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TOWARDS A NEW EU CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STRATEGY



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MAIN PROPOSALS:

Reinforcing the multi-level governance framework

- Encourage stronger collaboration between the different levels of government (EU, Member States, regional and local)
Better align priorities, minimise contradictory or parallel disconnected processes, and maximise synergies

Strengthening multi-stakeholder engagement and breaking the "silo-thinking"

- Put more emphasis on the necessity of multi-stakeholder involvement and a cross-sectoral (instead of silo-based) approach
- Continue mainstreaming adaptation considerations into other existing EU initiatives with an urban, regional or rural dimension
- Further support the ongoing efforts of the cities and regions in climate projection and risk assessment by
 - 1) reinforcing their (research) activities related to the identification of appropriate (risk modelling) tools and methods,
 - 2) the development of (macro-) regional climate impact scenarios
 - 3) the creation of climate service networks
- Equip local and regional authorities with the appropriate monitoring, reporting and evaluation (MRE) tools and indicators

Fostering investment

- Provide local and regional authorities with
 - 1) easily-accessible and understandable information on funds and financial instruments
 - 2) further guidance and support on how to access and apply the existing instruments, and also possibly combine them
- Continue exploring innovative ways to channel investments for adaptation actions to local and regional authorities and provide them with appropriate expert advice, guidance and support
- Help cities and regions find the combination of public and private funds– from international, European, national and local sources

An international challenge calling for an international response

- Put more emphasis on the benefits of region-to-region (and city-to-city) cooperation.
- The new Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy shall provide other regions in the world with new opportunities to tap into the European experience and examples, but also offer European local and regional authorities the chance to learn from their peers in other continents