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REACHOUT
shaping climate resilient cities

project

REACHOUT is revolutionising urban climate resilience through its innovative co-creation hubs and city-oriented climate services.

By facilitating collaboration between cities and tool developers, the project is empowering European cities to tackle climate challenges head-on, with tailored tools and strategies that promote sustainable and resilient urban futures.

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ABOUT THE REACHOUT PROJECT

REACHOUT is a pioneering initiative under the European Green Deal that aims to transform urban resilience against climate challenges.

With a focus on city-oriented climate services, REACHOUT collaborates with a diverse range of European cities to co-create tailored climate information tools. These tools assist cities in navigating physical hazards, setting ambitious climate goals, and fostering a climate-resilient future. These include the project's co-creation hubs, which are a 'melting pot' of city representatives and tool developers who work together to innovate climate services that are valuable, accessible and user-friendly.

From Amsterdam's focus on real estate sector risks to collaborative efforts in cities like Lillestrøm, Cork, and Milan, REACHOUT is a testament to the power of collective innovation in tackling climate change.



DESCRIPTION OF SUCCESS

REACHOUT has achieved significant milestones in enhancing urban climate resilience. By working closely with knowledge partners, the project has co-developed tools that advance technical capabilities and improve decision-making for cities.

The success story is also highlighted by the REACHOUT learning programme, which has supported the building of adaptation capacity and fostered a sense of community among stakeholders. The project's innovative approach to climate science communication, through the creation of climate stories, has pioneered a novel method of engaging citizens with scientific outputs.

Research and
Innovation

Furthermore, the development of the REACHOUT toolkit encapsulates the project's holistic approach, offering a suite of tools to support European cities in their climate adaptation journeys.



HIGHLIGHTS

- The co-creation process has led to the development of over 10 applications, enhancing the integration of tools with different platforms and data, and providing a wide range of tool combinations.
- The project has successfully implemented [climate stories](#) as a tool for putting scientific results into context to enhance local engagement and understanding.
- Business models from both user and developer perspectives have been identified, paving the way for further sustainable climate service solutions.
- The innovative [Triple-A Toolkit](#) has been introduced, guiding cities through Analysis (of existing and future risk), Ambition (with respect to climate resilient development), and Action phases to address their unique climate challenges.



IMPACT

REACHOUT has significantly contributed to contextualising climate adaptation challenges within the broader framework of climate-resilient urban development. This approach has enabled cities to simultaneously address multiple challenges, enhancing the relevance and impact of climate services. The project's toolkit and strategic planner have played a crucial role in guiding cities through the maze of climate services, ensuring that they select and use the tools most suited to their specific needs. Furthermore, the role of liaisons has been instrumental in bridging the gap between city stakeholders and knowledge partners in order to improve communication and project alignment.

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[Empowering European cities to tackle climate challenges](#)

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