

12 European Regions Unite to Accelerate Climate Adaptation

The EU-funded project RESIST to host a media briefing showcasing how regions from the Arctic to the Mediterranean are exchanging tested solutions to boost climate resilience across Europe.

Barcelona, 21 May, 2025 - The RESIST Project, part of the European Commission's Mission Adaptation to Climate Change, is to host a media briefing to unveil adaptation breakthroughs from 12 climate-vulnerable European regions. These regions are working together to turn local resilience innovations into a continent-wide climate adaptation blueprint.

This event comes at a moment of extraordinary urgency. According to the State of the Global Climate 2024 Report, last year was likely the first calendar year in human history to exceed **1.5°C above pre-industrial levels**. That's more than just a milestone — it signals a cascade of accelerating climate consequences: faster sea level rise, worsening coastal erosion, shrinking polar ice, and intensifying weather extremes that are already causing economic, ecological, and social losses on a near-daily basis.

Journalists are invited to join this online media briefing on 3 June at 10 am CEST that will put a special focus on three of the 12 regions involved in RESIST: **Extremadura (Spain), Eastern Macedonia and Thrace (Greece) and Southwest Finland (Finland)**. Local representatives will present a case study of a solution being tested and implemented locally for fire smart landscape management and smart water management, respectively. Register [here](#) to join the briefing.

Linda Hölscher, Senior Advisor at Adelphi, think-and-do tank and project partner, and Catarina Azevedo, RESIST Operational Coordinator and Senior Consultant at Inova+, will also present at the briefing, highlighting the solutions being shared and implemented within the project and introducing RESIST and its position within the **EU Mission Adaptation to Climate Change**.

Why This Briefing Matters

The RESIST project (Regions for Climate Change Resilience through Innovation, Science and Technology), part of the European Commission's Mission Adaptation to Climate Change, is a flagship initiative showcasing how regions can strengthen their adaptive capacity by sharing what already works. The project connects 12 regional demonstrators to co-develop, adapt, and replicate practical, evidence-based climate solutions — from wildfire mitigation and flood preparedness to digital decision-support systems and citizen engagement tools.

This media briefing will spotlight how these regions are learning from one another, exchanging real-world tools and experiences, and helping build a unified European approach to adaptation that is as diverse as it is scalable.



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An Urgent Need — and a Collective Opportunity

From heatwaves to droughts to rising flood risks, European regions are bearing the brunt of a changing climate. Yet across the continent, too many adaptation solutions remain trapped in local silos, underfunded, or underutilised. The RESIST project is directly addressing this challenge by fostering structured, practical transfer of climate resilience solutions among 12 diverse and climate-vulnerable regions.

These solutions aren't theoretical — they're real, field-tested interventions already making a difference. Through RESIST, regions are not only sharing their successes but learning from one another how to adapt them to different geographies, cultures, and governance frameworks. This collaborative model is helping regions build faster, more confident responses to increasingly complex climate risks.

Among the core solution areas currently being exchanged and adapted within the RESIST project are:

- Decision-support tools that allow policymakers to assess the economic costs, benefits, and long-term efficiency of nature-based solutions, supporting smarter, climate-resilient public investment decisions.
- Early warning systems for local and regional authorities that improve citizen awareness and emergency preparedness for climate-related hazards such as floods, wildfires, and heatwaves.
- Integrated landscape management strategies aimed at reducing wildfire risks while supporting biodiversity and strengthening local economies — particularly in rural or depopulated areas.
- Flood mitigation measures, including green infrastructure and digital planning tools, designed to improve preparedness, reduce damages, and protect vulnerable communities.

These areas represent only part of a growing catalogue of adaptable practices being examined within RESIST. During the media briefing, regional representatives will present real-world case studies from their territories, illustrating how each region is customising these solutions based on local risk profiles, capacities, and community needs.

By coordinating this transfer process across borders and institutional structures, RESIST is building a living, evolving ecosystem of applied knowledge that allows Europe's adaptation capacity to grow stronger, faster — and together.

The briefing will not only highlight these approaches in action but will also offer journalists a unique view into the collaborative learning process behind them, just before the final outputs and policy-ready tools are unveiled later in the project. A dedicated Q&A session will follow the presentations, giving reporters direct access to EU officials, regional decision-makers, researchers, and technical experts.

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Why cover this story?

Because adaptation isn't just about the climate — it's about economic resilience, public safety, food and water security, and social cohesion. And because it's already happening — led by the very regions that stand to lose the most, and powered by cross-border collaboration and practical, science-backed tools.

This media briefing offers a first-hand view into how regional innovation can become European transformation — one shared solution at a time.

Event details

- **Date:** 3 June 2025
- **Time:** 10:00–11:30 CEST
- **Location:** Zoom Webinar
- **Registration link:** [Here](#)
- **Event Agenda:** [Here](#)

About RESIST

RESIST is a five-year EU-funded project that has emerged from the need to make regions more resilient to climate change. The effects of environmental changes are a reality affecting our societies in many ways. We need to adapt to the current and predicted effects of climate change by taking action.

The project adopts a new practical framework in which climate adaptation pathways are tested in four leading regions of the European Union (EU): Southwest Finland, Central Denmark, Catalonia, and Central Portugal. Know-how and adaptation pathways tested in the leading regions will be transferred to eight twinned regions through mutual-learning activities and immersive digital twins.

Additional resources

- [RESIST Media Kit](#)
- [RESIST Regions](#)
- [Project video presentation](#)
- [Preventing Wildfires in Rural Spain](#)
- [Climate Views in Norway's Arctic](#)

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