate? (Scientific Community; Industry; Civil Society & NGOs; General Public; Policymakers at local, region, national & EU levels; Media; Investors; Customers; Others)</i>
MATERIAL & LOGISTICS	<i>Which materials and tools have been used during the session?</i>
USEFUL LINKS	<i>Link to takeaways/materials/recordings</i>
OVERALL SATISFACTION OF PARTICIPANTS	<i>The result of the Slido session or other feedback received</i>
COMMENTS	<i>Personal comments and remarks on the activity if applicable</i>

4.3.2 Istria



SESSION TITLE	TITLE OF ACTIVITY
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	<i>Open Training Session/Regional Training Session/Peer-2-Peer/Public-Private-Partnership</i>
TIME AND PLACE	<i>Date and Time Online/location</i>
ATTENDEES (+ opt. registrations/active participants/video views)	<i># participants (# registrations) (# active votes)</i>
OBJECTIVES	<i>Aim of the session</i>
TAKEAWAYS	<i>Key findings or key messages of the activity</i>
SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS & ROLE	<i>Agenda / Role of the Facilitator</i>
TARGET AUDIENCE REACHED	<i>Which target audience did participate? (Scientific Community; Industry; Civil Society & NGOs; General Public; Policymakers at local, region, national & EU levels; Media; Investors; Customers; Others)</i>
MATERIAL & LOGISTICS	<i>Which materials and tools have been used during the session?</i>
USEFUL LINKS	<i>Link to takeaways/materials/recordings</i>
OVERALL SATISFACTION OF PARTICIPANTS	<i>The result of the Slido session or other feedback received</i>
COMMENTS	<i>Personal comments and remarks on the activity if applicable</i>

4.3.3 Central Macedonia

4.3.4 Madeira

4.3.5 Yutzsen Tsentralen

4.3.6 La Réunion

4.3.7 Valencia

4.4 Peer-to-peer mentorship (P2P)

4.4.1 Peer-to-peer mentorship session #1

Table 8 gives an overview of the results of the first Peer-to-Peer Mentoring session

Table 8: Results of the Peer-to-Peer Mentoring session #1

SESSION TITLE	MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE ADAPATION AND RESILIENCE
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Peer-to-Peer Mentorship
TIME AND PLACE	18/10/2023 from 14:15 to 15:45 CET – in person
ATTENDEES (+ opt. registrations/active participants/video views)	3 representatives from REGILIENCE Focus Regions; 3 Chief Resilience Officers as mentors; moderated by Resilient Cities Network (3 staff members); 5-7 REGILIENCE partners participated in session
OBJECTIVES	Closed-door session to share experience from CROs in institutionalising resilience, mainstreaming the climate agenda across different department and promote internal collaboration.



TAKEAWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some of REGILIENCE Focus Region have some strategies and plans in place, but little knowledge and resources for effective implementation CROs recommended first to agree on a common understanding of resilience and climate adaptation, shared with relevant stakeholders. Build partnerships with other departments (i.e., civil protection), and look for opportunities for integrating a resilience approach within the local administration. Other recommendations included focusing on local champions for engagement, showcase local government's willingness to act, and communicate risk carefully.
SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS & ROLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lina Liakou, Federico Aili and Valerie Brown (Resilient Cities Network)
TARGET AUDIENCE REACHED	Closed-door session for representatives of REGILIENCE Focus Regions
MATERIAL & LOGISTICS	In-person session, discussion moderated with some guiding questions
USEFUL LINKS	Some outcomes of this session were included in the Adaptation Story "Integrating climate adaptation and resilience into different sectors and local policies", focusing on the city of Milan. Available at: https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/en/mission/solutions/mission-stories/milan-story14
OVERALL SATISFACTION OF PARTICIPANTS	n/a
COMMENTS	<p>The format of open discussion in smaller group proved to be more effective and inspiring than 1to1 meeting between a mentor and a mentee.</p> <p>Given the different profile and background of participants, the topic could not be too specific.</p>

4.4.2 Peer-to-peer mentorship session #2

Table 9 gives an overview of the results of the second Peer-to-Peer Mentoring session

Table 9: Results of the Peer-to-Peer Mentoring session #2

SESSION TITLE	LOCAL APPROACHES TO RISK MANAGEMENT
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Peer-to-Peer Mentorship
TIME AND PLACE	27/06/2024 from 9:00 to 10:00 CET – in person
ATTENDEES (+ opt. registrations/active participants/video views)	3 representatives from REGILIENCE Focus Regions; 4 Chief Resilience Officers as mentors; moderated by Resilient Cities Network (2 moderators, plus other more staff members participating in the session); 6 REGILIENCE partners and 3 other CROs from Resilient Cities Network as observer
OBJECTIVES	Closed-door session to discuss how local authorities are approaching risk management and reflect on existing experiences in cities. The objective was to explore ways for local authorities to embed risk within their institutional structures and processes.
TAKEAWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current convergence of shocks, stresses and global challenges (described as "polycrisis scenario") requires a multi-perspective approach to risk, considering not only environmental impacts, but also broader socio-economic implications.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute shocks and chronic stresses help framing risk, especially climate risk. It is important to create a narrative around it and communicate it Include risk perception and indigenous knowledge besides scientific data A comprehensive risk assessment framework should look at (and monitor) impacts, trends, probability, cascade effects, concerns among citizens and political support.
SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS & ROLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lina Liakou and Federico Aili (Resilient Cities Network)
TARGET AUDIENCE REACHED	Closed-door session for representatives of REGILIENCE Focus Regions
MATERIAL & LOGISTICS	In-person session, discussion moderated with some guiding questions
USEFUL LINKS	n/a
OVERALL SATISFACTION OF PARTICIPANTS	n/a
COMMENTS	<p>The format of open discussion in smaller group proved to be more effective and inspiring than 1to1 meeting between a mentor and a mentee.</p> <p>Given the different profile and background of participants, the topic could not be too specific.</p>

4.5 Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

4.5.1 Sessions during EURESFO 2024

Table 10 gives an overview of the results of the second Peer-to-Peer Mentoring session

Table 10: Results of the PPPs sessions during EURESFO 2024

SESSION TITLE	BRIDGING THE GAPS IN CLIMATE ADAPTATION
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Public-Private Partnerships
TIME AND PLACE	<p>Panel discussion “Adaptation Finance: bridging the gap between financiers and climate-neutral cities and regions”. 26/06/2024 from 14.30-15:45 CET – in person</p> <p>Workshop “Bridging the gap: mobilising local resources for climate resilience through public-private partnerships”. 27/06/2024 from 11.15-13.00 – in person</p>
ATTENDEES (+ opt. registrations/active participants/video views)	Estimated 50 participants in the panel discussion and estimated 40 participants in the workshop.
OBJECTIVES	Explore different ways to engage the private sector in supporting investments in climate adaptation and resilience, bridging the financing gaps.
TAKEAWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing climate adaptation challenges requires a multifaceted approach involving both government and investors participation New finance-focused maturity assessment model (MAM) can be used by both public authorities and financing entities (such as banks, pension funds, and insurance companies), supporting in



	<p>comprehensive climate action and offering a framework for self-assessment and planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adaptation is an avoided financial cost, and it is therefore harder to secure investment. To date, most investment in adaptation is by public investment. Despite being often pivotal, public money cannot bridge the adaptation financing gap alone and requires the engagement of the private sector.• The private sector is made of different stakeholders with different aims, capacities and speed to invest (i.e., pioneers, local governments, impact funds etc.). It is important to understand their need and what they want in order to engage them successfully and achieve blended finance.• Everyone can potentially invest, and it is possible to build synergies. This requires communicating differently to different groups and create different narrative for different purpose.
SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS & ROLE	<p>Panel discussion “Adaptation Finance: bridging the gap between financiers and climate-neutral cities and regions”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leon Kapetas (Resilient Cities Network)• Duncan Booker (Chief Resilience Officer, Glasgow City Council)• Conrad Landis (AUEB/ARSINOE)• Laura Armayones Carranza (EURECAT)• Alexandra Jaunet (ACTIERRA)• Stephnae Simonet (ACTIERRA/TransformAr)• Nuha Eltinay (ICLEI) (moderator) <p>Workshop “Bridging the gap: mobilising local resources for climate resilience through public-private partnerships”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facility Sports (Gold Standard) (moderator)• Caitlin Drake (Gold Standard) (moderator)• Konstantina Karydi (Resilient Cities Catalysit) (moderator)• Federico Aili (Resilient Cities Network) (moderator)• Allison Ahern (Resilient Cities Network) (moderator)
TARGET AUDIENCE REACHED	Polymakers at local, regional, national and EU level; civil society, private sector.
MATERIAL & LOGISTICS	Flipcharts and notes for the workshop activities
USEFUL LINKS	n/a
OVERALL SATISFACTION OF PARTICIPANTS	n/a
COMMENTS	<p>The panel discussion session was more technical with experts presenting and discussing their work under different Horizon projects; this session also strengthened the collaboration on the topic with ARSINOE and TransformAr.</p> <p>The workshop was useful to better understand the private sector and available local government financial sources. The exercise was useful to test possible combinations of PPPs in three different examples (flood protection; extreme heat; port resilience from sea level rise).</p>