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1. LIFE18 IPC/ES/000001 — Urban Klima 2050 (HOST)


[Systemic Implementation Of The Cc Action In The Basque Country For Increased Urban Resilience As Full Territory Enabler](#)

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Project video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcQlqCkp_SM&list=PLU1WubUoc0UtWpJgG_KxUGJzEj8t8F6m&index=36




LIFE Urban Klima 2050 advances the Basque Country's KLIMA 2050 Strategy by integrating climate change into territorial and sectoral policies, deploying adaptation pilots in urban, river basin and coastal environments, and strengthening governance, citizen engagement and administrative capacity. The project develops planning guidelines, monitoring tools, climate-health integration frameworks and flood-risk management strategies while promoting green infrastructure, nature-based solutions and cross-departmental collaboration. Urban Klima 2050 mobilises major complementary funding and sets a scalable model for regional climate resilience.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Mari Mar Alonso Martín</p> 	<p>Mari holds a degree in Chemistry from the University of the Basque Country. She has over 30 years of professional experience in the field of the environment at Ihobe, the Basque Government's Environmental Agency, covering areas of management and coordination of agents, mainly in the field of environmental sustainability. She is currently director of the Climate Action Department at Ihobe and coordinator of LIFE IP URBAN KLIMA 2050. Her duties include supporting the design and implementation of regulations, planning, developing tools, and mobilizing various public and private agents, as well as citizens, to take action on climate change.</p>
<p>Iñigo Urrutikoetxea Alvarez</p>	<p>Agricultural engineer with MSc degrees in Environmental Engineering and in Urban Ecology and</p>





	<p>Green Infrastructure. I began my career at Neiker, working in forestry sustainability within the European REINFFORCE project, analysing data from Atlantic Arc arboretums to assess forest species adaptability to local climate and soils. I later joined IDOM's environment department, contributing to international climate change adaptation projects. Since 2022, I have been part of Ihobe's climate action team, working on LIFE IP Urban Klima 2050 to support the energy and climate transition and strengthen the resilience of the Basque territory.</p>
<p>Iratxe Ruiz Merodio</p> 	<p>Iratxe, LIFE IP Urban Klima 2050 project, Climate Action Area, Ihobe, Public Environmental Management Company. Basque Government</p>
<p>José Ramón</p> 	<p>With over 24 years of experience in international relations and strategic project management, José built a career dedicated to advancing energy sector innovation and fostering global partnerships. In his role at the Basque Energy Agency (EVE), he led international strategies, coordinated high-impact projects funded by institutions such as the European Commission and strengthened the global positioning of the Basque energy sector.</p>
<p>Gemma Garcia Blanco</p>	<p>Senior Researcher at the Climate Change Adaptation Team in TECNALIA BA in Geography (University of Oviedo) MSc in Environmental Sciences (University of East Anglia, UK) PhD Candidate in Social, Political and Cultural Studies (University of the Basque Country - EHU). Research experience in sustainable spatial and urban planning, environmental assessment, and capacity-building initiatives for</p>



	<p>public administrations. Current research focuses on climate resilient spatial and urban planning, with a strong emphasis on nature-positive approaches.</p>
<p>Malake Muñoz Cachón</p> 	<p>Malake is a PhD biologist with more than 15 years of experience in climate change mitigation and adaptation. She is a project manager at Ihobe, where she leads the project on “climate change adaptation demonstrator projects in the Basque Country.” As a member of the coordinating team of the LIFE Urban Klima 2050 project, she drives innovative solutions to strengthen climate resilience in Euskadi, integrating science, territory, and public action.</p>
<p>Mikel González Vara</p> 	<p>Mikel holds a degree in Politics and Sociology at Deusto University and MSc in Planning Studies at Oxford Brookes University among others. He has been working at environmental consultancy for several years as well at the Basque Environmental Cluster. From 2005 onwards works for Bilbao City Council at the Mobility and Sustainability Area. He has coordinated the Sustainable Urban Municipal Plan (SUMP) of Bilbao and from 2017 he is the Head of the Environment Department.</p>
<p>Guillem Chust</p> 	<p>Guillem holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Paul Sabatier (Toulouse, France) and at the Ecology department (University of Barcelona, Spain). He has over 20 years of professional experience in the field of the marine ecology and climate change at AZTI Marine Research. He is head of Global Change in Marine Ecosystems at AZTI. He currently leads activities related to climate change adaptation in marine and coastal systems, as well as European projects aimed at strengthening the resilience of</p>



	<p>ecosystems and the communities that depend on them.</p>
<p>Eider Goiriëna</p>	<p>Eider graduated in Biology from the Complutense University of Madrid and completed a master's degree in environmental management and a degree in Management and Organization of Natural and Landscape Resources. She has been working since 2017 as a senior environmental technician in local administration. She currently works in the Provincial Council of Biscay on climate change and energy transition matters. She mostly coordinates and monitors the integration of the climate perspective into sectorial and territorial policies of local competence.</p>
<p>Efrén Feliu Torres</p> 	<p>Efrén holds a Building Engineering Degree as well as different postgraduates including spatial planning and territorial development. He has a relevant professional background in consultancy and capacity development for public administrations and utilities. He is currently Climate Change Adaptation Manager at the City Territory and Environment Area of Tecnalia, coordinating applied research projects in the fields of sustainable spatial development, nature-based solutions, regional-urban resilience and sectoral climate change adaptation.</p>
<p>Maria José Madeira</p> 	<p>Maria José holds a degree in Biology from the University of the Basque Country. She obtained a Diploma of Advanced Studies in Environmental Biology and Quality of Life and a PhD in Biological Sciences from the same university. She has developed her academic and research career as a member of the Teaching and Research Staff at EHU from 2007 to 2023. She has extensive research experience focused on the application of a multidisciplinary approach to understanding the mechanisms that generate and maintain biodiversity and ecosystem services, their spatial distribution, and the impacts of global change. Her work also</p>



	<p>integrates socio-economic aspects related to ecosystem management, aiming to develop strategies that ensure their conservation while contributing to improvements in health, the economy, and overall quality of life.</p>
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2. LIFE15 IPE/ES/000012— LIFE-IP INTEMARES

[Integrated, Innovative and Participatory Management for N2000 network in the Marine Environment](#)

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LIFE IP INTEMARES supports the implementation of Spain’s Prioritised Action Framework (PAF) for Natura 2000 in the marine environment. The project aims to establish an effective and integrated management system for the Spanish marine Natura 2000 network, ensuring the conservation and restoration of habitats and species protected under the Habitats and Birds Directives. INTEMARES strengthens governance, scientific knowledge and monitoring systems while promoting stakeholder participation and capacity building among managers and sectors involved in marine activities. The project develops management plans for marine Natura 2000 sites, advances conservation strategies for key marine species, and promotes innovative governance and financing approaches. By coordinating complementary EU and national funding and improving policy integration across marine directives, INTEMARES contributes to achieving favourable conservation status for marine biodiversity and supports the sustainable use of Spain’s marine natural capital.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Victoria Gonzalez</p> 	<p>Biologist, Victoria works in the Biodiversity Foundation, a public entity attached to the Ministry for the Ecological Transition. Since 2017, responsible for the coordination of the integrated LIFE INTEMARES project, "Integrated, Innovative and Participatory Management of the Natura 2000 Network in the Marine Environment". Her professional career has been linked to the preparation and management of European projects in the field of biodiversity conservation and environmental protection, at national and international level, mainly through the LIFE financial instrument.</p>




3. LIFE16 IPC/ES/000001 — NAdapta-CC

[Towards An Integrated Coherent And Inclusive Implementation Of Climate Change Adaptation Policy In A Region Navarre](#)

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Project video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mK94dL9Qla>

LIFE NAdapta-CC strengthens Navarre’s resilience to climate change by fully implementing the regional Climate Change Strategy through coordinated action in water, agriculture, forestry, health, territorial planning and climate monitoring. The project develops early-warning systems, sustainable drainage approaches, flood management tools, biodiversity and habitat mapping, agricultural advisory platforms and public health guidelines, while promoting governance structures that improve decision-making and cross-sector coordination. By mobilising significant complementary funding and delivering capacity building for administrations and stakeholders, NAdapta-CC accelerates adaptation, enhances environmental protection and ensures long-term preparedness across the region.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Fernando Señas Bea</p> 	<p>Director of the Climate Change Office of Navarre, Fernando holds a degree in Industrial Engineering by the Public University of Navarre. After three and a half years at a consulting firm specializing in innovation, he joined the Government of Navarre in 2006, where he held positions of responsibility in the areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and mining. Since December 2023, he has been the Director of the Climate Change Office of Navarre within the Directorate General for the Environment and, since December 2024, the coordinator of the LIFE-IP NAdapta-CC project, until the end of the project in December 2025.</p>
<p>Joël Dozzi</p>	<p>Joël holds a degree in molecular biology (University of Sciences of Strasbourg, France) and a master’s degree in environmental management (University of Brussels, Belgium). His entire career has been focused on environmental topics. He has worked in forestry research, waste management in urban areas,</p>



environmental policy evaluation, as well as in several European projects on environmental and climate issues. In the last decade, Joël was director of the Green Energy Service of the Pamplona City Council, and he is currently the technical coordinator of the integrated project LIFE-IP NAdapta-CC.



4. LIFE17 IPC/FI/000002 — LIFE-IP CANEMURE-FINLAND

Towards Carbon Neutral Municipalities and Regions in Finland

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LIFE CANEMURE FINLAND supported the implementation of Finland’s climate policy by translating the National Energy and Climate Strategy into coordinated regional and local action across mobility, buildings, renewable energy, urban planning, agriculture and forestry. Working with 7 regions and a large network of municipalities, the project strengthens governance, builds capacity and promotes practical low-carbon solutions. It developed regional climate roadmaps, municipal emissions databases and planning tools, while advancing energy efficiency, decentralised renewables, sustainable urban development and low-emission land management practices. By fostering replicable approaches, mobilising new investments and enhancing knowledge sharing, CANEMURE accelerates Finland’s transition towards climate neutrality and strengthens synergies between mitigation and adaptation.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Laura Saikku</p> 	<p>Laura is group manager, senior researcher and Doctor of Philosophy, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Environmental Science and Policy. Among her current duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group manager at Climate solutions for municipalities and regions • Coordination of municipal climate networks in Finland • Senior researcher analyzing challenges and identifying solutions for advancing a sustainable society, including promoting climate-friendly investments and accelerating climate action in municipalities and regions • Coordinator of Towards carbon neutral municipalities and regions Life-IP CANEMURE-FIN (15,3M€) 2018-2024.



5. LIFE17 IPC/GR/000006 — AdaptInGR

[Boosting The Implementation Of Adaptation Policy Across Greece](#)

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Project video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6B2xYGU41U>

LIFE AdaptInGR supports Greece in implementing its National Adaptation Strategy by strengthening national and regional capacities, developing monitoring and evaluation systems, mainstreaming adaptation into sectoral and regional planning and deploying pilot actions for climate-resilient water, agriculture, ecosystems, health and built environments. The project enhances governance through guidelines and best practices, creates a national adaptation hub for stakeholders, raises public awareness and integrates adaptation with the country's long-term low-emission strategy. Through targeted pilots and knowledge transfer, AdaptInGR accelerates climate resilience across Greek regions and municipalities.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Ioanna Tsalakanidou</p> 	<p>Ioanna is an officer in the Climate Change Department of the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy. She is the Coordinator of the LIFE-IP AdaptInGR integrated project on boosting the implementation of adaptation policy across Greece. Moreover, she is responsible for adaptation-related issues across domestic, European and international policies. She is alternate National Focal Point of Greece for the UNFCCC and the national expert for Greece in the Working Group Adaptation of the European Commission.</p>
<p>Konstantina Zoumpoulaki</p> 	<p>Experienced Project Manager with over 10 years of experience in environmental and public-sector initiatives and projects. With a technical academic background as a Civil Engineer from the National Technical University of Athens, and a specialization in Urban and Regional Planning (MSc) and Management (MBA), I currently serve as Project Manager for LIFE-IP AdaptInGR project, supporting the implementation of Greece's National Adaptation Strategy.</p>



Stavroula Manouri



Stavroula received the BEng, MEng in Rural and Surveying Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) and also holds a M.Sc.degree in Water Resources Science and Technology from the School of Civil Engineering of NTUA. She participated in EU-funded and other research projects, as young researcher, in the Department of Water Resources and Environmental Engineering of the School of Civil Engineering of NTUA and currently contributes to the LIFE-IP AdaptInGR project as an external collaborator of the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy. Her interests include hydroinformatics, NBS, circular economy etc.



6. LIFE17 IPC/SI/000007 — CARE4CLIMATE

[Boosting Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction By 2020 With A View To 2030 Promoting Sustainable Transport Energy Efficiency Renewable Energies And Sustainable Climate Protecting Land Use In The Transition To Low Carbon Society](#)

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LIFE CARE4CLIMATE accelerates Slovenia’s transition toward a low-carbon society by addressing implementation gaps in energy efficiency, sustainable mobility, green public procurement and building renovation. The project strengthens governance, modernises regulatory frameworks, delivers large-scale training programmes, develops financial instruments for renovation, introduces sustainable mobility campaigns and improves monitoring of carbon sinks and food-waste reduction. By coordinating complementary funding and engaging public authorities and citizens, CARE4CLIMATE enhances policy effectiveness and supports long-term mitigation and adaptation outcomes across Slovenia.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
Nataša Kebe	
Gregor Marko Frim	Advisor at the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy of the Republic of Slovenia and Secretary of the Climate Council. His work focuses on climate policy, project coordination, and capacity building in higher education. He holds a Master’s degree in International Relations from the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, and completed Erasmus+ studies in Political Science at Freie Universität Berlin.
Jasna Blaj	




7. LIFE18 IPC/FR/000007 — ARTISAN

[Achieving Resiliency By Triggering Implementation Of Nature Based solutions For Climate Adaptation At A National Scale](#)

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LIFE ARTISAN mainstreams nature-based solutions across France by strengthening institutional capacity, establishing regional networks, supporting local demonstration projects and aligning national climate adaptation policies with biodiversity protection objectives. The project promotes large-scale NBS uptake through guidance, governance coordination, economic market development, training and dissemination of best practices. By 2030, ARTISAN aims to make NBS a standard component of public decision-making, enabling resilient ecosystems, sustainable territorial development and more effective adaptation to climate impacts.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
Amaury Parelle	
Rémi Rousselet 	Adaptation expert, Project manager for the economic assessment of NBS
Natalia Rodriguez-Ramirez	



8. LIFE19 IPC/PL/000005 — EKOMALOPOLSKA

[Implementation Of The Regional Action Plan For Climate And Energy For The Malopolska Region](#)

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Project video: <https://www.youtube.com/@ekomaopolskadlaklimatu8689>

LIFE EKOMALOPOLSKA supports the implementation of the Małopolska Regional Climate and Energy Action Plan by accelerating the region’s transition toward a low-carbon and energy-efficient economy. The project mobilises financial resources, strengthens institutional capacities and drives the shift away from coal by promoting cleaner heating technologies and energy-efficient solutions. It establishes a network of local Climate & Energy Advisory Centres and a regional Centre of Excellence, providing training, technical support and stakeholder engagement. Pilot actions across buildings, transport, industry, waste and land use contribute to improved air quality, reduced CO₂ emissions and wider uptake of renewable energy. The project also promotes behavioural change, supports green job creation and encourages the replication of good practices across Poland, contributing to long-term regional resilience and climate neutrality goals.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
Justyna Mazurkiewicz	
Magdalena Kowacka	



9. LIFE19 IPC/PT/000004— CLIMAZ

[Regional Program for Climate Change in Azores](#)

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Project video: https://youtu.be/Ho_9JAZ6fFM?si=rSO8O9NgGqVKU4EL

LIFE CLIMAZ supports the implementation of the Azores Regional Strategy and Programme for Climate Change (ERAC/PRAC) across the nine islands of the Autonomous Region of the Azores. The project strengthens regional capacity to address climate change by improving knowledge, monitoring systems and climate information, while promoting research, innovation and ecosystem-based solutions. It reinforces territorial resilience in vulnerable sectors such as water, marine ecosystems and land management, integrates adaptation and mitigation objectives into regional policies, and promotes the transition to a low-carbon regional economy. CLIMAZ also enhances climate governance by raising public awareness, engaging local communities and stakeholders in defining adaptation roadmaps, and coordinating significant complementary funding to support long-term climate resilience and sustainable development in this outermost EU region.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
Pedro Machado	
Joana Costa	



10. LIFE20 IPC/CZ/000004 — COALA

[Ip Life For Coal Mining Landscape Adaptation](#)

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LIFE COALA supports full implementation of the Moravian-Silesian Region’s adaptation strategy by improving planning tools, building municipal capacities, establishing advisory centres, deploying adaptation pilots in post-mining landscapes, urban areas and water systems, and strengthening climate governance across the region. The project creates a regional climate information system, develops spatial planning guidance, restores degraded ecosystems, improves hydrological resilience and supports low-carbon development pathways. COALA enhances cooperation among municipalities and stakeholders, enabling long-term climate resilience and sustainable regional transformation.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Tomáš Karas</p> 	<p>Chief project manager of LIFE-IP COALA. I try to adapt Moravian-Silesian region to the impacts of climate change.</p>
<p>Pavla Sokolovska</p> 	<p>Coordinator of activities for a project aimed at strengthening climate resilience in the Moravian-Silesian Region, Czech Republic. Team leader specializing in landscape adaptation and blue-green measures in urban environments.</p>
<p>Petr Bárta</p>	<p>Project economist / financial manager of the LIFE-IP COALA project.</p>

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11. LIFE20 IPC/EE/000010 — BUILDEST

[Pursuing Estonian National Climate Ambition Through Smart And Resilient Renovation](#)

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LIFE BUILDEST accelerates the deep renovation of Estonia’s building stock by creating standardised renovation solutions, digitalising design and construction processes, piloting renovations in diverse building types and training more than a thousand construction professionals. The project reduces barriers to large-scale renovation by improving technical solutions, promoting prefabrication, enhancing climate-risk modelling and developing new financial mechanisms. BUILDEST enables faster, higher-quality and more cost-effective renovations, strengthening resilience and substantially reducing emissions from the built environment.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p data-bbox="204 1021 408 1055">Mai Andresson</p> 	




12. LIFE20 IPC/LT/000002 — EnerLIT

[Improving Energy Efficiency In Lithuania](#)

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LIFE EnerLIT supports implementation of Lithuania’s National Energy and Climate Plan by strengthening governance, enhancing energy efficiency in buildings, transport and industry and mobilising complementary funding for large-scale mitigation actions. The project develops capacity building programmes, supports green public procurement, promotes low-carbon technologies and enables substantial reductions in energy consumption and CO₂ emissions. EnerLIT reinforces long-term policy implementation and accelerates Lithuania’s transition toward a more efficient, low-carbon economy.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Aušra Šmitienė</p> 	<p>Aušra is the LIFE IP EnerLIT project group manager at Environmental Project Management Agency, Lithuania. She works with LIFE projects, including capacity building of applicants and beneficiaries since 2016. Earlier involved in administration of EU funding programmes. PhD in environmental engineering.</p>
<p>Gabrielė Čižikienė</p>	





13. LIFE20 IPC/NL/000006 — NL-NASCCELERATE

[Netherlands National Adaptation Strategy On Climate Change To Local Networks Accelerating Climate Resilience NL Nasccelerate](#)

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LIFE NL-NASCCELERATE accelerates implementation of the Dutch National Climate Adaptation Strategy by addressing gaps in knowledge, governance, financing and cross-sector coordination. The project improves adaptation practices in water management, infrastructure, agriculture, nature, health and spatial planning while enhancing awareness and the sense of urgency among decision-makers and the public. It develops innovative financial mechanisms, strengthens monitoring systems and supports replication of adaptation solutions nationwide, improving resilience for millions of residents and ecosystems.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Katja ten Hove</p> 	<p>Senior policy advisor on climate adaptation at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water management and project coordinator of LIFE IP NASCELLERATE.</p>
<p>Sanne de Witte</p> 	
<p>Jan-Joris van Kampen</p>	



14. LIFE21 IPC/EE/101069566 — AdaptEst

[Implementation Of National Climate Change Adaptation Activities In Estonia](#)

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Project video: <https://youtu.be/6k5Wl4l7all>

LIFE AdaptEst strengthens Estonia’s capacity to adapt to climate change by restoring wetlands, improving water and ecosystem management, enhancing climate monitoring systems and developing modelling and early-warning tools for decision-makers. The project supports climate-smart forestry, reopens historical river habitats, improves biodiversity conservation and provides guidance for sectors affected by climate risks. AdaptEst builds institutional capacity and prepares communities and ecosystems for increasingly frequent climate impacts.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
Triin Kommer	
Gady Künnapuu	
Maris Arro	





15. LIFE21 IPC/ES/101069781 — eCOadapt50

[Co Creation Of Strategic Action For Climate Change Adaptation Of Territories And Local Economies](#)

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LIFE eCOadapt50 enhances climate adaptation across 19 Catalan territories by engaging local governments, businesses and citizens in implementing climate-resilient actions in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism. The project establishes long-term governance bodies, develops emergency risk-management tools, trains local actors, promotes sustainable value chains and supports investments in adaptation. It strengthens local capacities, fosters behavioural change and accelerates the integration of adaptation into public policies and economic activities, promoting resilient territorial development.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Núria Parpal</p> 	<p>Director of the LIFE eCOadapt50 project, and previously of Life Cinomics, she is Head of the climate change adaptation and Local Environmental Services Section in the Climate Action and Energy Transition Area of the Barcelona Provincial Council. She has led the development of municipal action plans for sustainable energy and climate (PACES), regional adaptation plans, 2030 Agendas, SDG localisation, and green and blue infrastructure planning studies. She is an expert in studies, planning and governance for climate change adaptation in territorial environments.</p>
<p>Sara Martuscelli</p> 	<p>European projects responsible for the Climate Action and Energy Transition Area at the Barcelona Provincial Council. Extensive experience advising local authorities on European project development and international cooperation. Serves as technician for the LIFE eCOadapt50 project, offering expertise in financial and administrative matters.</p>
<p>Guillem Bagaria Morató</p>	<p>Guillem graduated with a Degree in Biology and a master's degree in Terrestrial Ecology and Biodiversity Management from the Autonomous</p>



University of Barcelona (UAB). In 2015 I obtained my PhD degree in Terrestrial Ecology at CREAL and UAB. He worked at CREAL in projects related to climate change, biological conservation and ecosystem services, and from 2018 to 2023, at the Catalan Nature Conservation Network (XCN) on land stewardship. Currently I coordinate ARCA and Local Action Groups (LAGs) in the LIFE eCOadapt50 project to mainstream climate change adaptation on farming, forestry, fishing and tourism in rural and maritime areas of Catalonia.



16. LIFE21 IPC/IT/101069928 — CLIMAX PO

[Climate Adaptation For The Po River Basin District](#)

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LIFE CLIMAX PO supports implementation of Italy’s National Adaptation Strategy in the Po River Basin by improving water governance, developing harmonised climate knowledge platforms, strengthening multilevel governance, implementing nature-based solutions and promoting climate-smart agriculture and water retention systems. The project creates an Adaptation Observatory, develops climate risk indices, supports stakeholder boards and deploys demonstrative actions to reduce hydraulic and coastal risks. It institutionalises adaptation at basin-scale and mobilises major funding for long-term resilience.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
Alessandro Scibona	
Marco Brian	
Selena Ziccardi	




17. LIFE21 IPC/PL/101069886 — AFTER COAL PL

[Implementation Of The Strategy For Climate Neutrality Eastern Wielkopolska 2040](#)

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Project video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWvWXIPRiC0>

LIFE AFTER COAL PL drives Eastern Wielkopolska’s transition from lignite dependency to a climate-neutral, diversified and sustainable regional economy by 2040. The project supports renewable energy development, land restoration, low-carbon mobility, sustainable industry transformation and labour market restructuring while engaging communities in a just transition pathway. It mobilises significant complementary funding, strengthens governance, promotes economic innovation and contributes to long-term environmental recovery and deep emission reductions.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Jacek Willecki</p> 	
Piotr Jakubowicz	
Michał Rejewski	



18. LIFE22 IPC/BG/101104610 — CLIMA-SUMP

[Strategic Integrated Project For Implementation Of Sumps For Transition Into Climate Neutral And Resilient Society](#)

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LIFE CLIMA-SUMP enhances the ability of Bulgarian municipalities to implement Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans by strengthening governance structures, building technical capacity, developing GHG modelling tools, supporting transport electrification and promoting walking, cycling and public transport. The project ensures coherent integration of mobility and climate policies, improves monitoring and citizen engagement and reduces emissions and air pollution, accelerating the shift toward climate-neutral urban mobility systems.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
Ivan Nikolov	



19. LIFE22 IPC/ES/101104957 — PYRENEES4CLIMA

[Towards A Climate Resilient Cross Border Mountain Community In The Pyrenees](#)



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Project video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNIP30vDHXk&t=9s>

LIFE PYRENEES4CLIMA implements the Pyrenean Climate Change Strategy 2050 across Spain, France and Andorra by strengthening climate knowledge, developing high-resolution climate datasets, enhancing ecosystem resilience, supporting climate-smart tourism and agriculture and deploying nature-based solutions for hazards in mountain areas. The project improves governance through cross-border cooperation, promotes local climate action, restores ecosystems and develops adaptation roadmaps, increasing resilience for communities, economies and natural systems in one of Europe’s most climate-sensitive regions.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Eva Garcia-Balaguer</p> 	<p>Geographer, 3rd Cycle in Land Use Planning and Environment, Master's Degree in Public Management and Local Administration. Expert in environmental and land management and European projects, with more than 25 years of experience in strategic planning, public policy evaluation, public management, social participation processes, and co-responsibility in different areas of the environment and land use planning. She has been a European expert in rural policy and an active participant in international networks of experts on climate change (UN). She was Director General of Environment and Territorial Planning for the Government of Navarre between 2015 and 2019, and Head of the Water and Rivers Department at the CRANA Foundation (Navarre) from 2006 to 2014. She is currently coordinator of the Pyrenean Climate Change Observatory in the Pyrenees Working Community, a cross-border entity, directing various cooperation and climate change projects and creating a powerful network of entities in the implementation of regional and local policies for</p>



	adaptation to climate change, among which the LIFE-SIP PYRENEES4CLIMA project stands out for its size and significance.
<p>Juan Terrádez Mas</p> 	<p>Juan Terrádez Mas is a senior European project manager specializing in climate change and natural risks, currently working at the Pyrenean Climate Change Observatory (CTP). He coordinates INTERREG projects (POCTEFA, SUDOE) on climate adaptation in mountain regions and has extensive experience in regional and national adaptation strategies (Italy, Spain). He is an expert in territorial cooperation, climate governance, and multilingual science communication.</p>
<p>Luc Bilard</p> 	<p>Occitanie has been co-leading the regional COP alongside the State since 2023. After 20 years in industry in roles related to industrial planning, complex project management, and executive management, Luc joined the public sector to work on ecological planning. He served as coordinator of the ‘Green Pact in Occitanie’ and was one of the main authors of the 2025 Regional Strategy for Climate Change Adaptation.</p>
<p>Marina Clarà Cornella</p>	





20. LIFE22 IPC/FI/101104613 — ACE-LIFE

[Accelerating Climate Efforts And Low Carbon Investments In Finland](#)

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ACE-LIFE accelerates Finland’s emission reductions in agriculture, heavy-duty transport, machinery and SME industrial processes to meet the national 50% ESR reduction target by 2030. The project develops funding mechanisms, promotes fossil-fuel phase-out, strengthens governance, engages over a thousand enterprises and public bodies and mobilises €2.3 billion in complementary financing. ACE-LIFE delivers substantial, measurable GHG reductions while supporting long-term policy implementation and economic innovation.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Karoliina Auvinen</p> 	<p>Karoliina is Director of the EU LIFE project ACE LIFE, accelerating climate efforts and low-emission investments in Finland. She is an experienced project leader and researcher advancing the clean energy transition. With a PhD in policy co-design and over 20 years of expertise in energy systems, policy and economic analysis, she bridges research and implementation to deliver impact. ACE LIFE focuses on accelerating emission reductions in agriculture, heavy-duty transport and mobile machinery, addressing key implementation and financing gaps in the effort-sharing sector.</p>
<p>Miia Berger</p> 	<p>Miia works at the Ministry of the Environment in Finland. She leads the work package of complementary funds monitoring, coordination & mobilization.</p>
<p>Eelis Hemberg</p>	<p>Eelis represents Finnish Environment Institute (Syke) as capacity building and stakeholder cooperation</p>



specialist, centered around scaling emission reductions in the ESR sector and the policy/finance landscape for streamlining climate action in Finland. He designs training materials and event concepts related to climate solutions in different sectors, and I participate in the ACE project's impact communications and developing its societal impact and stakeholder cooperation.



21. LIFE23 IPC/DK/101147300 — LIFE ACT

[Life Act Action For Climate Transition](#)

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LIFE ACT accelerates Denmark’s nationwide implementation of Local Climate Action Plans by strengthening governance, upskilling municipal staff, fostering innovation partnerships and coordinating mitigation and adaptation measures. The project engages 27 municipalities, five regions, national agencies and 18 knowledge institutions, enhancing climate-neutrality pathways and coastal resilience while mobilising €211 million in complementary funding. It significantly reduces emissions and builds long-term adaptive capacity across the country.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
Anne Risom	
Charlotte Autzen	
Andreas Thyrsted Laursen	




22. LIFE23 IPC/SI/101147797 — LIFE4ADAPT

[Slovenia's Strategic Integrated Life Project For Adaptation](#)

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Project video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGUOmQNCwRI>

LIFE4ADAPT supports Slovenia in implementing and updating its National Adaptation Strategy by strengthening institutional capacity, establishing a Climate Service Centre, upgrading the national Climate Portal, developing monitoring and evaluation systems and implementing pilot actions in water management, ecosystems, agriculture, forests and urban planning. The project trains thousands of stakeholders, enhances Natura 2000 resilience, promotes public awareness and mobilises nearly €489 million for adaptation financing, improving climate resilience nationally.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Tina Šturm</p> 	<p>A landscape architect and environmentalist. Since September 2025 working at the Slovenian Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy (Directorate for Climate Policies) as an impact monitoring officer for the LIFE4ADAPT project. Responsible for networking as well.</p>
<p>Andreja Pogacar</p>	<p>Trained as a packaging engineer and industrial designer, with a PhD in sustainable design, Andreja leads LIFE4ADAPT at Slovenia's Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy, the national coordinator bringing research rigour and systems thinking to make resilience actionable and scalable.</p>
<p>Tjaša Žagar</p>	





23. LIFE24-IPC-FR-LIFE ADAPT EST— LIFE ADAPT EST

Déploiement de la feuille de route régionale d'accélération de l'adaptation au changement climatique en Grand Est

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LIFE ADAPT EST supports the French Grand Est Region in implementing its regional climate adaptation roadmap by strengthening governance, disseminating knowledge on extreme climate events and deploying concrete adaptation measures across vulnerable sectors such as agriculture, forestry, industry, tourism, buildings and infrastructure to increasing climate risks. The project promotes innovation, stakeholder engagement and cross-border cooperation. With a €26 million budget over nine years, it mobilises around €152 million in complementary EU and regional funding, significantly strengthening long-term climate resilience in the region and beyond.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Benoît Grandmougin</p> 	<p>Director of Water, Biodiversity and Climate at the Grand Est Region, a local authority with strong environmental expertise at regional level and leader of the Life Adapt'Est project. He oversees a department specialising in water and climate change issues, a department dedicated to biodiversity, a technical department responsible for the canals in the Alsace region, and a department dedicated to the Life project. Their common objectives are to implement national policies in the Grand Est region.</p>
<p>Léa Garot</p> 	<p>Study manager in urban planning, energy transition and climate change in Cerema, today's public expert for adapting to climate change. Léa works alongside the French Government and local authorities to help them successfully meet the challenge of ecological transition and climate change. She also helps deploy technical solutions to safeguard and improve citizens' living environment.</p>




24. LIFE24-IPC-SK-NatAdaptSK – LIFE NatAdaptSK

[Nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation in Slovakia](#)

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LIFE NatAdaptSK supports Slovakia in implementing its National Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan by establishing an integrated framework based on nature-based solutions across water management, agriculture, forestry, biodiversity, human settlements and health. The project strengthens institutional capacity, develops monitoring and evaluation systems and makes climate adaptation knowledge and good practices widely accessible. Nature-based solutions are developed, tested and demonstrated in pilot river basins, national parks, cities and agricultural sites. The project mobilises complementary funding from the different sources, delivering long-term improvements in adaptive capacity and climate resilience across the country.

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
Jozef Turok	After a career in research and policy in international organisations, Jozef returned to Slovakia to work on environmental sustainability causes. He has a strong track record in land-use policy & practice, climate change, and biodiversity. Core competencies in project development, management and evaluation, multi-stakeholder partnerships. PhD in forest science from the University of Göttingen, Germany, works at the Slovak Environment Agency. As of January 2026, Project manager for LIFE IPC NatAdaptSK.
Viktória Látal Pokorná 	Viktória joined the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic in 2018, working on circular economy and sustainable finance policy-making. She contributed to the EU-supported project focused on developing the Circular Economy Roadmap for Slovakia. Building on this experience, she moved to the Climate Change Department, for a key role in supporting the development of the new National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. She served as a member of Slovakia's delegation to COP27–COP30 and National Focal Point for the UNFCCC.




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25. Attendees not involved in LIFE projects

Platform meeting attendees	Short bio
<p>Gianmarco Italia (DG CLIMA)</p> 	<p>Gianmarco is a policy researcher working for DG Climate Action at the European Commission, where he coordinates the implementation of the LIFE Subprogrammes on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.</p>
<p>Hans Rhein</p> 	<p>Hans is Head of Unit at the European Commission's Executive Agency - CINEA, responsible for the implementation of the LIFE CLIMA and LIFE ENERGY Programme. He has worked for the European Commission for 25 years in different positions, first in the field of external relations and development aid, then in the field of energy. Before joining the European Commission, he worked with the United Nations and international NGOs in Asia, Africa, and Europe.</p>
<p>Bernd Decker (CINEA)</p> 	<p>Bernd, Head of Sector, LIFE Climate Action, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, CINEA, is affiliated with the LIFE programme for more than 10 years, focusing on climate change mitigation and adaptation, both, in urban and rural areas. In the past, he worked on environmental health with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, on urban environmental planning and management with UN-HABITAT and on sustainable transport and mobility with local authorities and the European Commission.</p>



<p>Fabio Dalan (CINEA)</p> 	<p>Fabio is a climate physicist by background. He worked in a regional environmental protection agency in Italy dealing with air quality and climate adaptation matters. He started working for the European Institutions in 2008 and served in DG CLIMA and JRC before landing in the EC executive agencies and managing a portfolio of climate project on climate modelling, services and adaptation.</p>
<p>Diana Oancea (CINEA)</p> 	<p>Diana is a dedicated environmental professional with 18 years of experience in EU affairs. She has worked closely with MEPs, preparing legislative files for the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and the Regional Development (REGI) Committees of the European Parliament. As a policy officer at DG Environment, European Commission, she managed the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive and the international aspects of circular economy. For the past 12 years, she serves as a Project Advisor for the LIFE programme at the Executive Agency for Climate, Environment and Infrastructure (CINEA).</p>
<p>Maria Luisa Sanchez Bellerin (CINEA)</p>	
<p>Miljenko Sedlar</p> 	<p>Miljenko is a climate policy and resilience expert with over 20 years of experience working with EU institutions, national ministries, and local and regional governments. He leads the Climate and Resilience Department at REGEA, focusing on climate risk assessments, adaptation planning, and climate-resilient infrastructure investments. At the European level, he contributes to adaptation processes with DG REGIO and DG CLIMA and serves on the UK National Adaptation Advisory Board. He coordinates the AdaptationHubs project and founded the Croatian NECP Dialogue Platform, promoting multilevel climate governance aligned with EU policy.</p>



<p>Tomislav Novosel</p> 	<p>Tomislav is a mechanical engineer and a senior expert at IEECP. He has obtained his PhD in at the University of Zagreb in 2023. His academic background if mostly focused on energy planning and the integration of heating, cooling and the power sector. Tomislav is mostly working on the development and implementation of EU projects focusing on climate change adaptation and mitigation and is currently co-leading the Horizon funded AdaptationHubs project.</p>
<p>Federico Benvenuti (NCP Italy)</p> 	<p>Federico, a graduate in Environmental Economics, holds two master’s degrees in environmental and international fields. He has taught Environmental Economics at Tor Vergata and, since 2005, has worked in the public sector: first at the Ministry of Agriculture, then at the Ministry of the Environment, where he is a senior expert in sustainability and EU programmes. Since 2022, he has been a technical officer and Head of Sector for European funding programmes, LIFE NCP, and Italy’s representative on the EU LIFE Committee.</p>
<p>Rimvydas Šinkūna (NCP Lithuania)</p>	
<p>Ludovico Susani (ELMEN)</p> 	<p>Ludovico graduated in Environmental Chemistry and holds a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Siena. His doctoral research focused on LCA, innovative energy analysis, renewable energy and climate change mitigation measures. Since then, he has worked as a certified professional energy manager both in building and industrial sectors. He currently works as a Senior LIFE Programme Monitor with ELMEN EEIG on climate change mitigation and energy themes. His work focuses also on fostering synergies among projects and organising high-level networking activities such as LIFE Welcome meetings, Platform Meetings and Networking Meetings.</p>
<p>Yae Meroz (ELMEN)</p>	<p>Yael is a senior environmental and R&I policy consultant with more than twenty years of experience supporting EU-funded programmes, mainly LIFE. She</p>



		<p>currently works as a Senior LIFE Programme Monitor with ELMEN EEIG, providing technical and financial monitoring, quality assurance, and governance expertise. Her work focuses on strengthening policy uptake, fostering synergies among projects, and organising high-level networking activities such as webinars, LIFE Welcome, Platform and Networking meetings. Yael holds a PhD in Sustainable Development Policies in Developing Countries and an MA in Environment, Development and Policy.</p>
	<p>Elias Demian (ELMEN)</p>	<p>Elias is a LIFE Technical Monitor with more than 15 years of experience in the Programme, and for the past three years has been coordinating two monitoring teams (South-East Europe and Benelux). He is leading the Environmental Economics Unit at IOBE – Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research, a Greek think-tank, focusing on climate policy, sectoral resilience and the green transition. Internationally, he collaborates with the United Nations Environment Programme in the wider Mediterranean and the Middle East and with the International Maritime Organization. Finally, he is a PhD candidate in Economics at the Athens University of Economics and Business.</p>
	<p>Josefa Diamantopoulos (ELMEN)</p>	
	<p>Sara Barceló (ELMEN)</p>	



Lorenzo Mengali (ELMEN)

