

ANNUAL PLAN 2024

CLIMATE ADAPTATION TASK FORCE

NATURAL RESOURCES AND FOOD CLUSTER

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OBJECTIVES

The Climate Adaptation Task Force drives and structures ERRIN's work on Mission Adaptation - building on ERRIN's previous activities whilst engaging members in current opportunities and activities under the Mission. Further, the Task Force supports in steering the work of ERRIN's Mission Adaptation projects, while also addressing topics relevant to the local and regional implementation of the Mission.

CONTEXT

Long-term priority: Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change (Mission Adaptation)

The Climate Adaptation Task Force will continue the dialogue with the Adaptation Mission Secretariat, focusing on strengthening ERRIN's position as an important stakeholder in the Mission. The Task Force will also continue following and engaging in the opportunities presented by ERRIN's Mission Adaptation projects – RESIST and Pathways2Resilience, as well as other Mission projects such as the Mission Implementation Platform (MIP4Adapt). Finally, the Task Force will facilitate the sharing of good practices on local and regional climate adaptation and experiences from participating in the opportunities offered by the Mission.

The key EU-level priorities, strategies, events, as well as work programmes and priority calls for proposals that the Task Force aims to follow up in 2024:

- Horizon Europe Programme:
 - Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change (Mission Adaptation)
 - Continued dialogue with the Mission Secretariat
 - Project development around the Mission Adaptation calls for 2024
 - Information on upcoming support opportunities for the Mission's implementation within ERRIN's Mission projects: RESIST and Pathways2Resilience, and other projects (MIP4Adapt, CLIMAAX, etc)
 - Sharing experiences of participation in projects and initiatives aimed at supporting regions in the implementation of the Mission
 - Continuation of Mission Adaptation in light of the publication of the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027, the launch of the work on the FP10, and the start of the new European Commission following the European elections in June 2024

Events:

- R&I Week (18-21 March 2024, Brussels, Belgium)
- Third Forum of the Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change (22-23 May, Brussels, Belgium)
- EU Green Week (29-30 May, Brussels, Belgium)
- European Week of Regions and Cities (October, Brussels, Belgium)

OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTPUTS IN ERRIN PROJECTS

Pathways2Resilience:

- Announcement of the first cohort of regions and communities selected for the programme (summer 2024)
- Possibility to participate in the Pathways2Resilience Innovation Practice Groups (autumn 2024)
- Second call for expressions of interest for the Pathways2Resilience programme (end of 2024)

RESIST:

- Call for expressions of interest for the Community of Interest (spring 2024)
- Launch of the Community of Interest (autumn 2024)

ACTIVITIES

Breakfast meeting Natural Resources & Food Cluster: kicking-off 2024

Date: February 2024 | 9:00-11:00

Cluster Activity: with Blueconomy WG and Climate Adaptation Task Force

This informal coffee meeting will offer an opportunity for all ERRIN members of the Natural Resources and Food Cluster to come together to network and jointly kick off the activities of the Bioeconomy Working Group, the Blue Economy Working Group and the Adaptation Task Force for 2024.

The Head of the Food Systems and Bioeconomy Unit, DG RTD, will present the European Commission's ongoing and planned initiatives for 2024. The Working Group and the Task Force leaders will present the annual work plans for 2024, providing an opportunity for members to familiarise themselves with the planned activities and discuss their potential involvement in the planned work. Furthermore, the ERRIN Secretariat will present the new ERRIN project development tool as well as updates on the implementation of the EU Missions of interest to this cluster: the Soil Mission, the Ocean and Waters Mission and the Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change.

Joint project development session on the new Soil, Adaptation and Ocean Missions calls

Date: April

Cluster Activity: with Blueeconomy WG and Climate Adaptation Task Force

The Working Groups and Task Force of the Natural Resources and Food Cluster – Bioeconomy, Blue Economy, Adaptation are planning a joint project development session on the new Missions calls of interest for the cluster. The Cluster kick-off meeting in February will start the process by presenting the new ERRIN project development tool, which will guide the workstream for the project development activities to support ERRIN members. Depending on the members' needs, the co-leaders of the Natural Resources and Food Cluster would consider supporting the organisation of a matchmaking and project development session in April with a focus on the relevant new Soil, Ocean and Adaptation Mission Calls.

Regional experiences of support services offered by Mission Adaptation projects

Date: November (hybrid meeting)

The Climate Adaptation Task Force will invite regions and communities that have received support services from the different Mission Adaptation projects and initiatives (Pathways2Resilience, CLIMAAX, MIP4Adapt, etc) aimed at supporting regions in the implementation of the Mission to share their experiences and learnings. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for ERRIN members to discuss how they are implementing the Mission in their regions, and to look at potential future support offers towards regions and communities.

Continuous dialogue with the Mission Adaptation Secretariat

Date: Autumn

The Climate Adaptation Task Force will, through the Task Force leaders and the ERRIN Secretariat, continue the dialogue with the Mission Adaptation Secretariat to discuss and influence the implementation of the Mission in 2024. As a Friend of the Mission, ERRIN will also, alongside the Task Force leaders and members, participate in the Third Forum of the Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change in May in Brussels.

Issues/topics to be monitored further:

- Case studies on Adaptation (work done by the JRC)
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- Partnerships for Regional Innovation (PRI) Working Group on Transformative Innovation for Climate Resilience