



Portugal in the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change

National Achievements and Local Success Stories (2021-2024)

- ✓ The EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change aims to support at least 150 regions and communities in building climate resilience by 2030

326 CHARTER SIGNATORIES

- 305 EU regions/ local authorities, from 25 EU Member States
- 21 regions/local authorities from countries associated to HEurope

Portugal

- 49 Portuguese Charter Signatories
- #1 for number of signatories

63 FRIENDS OF THE MISSION

- Private companies, service centres, research networks, and local action groups that endorse the Charter

Portugal

- 14 Friends of the Mission
- #1 for number of friends

HORIZON EUROPE CALLS IN NUMBERS

- Total EU Funding Allocated: 523 M€
- Total Grants Awarded: 60
- Overall Success Rate: 26%

Portugal in Numbers

- Funding Secured: 26.5 M€
- #8 Country in funding secured
- Projects involving PT entities: 29
- Funded entities: 83
- PT Success Rate: 31,2%
- Return Rate: 5,07%

PT CLIMATE IMPACTS

- Flooding, Sea Level Rise;
- Extreme Temperatures
- Droughts, Water Scarcity
- Storms

PT ADAPTATION SECTORS

- Biodiversity protection
- Water management
- Urban, Forestry and Coastal areas
- Health
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Agriculture

MIP4Adapt Technical Assistance Programme

- Provides tailored support to Charter Signatories of the EU Mission on Adaptation.
- Helps regions and local authorities design and implement robust climate adaptation strategies.
- 19 Portuguese regions/local authorities benefited from the technical assistance.

“A great motivation to apply was knowing the Technical Assistance would be in Portuguese and that we would be able to benefit much more from it. The application process was very simple. All you had to do was fill in a form with questions that referred to the type of assistance desired by the municipality.” - Villa Franca de Xira Municipality, Portugal



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Torres Vedras: Local Action, Stronger Resilience

- Developed a **Climate Action Pact** with 11+ local stakeholders, reinforcing shared ownership of adaptation goals.
- Strengthened participatory governance through the **Municipal Council for Climate Action** and launched a **Climate Action Platform**.
- Applied EU tools (**BECCA** and **RAST**) to prioritise actions and structure a more inclusive SECAP.
- Built on a 29% emissions reduction to pursue **carbon neutrality by 2030**, with support from **the MIP4Adapt Technical Assistance**.



Setúbal: Nature-Based Solutions for Urban Resilience

- Created the **Várzea Urban Park**, combining flood prevention with green infrastructure to reduce urban heat.
- Installed **retention basins** that have successfully protected the city centre from flash floods.
- Engaged schools and citizens in **tree planting and environmental education**, turning the park into a learning hub.
- Invested over **€3 million** through EU funds (POSEUR, Portugal 2020, ERDF) in a replicable model of sustainable urbanism.



Centro Region: Forest Fire Resilience through Landscape Management

- Implemented **Landscape Management Integrated Areas** to coordinate forest fire prevention in smallholding, high-risk zones.
- Engaged **local communities and landowners** to co-design land use changes and forest management plans.
- Promoted **fire-resilient agroforestry** and new business models to ensure economic sustainability.
- Supported by the **RESIST Mission Project**, this approach enhances resilience, biodiversity, and rural economies.



Cascais: Restoring Coastal Dunes with Nature-Based Solutions

- Rehabilitated the **Guincho-Cresmina dune system** to combat erosion, storms, and biodiversity loss.
- Used **native vegetation and low-impact techniques** (e.g. “ripado móvel”) to stabilise dunes and retain sand.
- Combined **community engagement** with continuous monitoring to ensure long-term success.
- Integrated into **municipal climate adaptation plans**, aligning with national coastal zone management strategies.