

Adaptation Agora Community Hub

Hands on session - Sharing adaptation
projects from your organization and
networks

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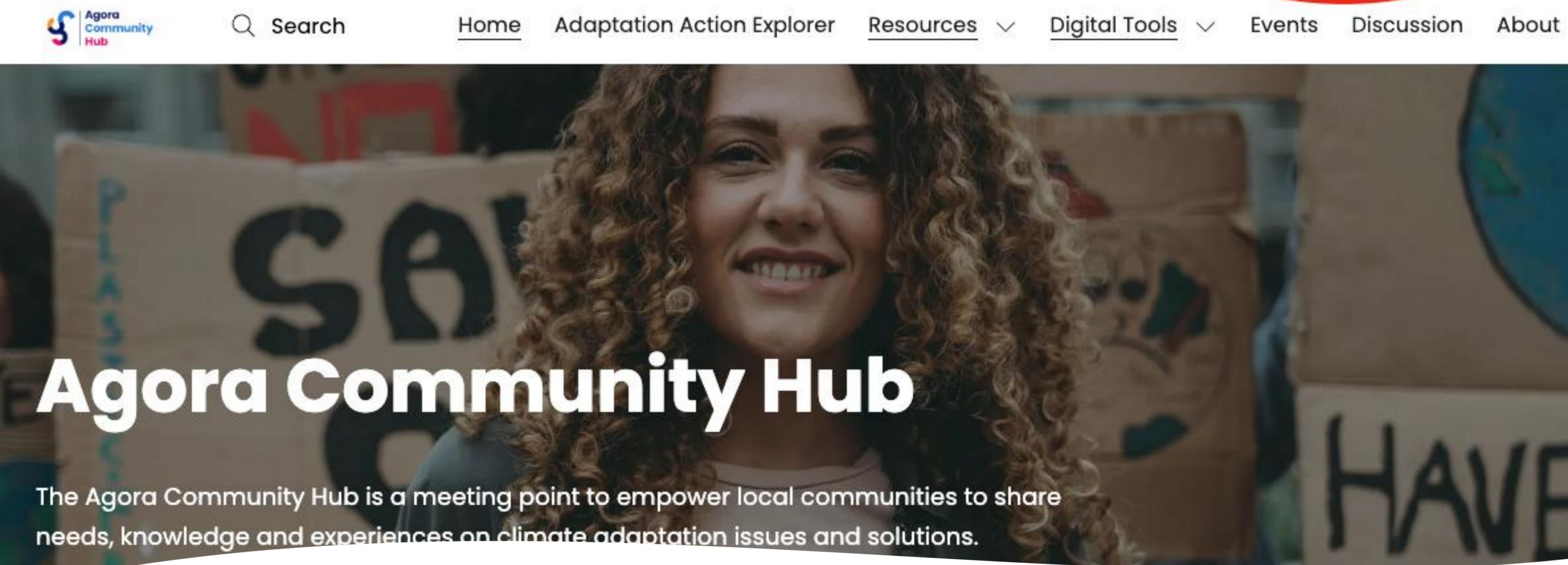


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The Agora Community Hub is a meeting point to empower local communities to share needs, knowledge and experiences on climate adaptation issues and solutions.

Hands on session: Agora Community Hub

Session Goal: Increase the visibility of your work and connect with others.

By the end, you'll be registered, have started to upload something, and know how to use the Hub.

1. Explore the Hub
2. Register and upload your first item
3. Know how to use the Hub and connect with others across different communities

Sharing co-created adaptation solutions

PILOT CASE STUDIES

A set of pilot regions will constitute the co-production arena to co-design, co-develop and co-implement climate adaptation solutions



- Germany
- Sweden
- Spain
- Italy

Citizen and stakeholder engagement

Key principles
in citizen and stakeholder engagement approaches

Pilot projects
practicing 'engagement' and **co-evaluation** of innovative mechanisms and approaches for citizen engagement

Evaluation framework
based on literature review and the Delphi method to obtain **indicators** to evaluate engagement process, outputs and outcomes

Barriers and constraints to engagement and co-production
identifying key factors supporting/constraining practitioners to co-design, co-develop and co-implement innovative solutions with citizens

Engagement methodologies assessment
based on literature review, interview with experts, directed to agents involved in *citizen engagement initiatives*

Peer-to-Peer Learning



Heat resilience in healthcare: a peer-learning exchange with Dresden, Grenoble and Barcelona

Insights from a learning session on heat resilience: Learn and hear from those working in Dresden, Grenoble, and Barcelona.



Engaging local communities in heatwave preparedness and response: a dialogue with the city of Malmö and Valencia

Engaging local communities on heatwave preparedness and response in Malmö and Valencia.

December 5, 2024 10:00 am – December



Different challenges in different contexts: Participatory experiences and climate adaptation in Rome and Friuli Venezia Giulia

Insights on climate adaptation lived experiences in Rome and Friuli Venezia Giulia.

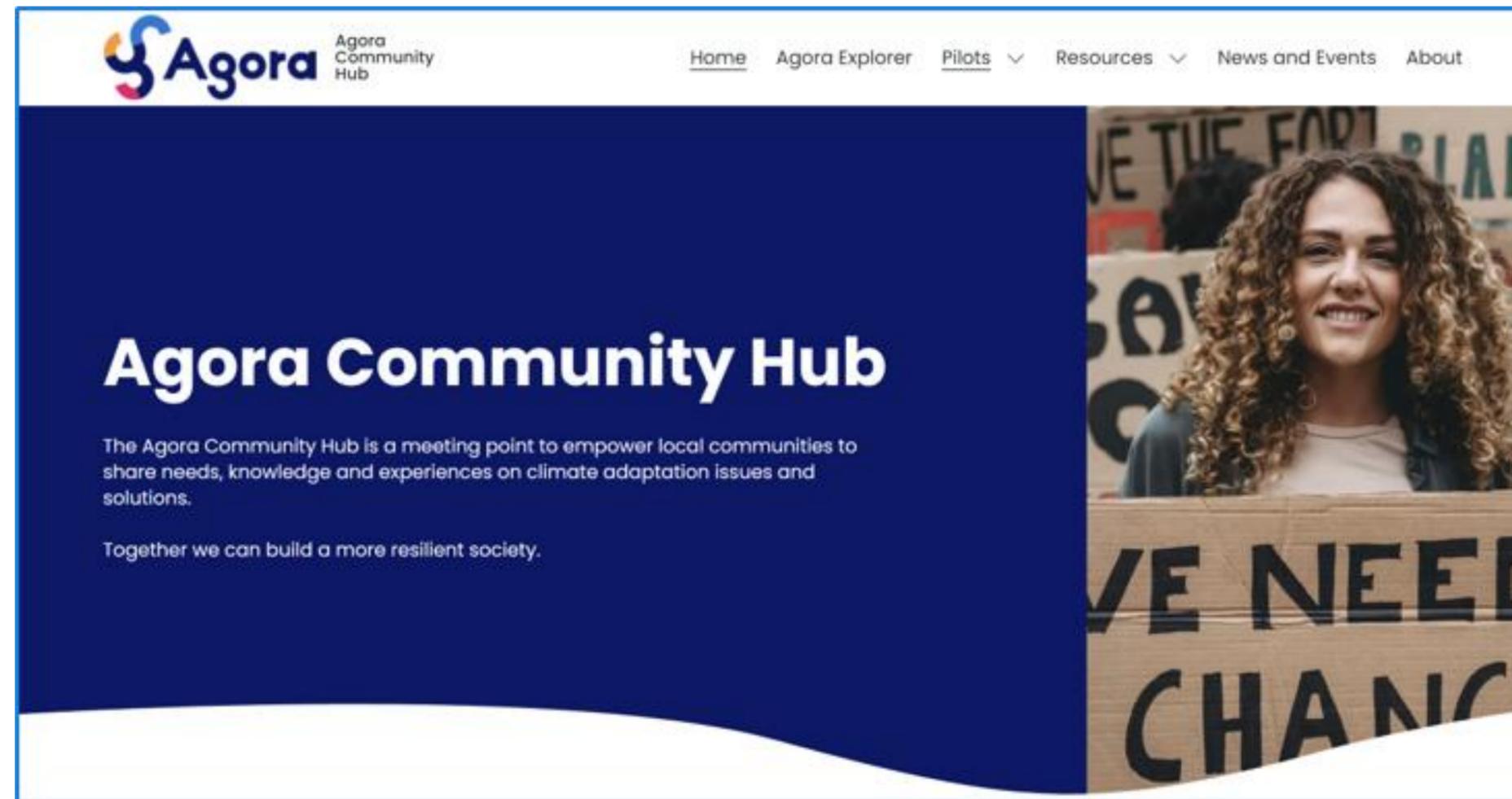
Agora Community Hub

A meeting point to empower local communities to share needs, knowledge and experiences on climate adaptation issues and solutions. The Agora Community Hub was co-designed through research and workshops, and will continue to develop through your feedback!



The Agora Community Hub aims to:

-  Be a resource hub of information
-  Be a platform co-designed platform with citizens and stakeholders
-  Be a place for networking, communication, and connecting with peers
-  Host dedicated discussion spaces
-  Encourage/share knowledge co-production



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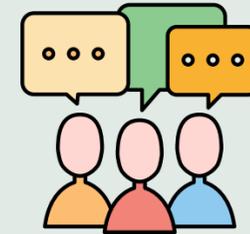
Report: Advancing adaptation in NDCs 3.0: Twelve recommendations for adaptation in NDCs

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Websites that have their own branding, unique design and are individually customised using weADAPT's features



Map featuring case studies, users, organizations (with filters)



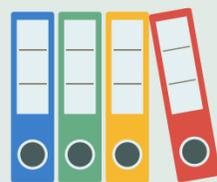
User interaction: forums, comments, follow options, and soon the ability to message other users



Different content types (articles, courses, case studies, events, blogs, solutions etc.)



Green settings with dark mode and low-resolution images to reduce energy user



Themes and networks (users can subscribe to themes/networks and access forums)



Translation features, with all content on site available in +100 languages

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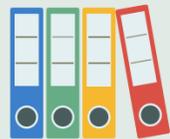


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We want credible and trusted information on climate adaptation to get to where it's needed



Up-to-date, practical information (articles, case studies, courses, events etc.)



Easy access: Information organized in themes & networks



All content goes through a review process to ensure quality & clarity

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Anyone can share their work on the Agora Community Hub



Users can directly upload content through our user-friendly WordPress interface



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Adaptation Agora Outputs



Handbook: Voices of Climate Adaptation

Voices of Climate Adaptation collects the results of Adaptation AGORA, a HORIZON Europe project, which supports the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change.

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Adaptation AGORA Quiz

Summary The gamified mobile app aims to support the education of citizens on climate change adaptation and counter disinformation campaigns...

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Unlocking knowledge for climate resilience: A comprehensive set of capacity-building resources

Summary Level: Introductory Learning product: online PDFs Sector: Climate adaptation, citizen engagement, pilot studies, climate data Language: English Certificate available...

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Climate Change Adaptation and Gender: Insights from the Adaptation AGORA Project

Read about climate change adaptation and gender, from the Adaptation AGORA project.



Extreme heat, hospital crowding, and the hidden health costs of climate change

This column considers extreme heat as not only a direct health threat, but also a systems-level shock that will expose and exacerbate existing vulnerabilities in healthcare delivery.



Nurses Climate Challenge Europe: A campaign to engage health professionals on the impacts of climate change on health

Launched in 2021, the Nurses Climate Challenge Europe provides free online resources, and fosters networking among nurses to integrate climate knowledge into their practice, leveraging success from a previously established US-based

Quick Tour

- Adaptation Action Explorer
- Resources: themes and networks, pilots, project outputs
- Digital tools: Academies, mobile app and quiz, Handbook of Voices of Climate Adaptation
- Events: Share and discover what's going on
- Discussion: Connect with peers and join discussions
- **Tip: Open the Hub in another window and follow along.**

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Explore, learn about, and share adaptation action across Europe and beyond.

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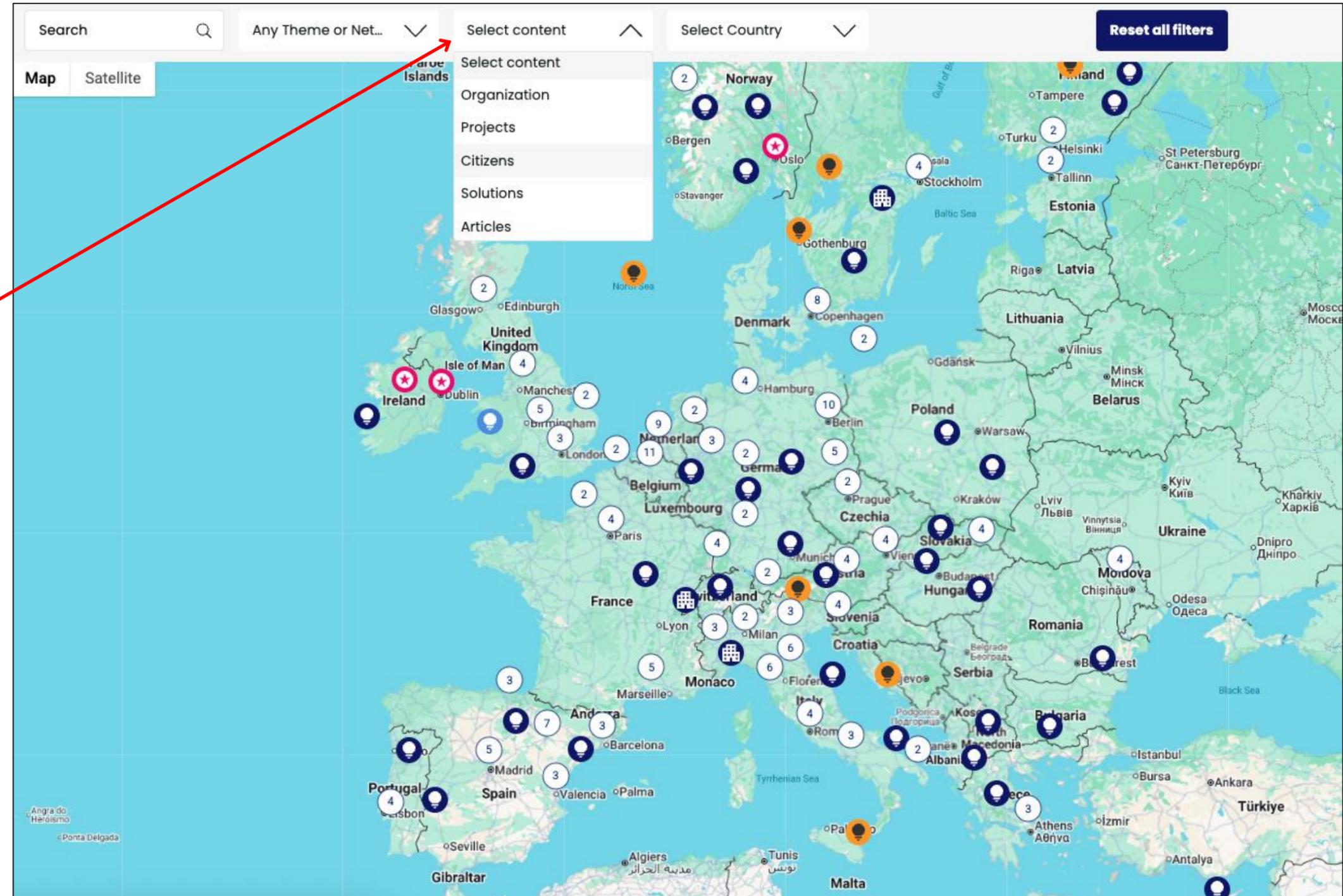
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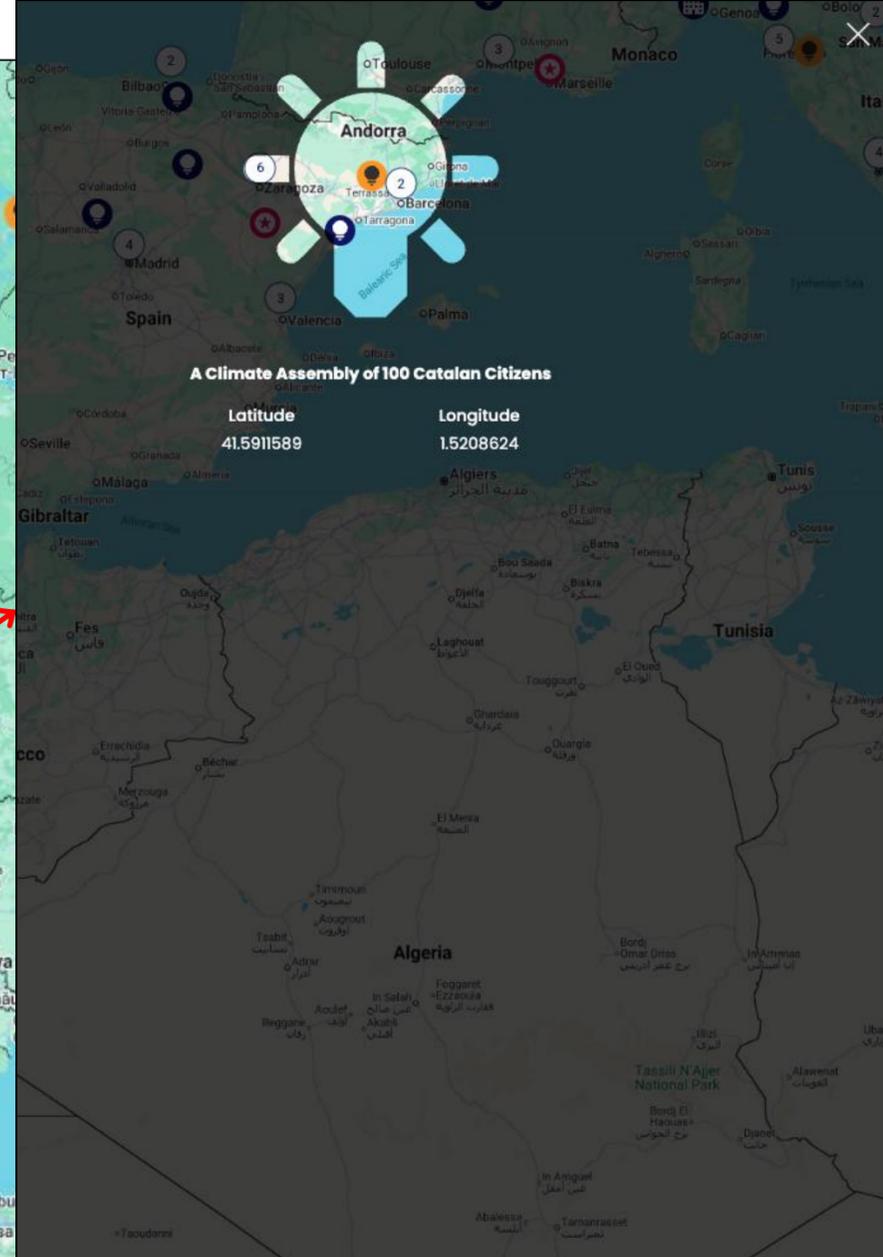
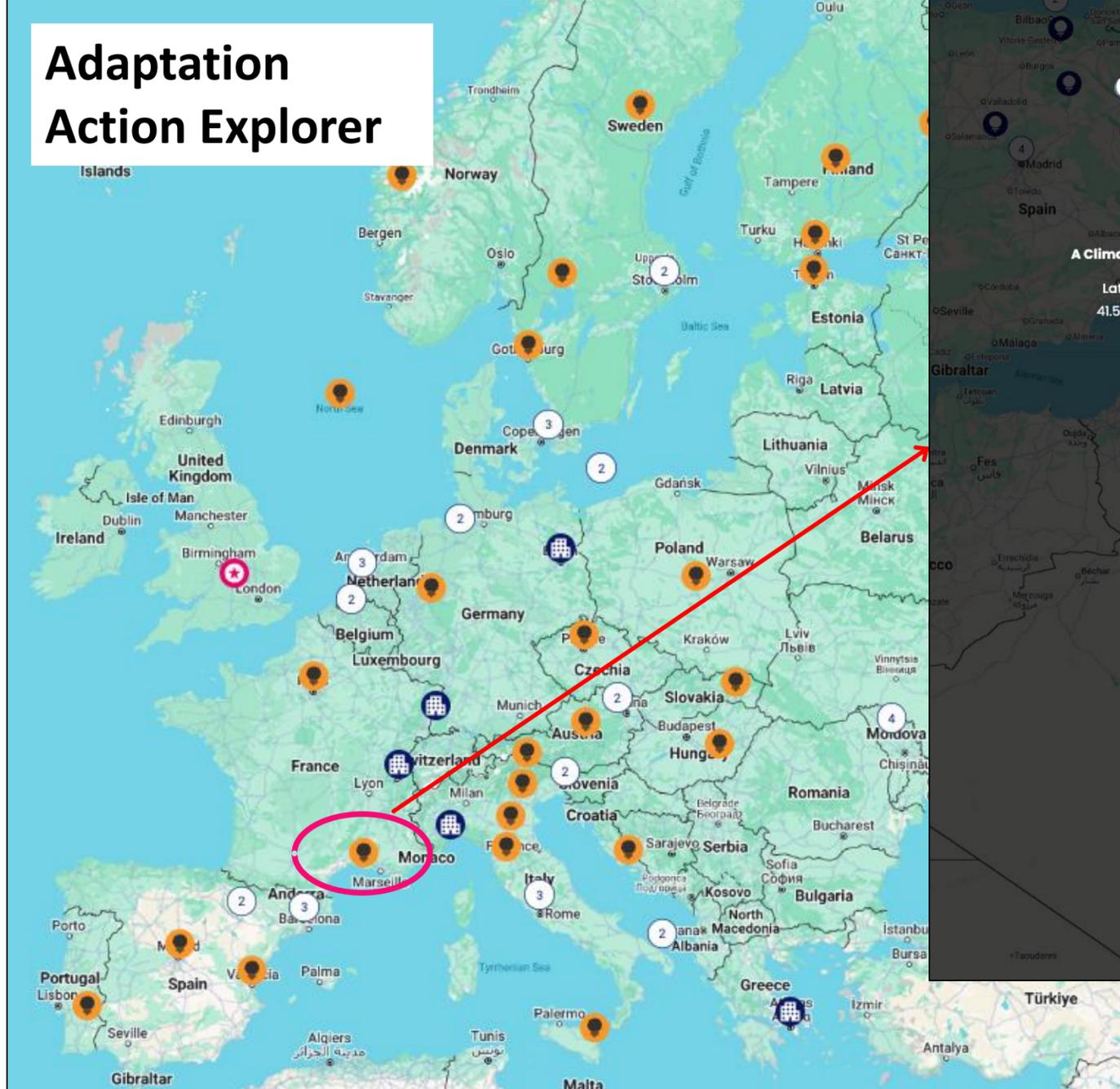
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Governance, institutions and policy

A Climate Assembly of 100 Catalan Citizens

100 Catalan citizens were randomly selected to participate in the six meetings that took place throughout the Catalan region between November 18, 2023 and February 10, 2024. Applying a dilemma-based approach during the whole assembly, participants worked first with experts and other stakeholders, before initiating discussions that ended up with a total of 48 (forty-eight) recommendations.

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Introduction

In October 2023, 20,000 invitations were sent across the Catalan population and 100 Catalan citizens were randomly selected to ensure representativity of the diverse social profiles in terms of age, gender, educational level, territory or origin. **The Assembly comprised an initial 100 randomly selected citizens, 83 of whom participated in the six meetings that took place throughout the Catalan region between November 18, 2023 and February 10, 2024.**

Applying a dilemma-based approach during the whole assembly, participants worked first with experts and other stakeholders, before initiating discussions that ended up with a total of 48 (forty-eight) recommendations. **The selected topics were:**

- Climate change and the deployment of renewable energies,
- Climate change and agri-food model for the future.

The Catalan Climate Assembly ended in February 2024 and now is the time to draw some lessons. We interviewed the Government of Catalonia organizing team: Pablo García Arcos (Head of Strategic and Transversal Projects) and Núria Pérez Milán (consultant) from the Subdirectorate of Citizen Participation.

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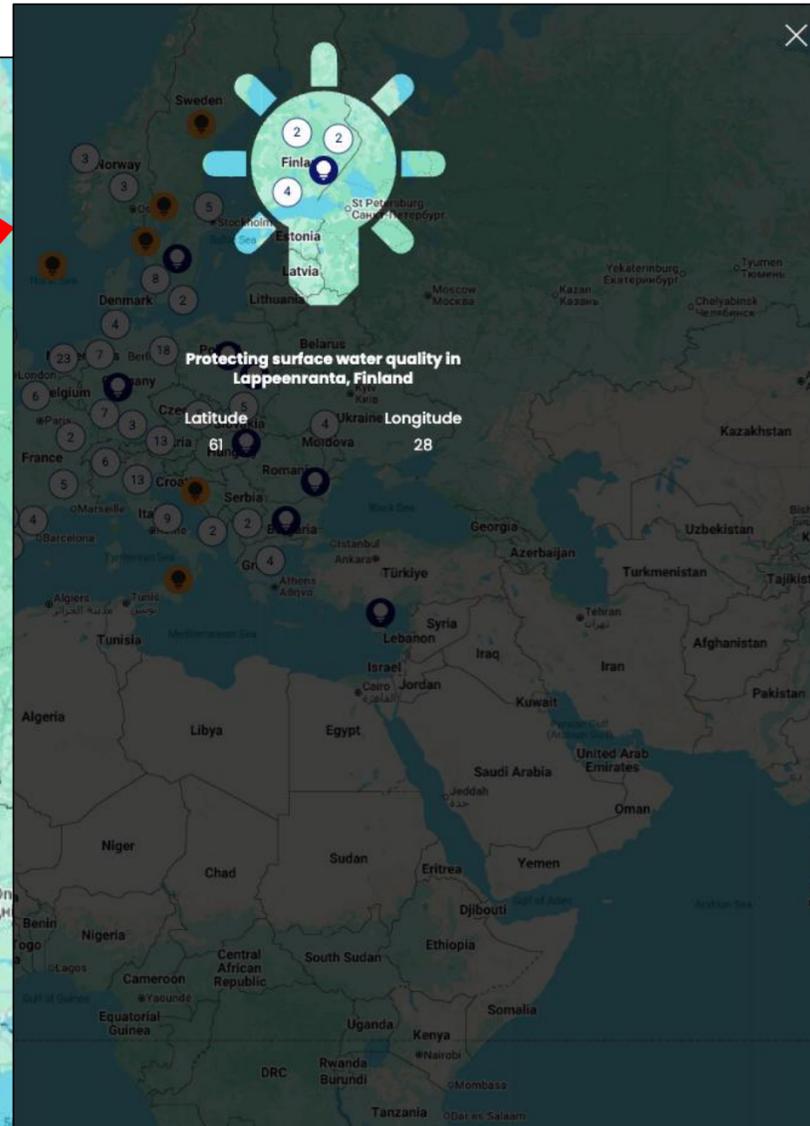
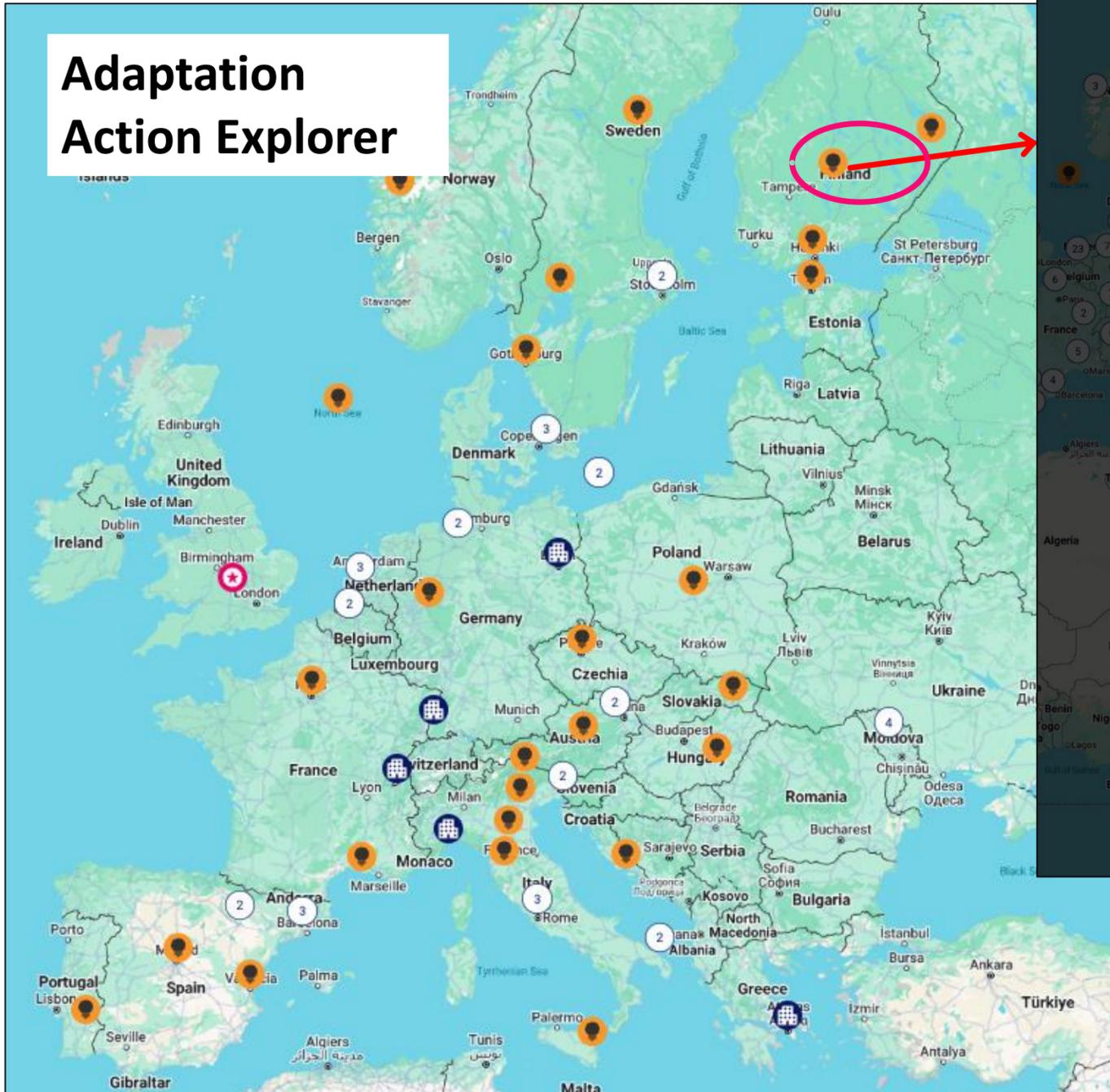
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Protecting surface water quality in Lappeenranta, Finland

A stormwater management program integrates infrastructure and nature-based solutions to guarantee high quality standards for lake water in Lappeenranta, Finland...

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Summary

A stormwater management program integrates infrastructure and nature-based solutions to guarantee high quality standards for lake water in Lappeenranta, Finland, where climate change will raise human health risk due to deteriorating drinking and bathing water quality in Lake Saimaa. Lappeenranta is a medium-sized city (73,000 inhabitants) on the shore of Lake Saimaa in south-eastern Finland. The city is facing significant climate change risks from increased rainfall, extreme weather and flood events. Flood water and water from melting snow carry... [Read more](#)

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About this Case Study

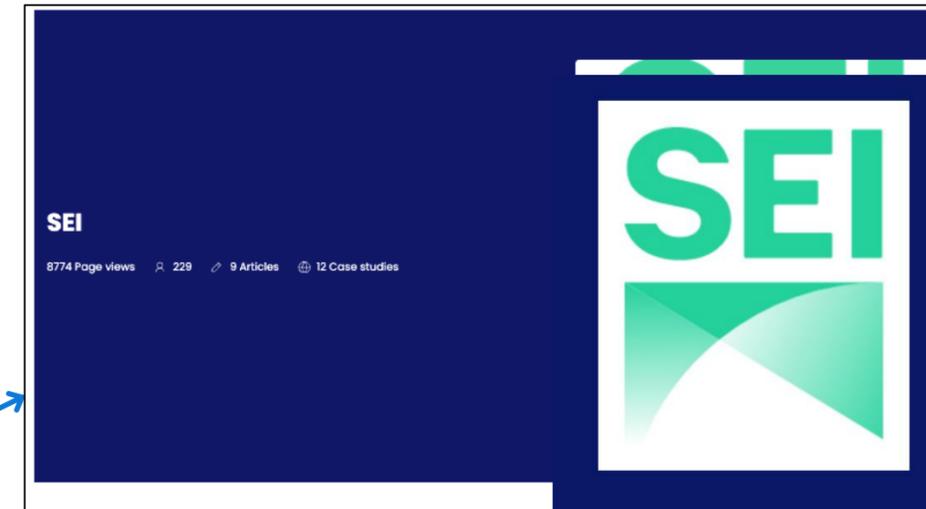
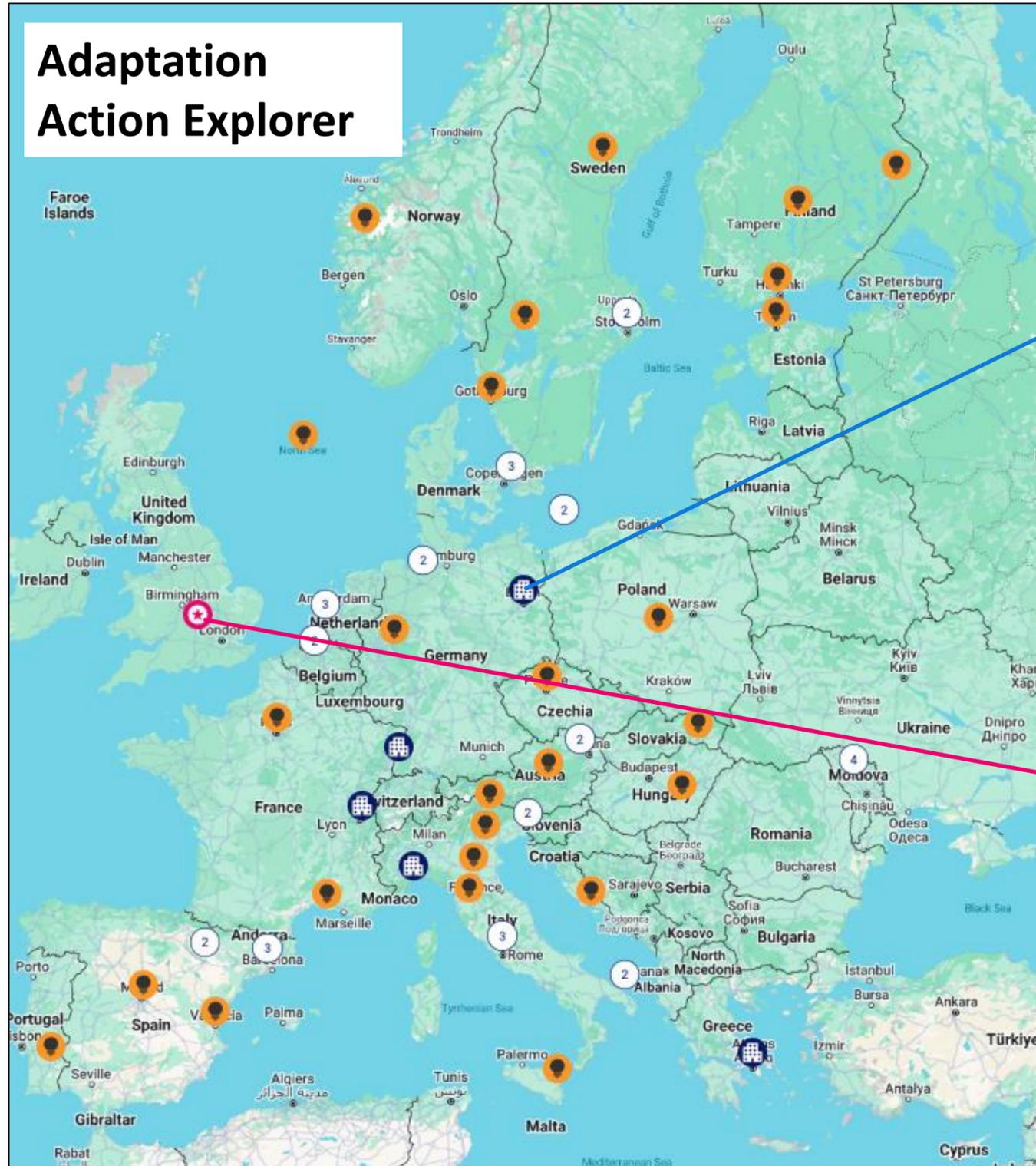
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Implementation Region:
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To promote debate and share knowledge we collaborate with practitioners, and engage with policy processes throughout the world.



Sukaina Bharwani

Sukaina is an interdisciplinary senior researcher with a background in both social anthropology and computer science. This...

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A webinar exploring potential synergies and collaboration between European national, regional and transnational climate adaptation (knowledge) platforms (CAPs), focussing on policy and practice.

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European Commission-funded Projects and Climate Adaptation Platform Webinar

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A webinar exploring potential synergies and collaboration between European national, regional and transnational climate adaptation (knowledge) platforms (CAPs), EC-funded projects, and the Mission on Adaptation.

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Events and summaries

Past Events



ClimTip webinar "Reconciled warning signals in observations and models suggest a nearing AMOC tipping point"

Key details Title: Reconciled warning signals in observations and models suggest a nearing AMOC tipping point Speaker: Yechul Shin (Seoul National...

March 4, 2025 2:00 pm – March 4, 2025 3:00 pm

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Engaging local communities in heatwave preparedness and response: a dialogue with the city of Malmö and Valencia

This event is part of a series addressing key issues related to climate and public participation. This focuses on a dialogue engaging communities with heatwave preparedness and response

December 5, 2024 10:00 am – December 5, 2024 11:30 am

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Different challenges in different contexts: Participatory experiences and climate adaptation in Rome and Friuli Venezia Giulia



Citizens together for climate adaptation

Join Adaptation AGORA Final Event "Citizens together for climate adaptation" on the 11th of November!

November 11, 2025 10:00 am – November 11, 2025 12:00 pm

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Webinar: Connecting knowledge to policy and practice

A webinar exploring potential synergies and collaboration between European national, regional and transnational climate adaptation (knowledge) platforms (CAPs), focussing on policy and practice.

October 3, 2024 2:00 pm – October 3, 2024 4:00 pm

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European Commission Projects and Climate Adaptation Platform Webinar

A webinar exploring potential synergies and collaboration between European national, regional and transnational climate adaptation (knowledge) platforms (CAPs), EC-funded and the Mission on Adaptation

February 7, 2024 12:30 pm – February 7, 2024 2:00 pm

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European Commission-funded Projects and Climate Adaptation Platform Webinar

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Background

A number of European Commission (EC)-funded projects and the EU Mission Adaptation Community of Practice include as part of their respective work programmes, engaging with European national and regional/transnational climate adaptation (knowledge) platforms (CAPs). These projects include:

- Maximizing the synergy of European research Governance and Innovation for Climate Action ([MAGICA](#)),
- Maximising impact and accessibility of European climate Research ([MAIA](#)),
- A Gathering place to co-design and co-create Adaptation ([AGORA](#)), and
- Supporting and Developing Widening Strategies to tackle Hydroclimatic Extreme Events: Impacts and Sustainable solutions for cultural heritage ([SD-WISHEES](#)).

These discussions led to the decision to hold a webinar that would bring together these CAPs and EC-funded projects, along with the Mission on Adaptation to explore potential synergies, share insights and foster collaboration to advance climate adaptation initiatives. As such, the key objectives of this webinar were identified as:

- Sharing these EC-funded projects' details and intentions and experiences with CAPs.
- Presenting the Mission Adaptation and its Community of Practice – to invite CAPs to join.
- Engaging and fostering a dialogue between these EC-funded projects and European CAPs – exploring how EC-funded projects could collaborate with CAPs and strengthen each other.
- Identifying and exploring opportunities for synergies and collaboration between projects and CAPs.

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Roger Street

Research Associate

For over 35 years, Roger has engaged in providing and improving knowledge and evidence that can support adaptation planning...

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Heat Resilience and Health

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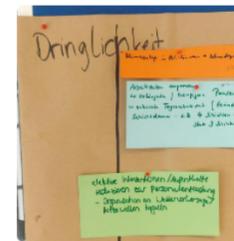
Join Mott MacDonald's expert team for a Lunch and Learn designed to help NHS organisations design, develop and implement best-practice plans in line with the new Climate Adaptation Framework.



 Iris Nefertari Nachtigall Published a Case-study

Focus group #5, pilot region Dresden, healthcare workers

Results of one of the focus groups in the pilot region Dresden. Healthcare workers were invited to talk about heatwaves, their experience with and what could help to handle them.



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Heat resilience in healthcare: a peer-learning exchange with Dresden, Grenoble and Barcelona

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Climate Change Adaptation Knowledge Platforms Community of Practice

This Network, managed by the KE4CAP project, provides a space for adaptation knowledge platform operators and managers to connect and learn from one another.

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Urban Governance Atlas

Summary The Urban Governance Atlas (UGA) is an interactive online database of over 250 good practice policy instruments that support nature-based solutions and ecosystem...

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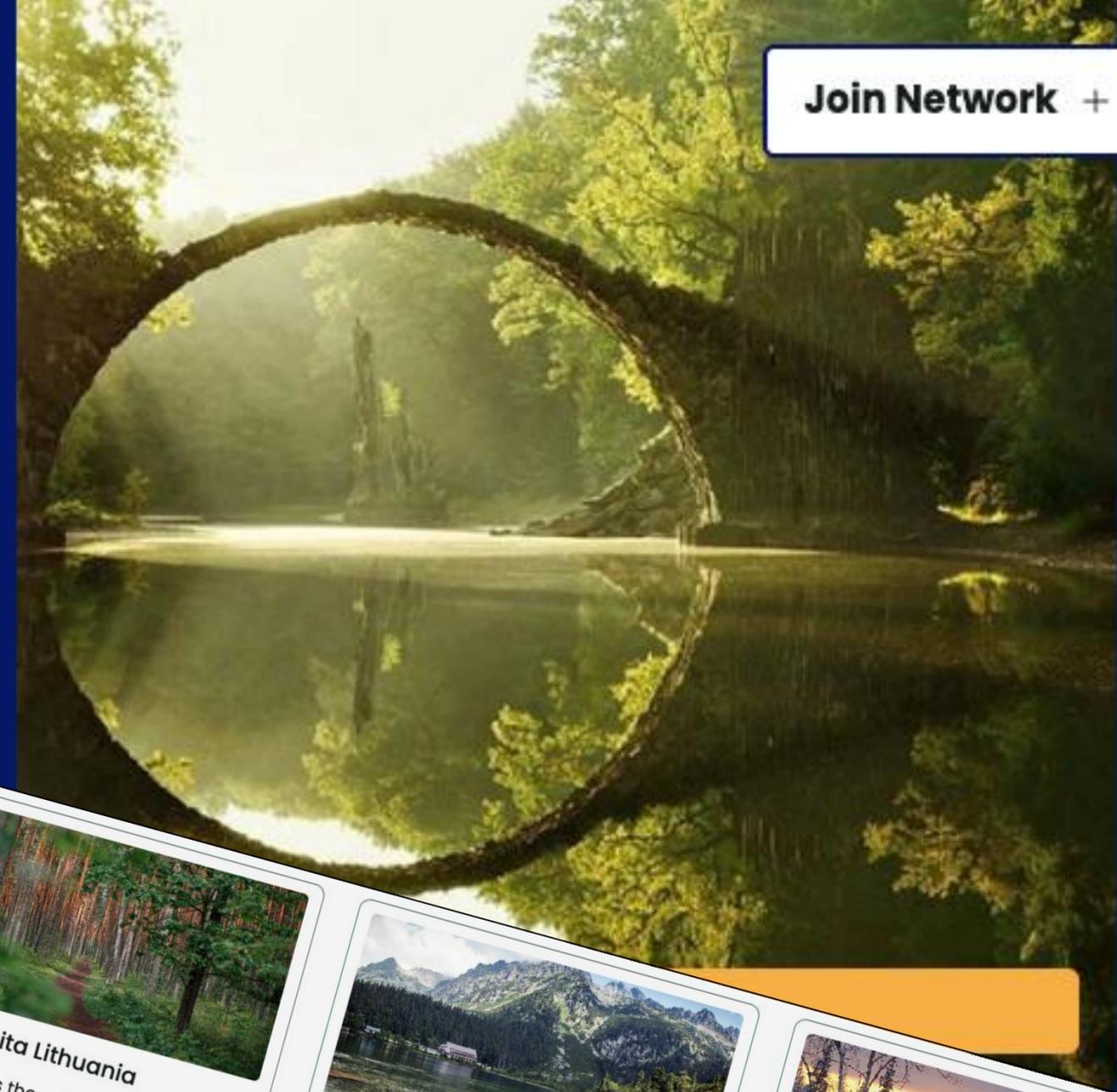
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Global climate change platforms



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RegionsAdapt is a pioneering initiative dedicated to empowering subnational governments worldwide to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

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AdapteCCa

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Greek Climate Change Adaptation Hub

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EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change Portal (MIP4ADAPT)

The EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change empowers European regions and local authorities to achieve climate resilience, aiming to guide at least 150 communities through understanding climate risks, developing pathways for preparation, and implementing innovative solutions by 2030.

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The CCCA is a network agent and mouthpiece for Austrian climate and climate impact research as well as a contact for climate change issues.

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Summary

RegionsAdapt is a pioneering initiative dedicated to empowering subnational governments worldwide to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Driven by the governments of Rio de Janeiro and Catalonia, RegionsAdapt was launched at COP 21 in Paris to galvanize the voice and expertise of regional adaptation and resilience. It is a global platform of 75+ States and regions leading on climate adaptation.

RegionsAdapt mobilises ambition and action on climate adaptation by facilitating access to the latest innovations, tools and best practices at

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Youth and Intergenerational Climate Justice

This is a dedicated space showcasing and supporting young people's climate adaptation work. The Theme features content relevant to youth and intergenerational climate justice, as well as opportunities such as courses, trainings, events, fellowships, and funding to support their efforts.

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Focus Group with Youth Interns in the Swedish Pilot

This case study is part of the Swedish pilot case study within the AGORA project. AGORA promotes societal transformation to empower...

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Exploring Youth Climate Adaptation – Spanish Pilot Case Study

A focus group in the Spanish pilot explored soft skills and engagement methods for heat...



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Toolkit for youth on adaptation and leadership

This Toolkit for Youth on Adaptation & Leadership equips young people with the knowledge and skills to engage in climate adaptation policy, advocacy and action.

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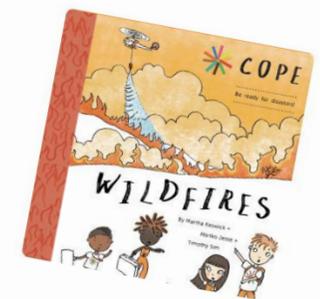


Christine Messervy Published an Article

COPE Books for Children: Wildfires

Learn about disaster risk reduction and wildfires with this illustrated children's book from COPE. This time the COPE Squad travel to Pretoria, South Africa, to meet experts and learn all about wildfires. They put their training to good use when called to San Francisco to help with a real Wildfire.

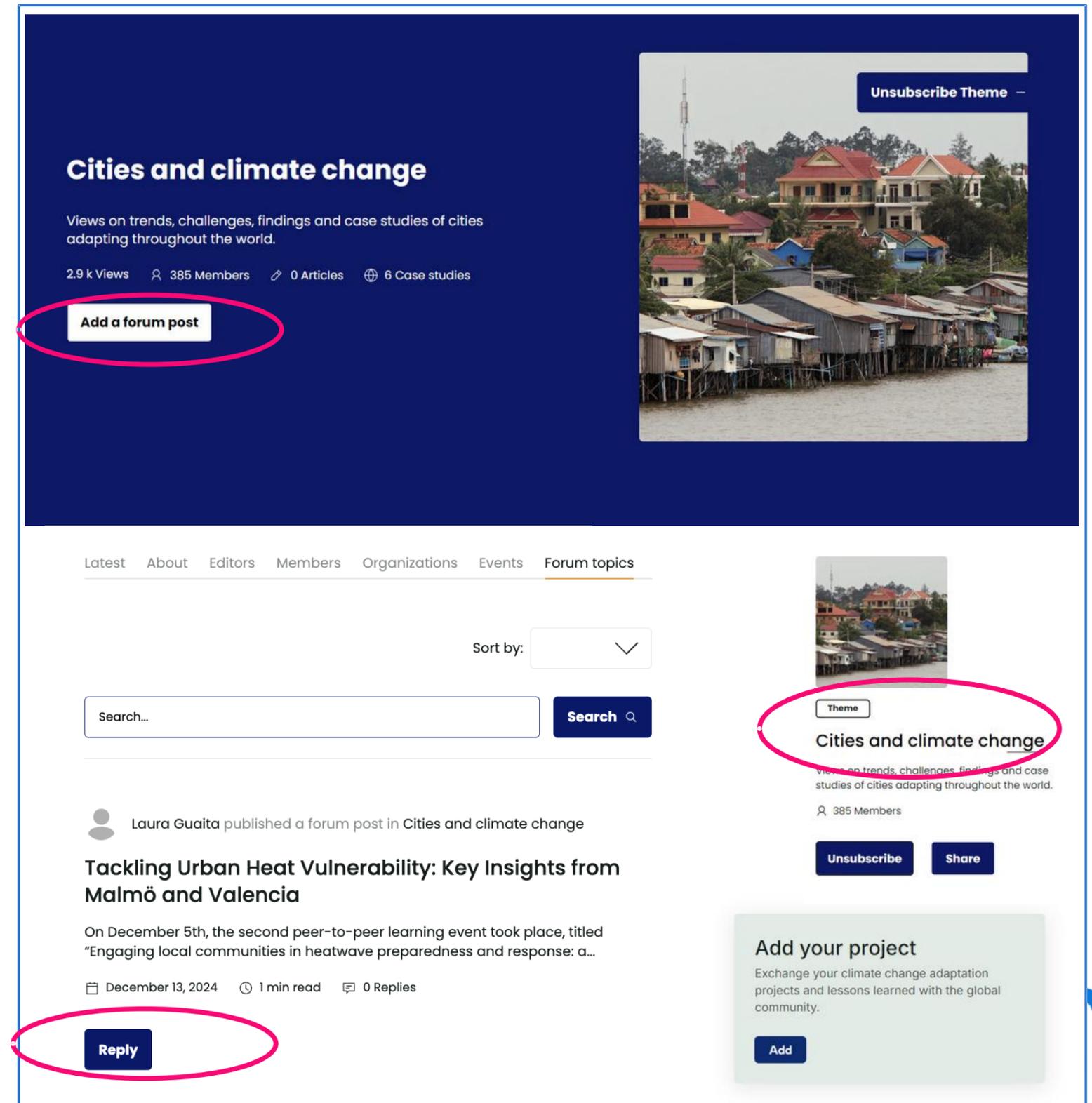
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Community: Connect with peers and join discussions

Discussion forums:

- Ask questions
- Discuss common challenges
- Discover the most popular topics and solutions emerging in the climate change adaptation community
- Coming soon: Message peers



The screenshot shows the 'Cities and climate change' forum page. At the top right, there is an 'Unsubscribe Theme' button. The forum title is 'Cities and climate change' with a subtitle: 'Views on trends, challenges, findings and case studies of cities adapting throughout the world.' Below this, statistics are shown: '2.9 k Views', '385 Members', '0 Articles', and '6 Case studies'. A red circle highlights the 'Add a forum post' button. Below the statistics is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Latest', 'About', 'Editors', 'Members', 'Organizations', 'Events', and 'Forum topics'. A search bar with a 'Search' button and a 'Sort by' dropdown menu is present. A red circle highlights the 'Theme' button next to the forum title. Below the search bar, a forum post by 'Laura Guaita' is displayed, titled 'Tackling Urban Heat Vulnerability: Key Insights from Malmö and Valencia'. The post content starts with 'On December 5th, the second peer-to-peer learning event took place, titled "Engaging local communities in heatwave preparedness and response: a...'. Below the post, there is a 'Reply' button highlighted with a red circle. On the right side, there is a 'Share' button and an 'Add your project' section with an 'Add' button.

IPCC – UNDRR interactive glossary

Heatwave

Have you also considered?

Marine heatwave

Blocking

Heat index

Heat stress

Definition:

A heatwave is a marked warming of the air, or the invasion of very warm air, over a large area; it usually lasts from a few days to a few weeks (WMO, 1992). Alternative definition: A heatwave is a marked unusual period of hot weather over a region persisting for at least two consecutive days during the hot period of the year based on local climatological conditions, with thermal conditions recorded above given thresholds (WMO, 2020). WMO, 2020. [Event Types of Hazards and Extreme Events \(Draft\). World Meteorological Organization \(WMO\)](#). Accessed 9 November 2020.

Keyword sources:

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Cities and climate change

Agora Community Network

Engaging local communities in heatwave preparedness and response: a dialogue with the city of Malmö and Valencia

This event is part of a series addressing key issues related to climate adaptation and public participation. This event focuses on a dialogue engaging local communities with heatwave preparedness and response.



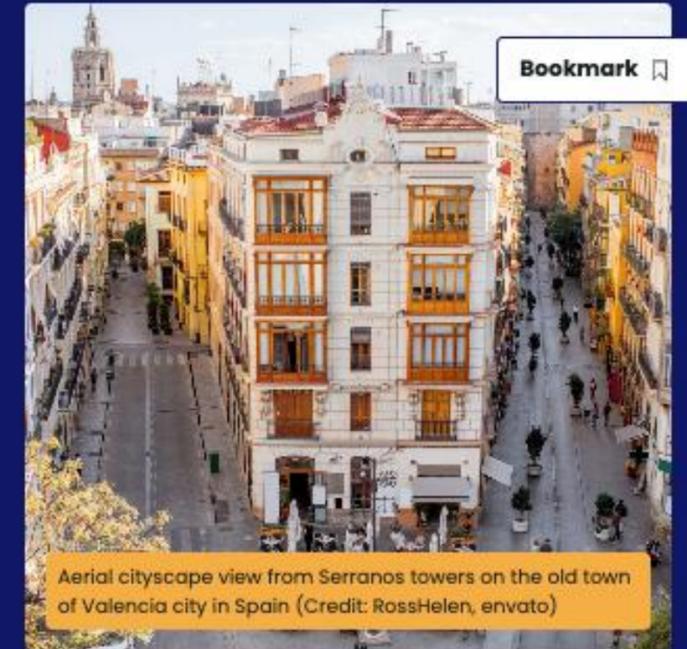
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Aerial cityscape view from Serranos towers on the old town of Valencia city in Spain (Credit: RossHelen, envato)

Background

How are cities dealing with disaster response in relation to heat waves? What engagement strategies do cities put in place to effectively reach and support local communities during extreme heat events?

As part of the Adaptation AGORA project, on December 5th, an online event titled “Engaging local communities in heatwave preparedness and response: a dialogue with the cities of Malmö and Valencia” focused on inclusive engagement strategies for adaptation to extreme heat events. The session provided the space to share insights, challenges, and practical approaches or solutions on how to best engage and protect local communities, especially the groups who are disproportionately affected by heatwaves.

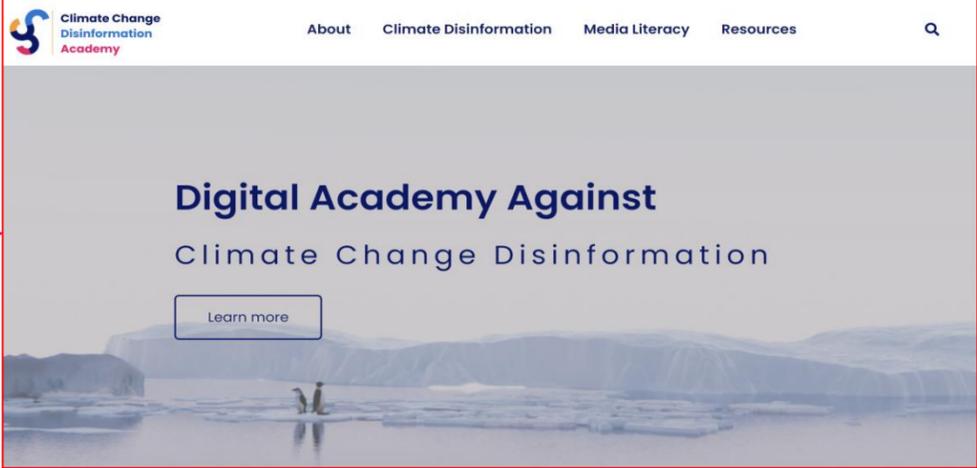
Additional Digital Tools



Academies

AGORA provides two Digital Academies to support citizens and stakeholders to access open-source climate data for adaptation and tackle climate change disinformation.

[Academy on Climate Risk](#) [Academy on Disinformation](#)



Climate Change Disinformation Academy

About Climate Disinformation Media Literacy Resources

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Digital Handbook

The Digital Handbook will focus on sharing the experiences from the Agora project.

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Agora App

A gamified mobile app aims to support the education of citizens on climate change adaptation and counter disinformation campaigns through an entertaining and engaging approach.

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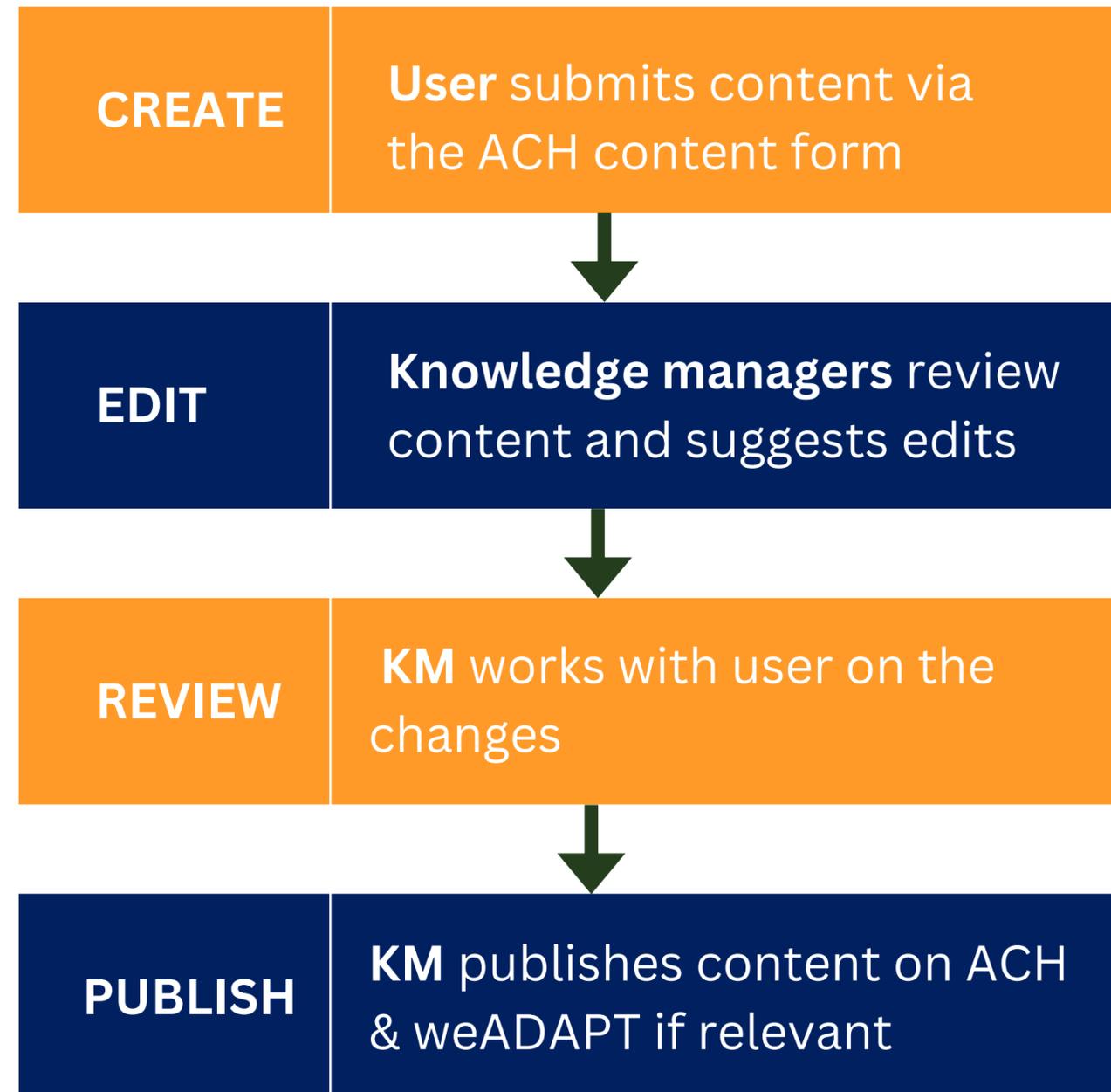
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- 1. Register or log in
- 2. Upload one item (project, event, case study)
- 3. Explore someone else's post and leave a comment or like

- Challenge: Upload one piece of content that represents your work or organization.

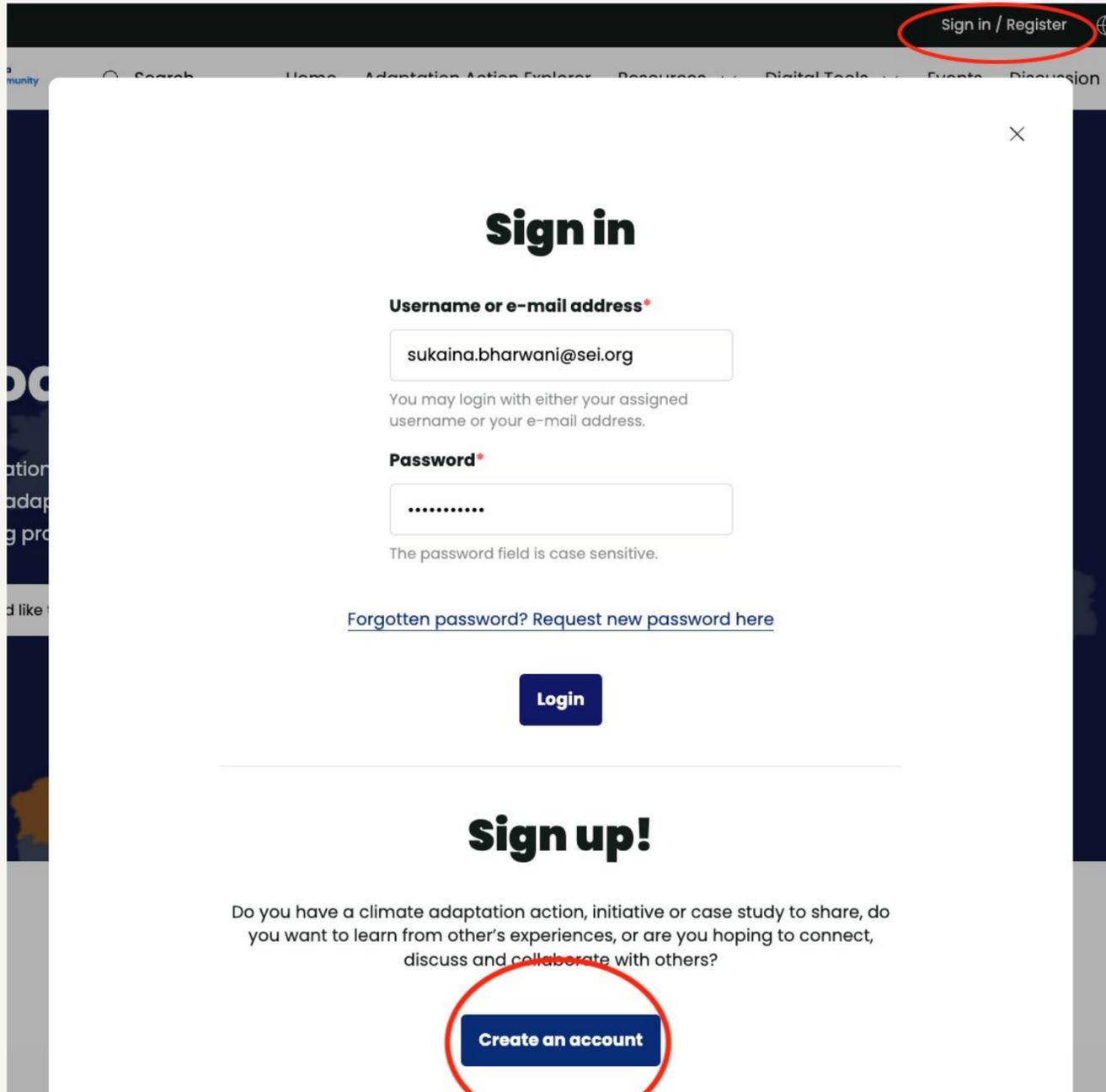
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Register

1. www.agoracommunity.org
2. Create an account



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The AdapteCCa platform is a platform for exchange of information on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change facilitates coordination and transfer of information, knowledge and experiences.



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1. Fill out your details
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3. Tick to accept our T&C and Privacy Policy
4. Welcome email will arrive in your inbox

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Create an account

Register for a free Agora Community Hub account and start adding your climate adaptation activities. If you already have an account then please log in.

First Name*

Last Name*

Username*

Spaces are allowed; punctuation is not allowed except for periods, hyphens, apostrophes, and underscores.

E-mail address*

A valid e-mail address. All e-mails from the system will be sent to this address. The e-mail address is not made public and will only be used if you wish to receive a new password or certain notifications by e-mail.

Password*

Password strength:



Confirm Password*

Provide a password for the new account in both fields.

Roles

Advocacy
Capacity building / training
Climate scientist
Communications

Country*

Select Country

Town/City*

County

Register

1. When asked if you want to complete your Organization details, choose “Maybe later”
2. Tell us more about yourself and add a picture if you like
3. Now you can use the simple online [form for uploading content](#) and a [form for uploading events](#)

Edit Profile

Account settings **Tell us more about you** Personal details

Tell us more about you

Profile picture



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About me

Please provide a short description of yourself that you would like others to see (this can be edited later)

Job title

Please provide your Job Title. This will be displayed below your name around the site.

Subjects of interest

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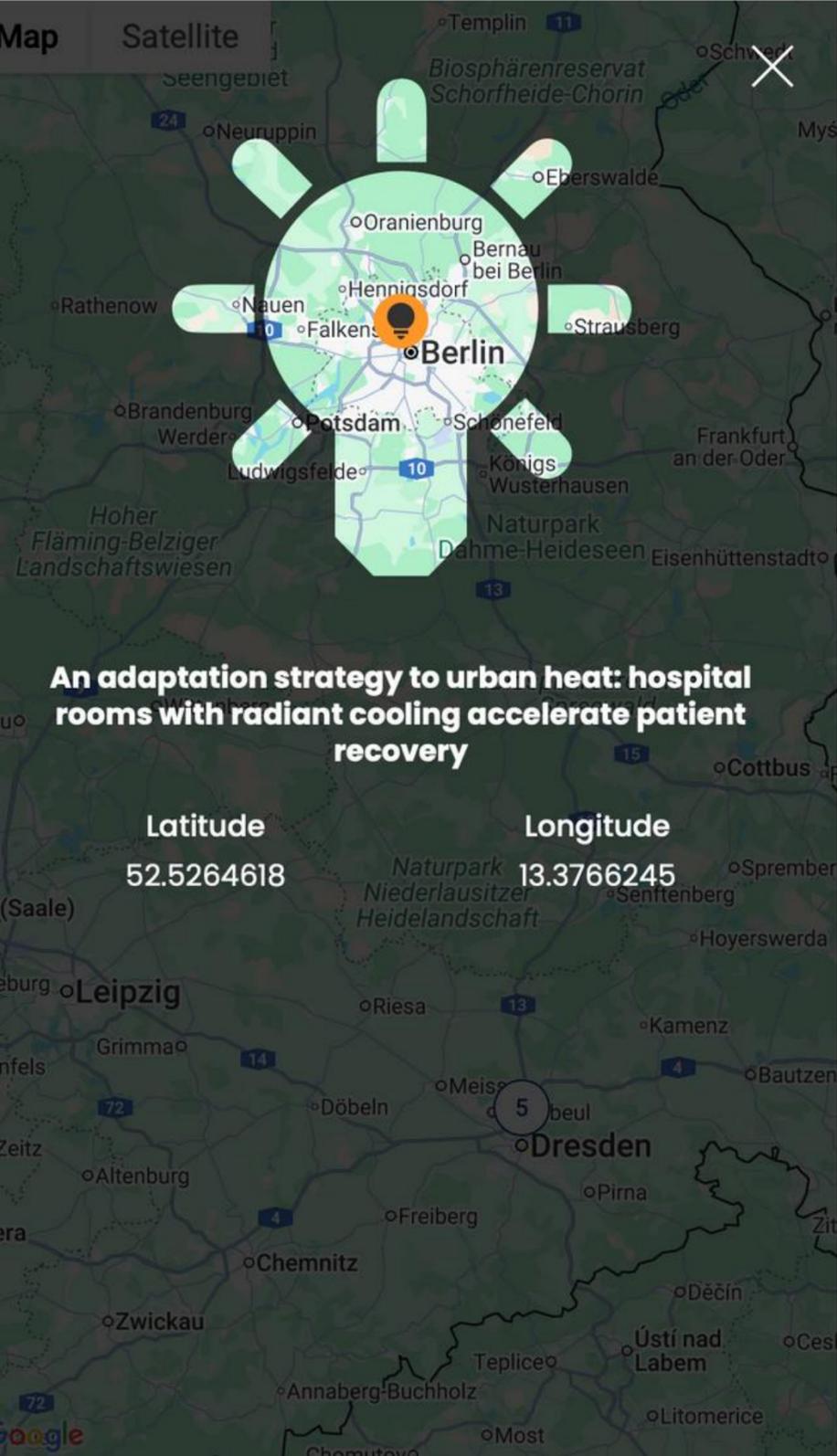
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Heat Resilience and Health

Vulnerability

An adaptation strategy to urban heat: hospital rooms with radiant cooling accelerate patient recovery

Equipping hospital rooms with radiant cooling at a constant comfortable temperature notably quickens discharge, stabilizes vital signs, reduces fluid consumption, and boosts activity levels in patients with respiratory conditions during summer months.

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This study therefore explores **radiant cooling**—which avoids air circulation and potential infection spread—as an alternative adaptation measure. The researchers initiated a randomized controlled trial to assess whether cooling patient rooms via radiant systems could improve outcomes, using length of hospital stay as the primary measure, supplemented by physiological and activity indicators.

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Results

The randomized controlled trial compared patients with respiratory diseases placed in radiant-cooled hospital rooms versus standard mechanically ventilated rooms during a heatwave.

It also demonstrated a safe alternative to air conditioning, avoiding potential issues of pathogen spread from air circulation.

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Original publication

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Heat Resilience and Health

This theme sheds light on the links between extreme heat and health, highlighting the challenges and

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respiratory exacerbations during hot periods. This suggests radiant cooling as a viable adaptation measure to mitigate the health impacts of warming climates within healthcare settings and improve patient outcomes.

Citation

Hoffmann, C., Liebers, U., Humbsch, P., Bölke, G., Drozdek, M., & Witt, C. (2021). Hospital rooms with radiant cooling accelerate patient recovery. ERJ Open Research, 7(3). <https://doi.org/10.1183/23120541.00166-2021>

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Heatwaves, hospitals and health system resilience in England: a qualitative assessment of frontline perspectives from the hot summer of 2019

This study shows how the 2019 heatwave disrupted hospital care in England, highlighting infrastructure weaknesses, staff awareness gaps, and competing priorities, and calls for stronger adaptation planning and



Contributing organisations

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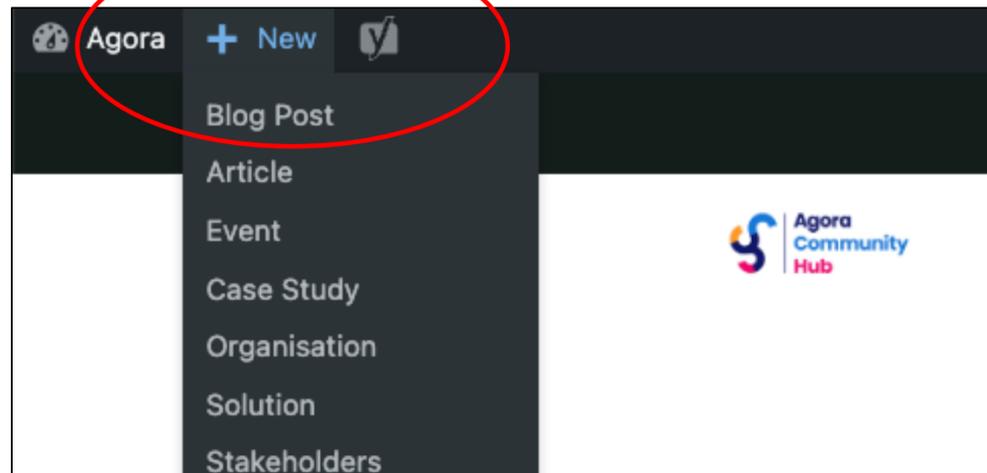
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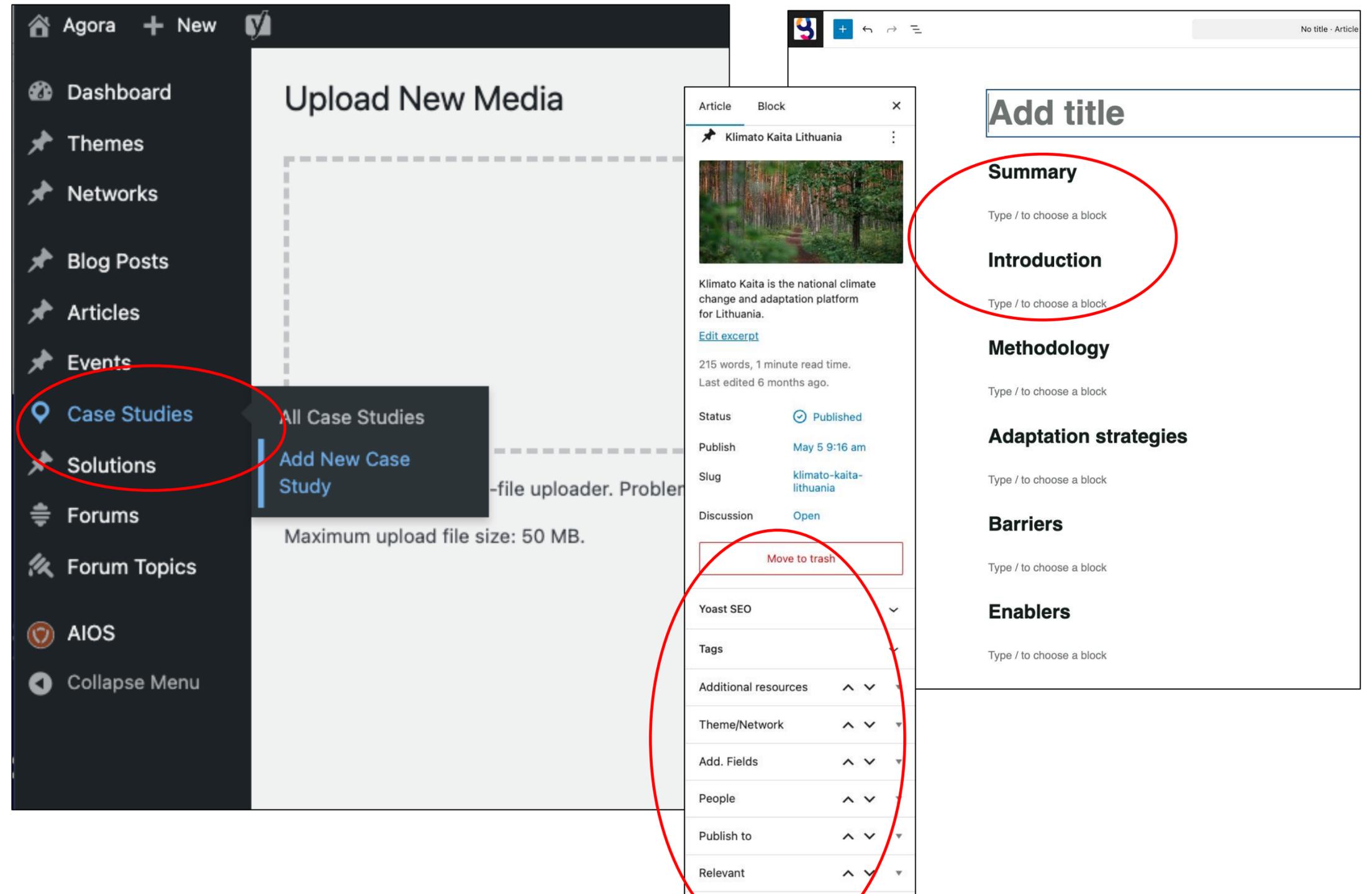
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Section 1: Contributor details

Agora Community Hub- content upload form



Submit your content!

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the Agora Community Hub. Please use this form to submit your content.

What you'll need to complete:

1. Contributor details;
2. Content type;
3. Content details;
4. Content main body (this is the main text that will appear on the content page);
5. Final checks.

Content requirements:

Before submitting your event information, please make sure your content meets the following criteria:

- Relevant to climate change adaptation and citizen engagement in Europe, or a closely related field (e.g. synergies with mitigation, water security, nature-based solutions, etc.).
- Open access – freely available to the public.
- Previously published elsewhere, such as on an institutional website, in a peer-reviewed journal, or as part of a public report.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rosie Witton: rosie.witton@sei.org.

Section 1

1. Contributor details

1. Full name: *

Enter your answer

2. Email address: *

Enter your answer

3. Organization: *

Enter your answer

4. What country are you based in?

Enter your answer

5. Are you already a registered member of the Agora Community Hub? *(Note: At least one author must be registered to publish content on the Agora Community Hub)* *

Yes

No

Unsure

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Section 2: Content type



2. Content type

6. What type of content are you submitting? *

- Content with a publication (report, paper, brief, guidance note, toolkits etc.)
- Blog, commentary, or perspective piece
- Announcement of an upcoming event
- Summary of a past event (with summary or recording)
- Course / training resource
- Other

7. Is your content country, region or city specific? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

8. If your content is location specific, please specify the country, region or city (*this is so we can add it to our the Agora Explorer Map: be as specific as possible*):

Enter your answer

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Section 3: Content details

3. Content details

If adding an "Event" please **skip to Section 4**(Event details) - otherwise add details about your content here.

Note: We do not accept original content. Only previously published content can be submitted.

9. Content title: *

Enter your answer

10. One sentence summary overview (this will feature under the title):

Enter your answer

11. Content authors (first name, last name): *

Enter your answer

12. Author emails (this is optional - we will use this to contact the authors to let them know the content has been uploaded on the Agora Community Hub): *

Enter your answer

13. Organizations involved in publishing the content (e.g. author affiliations): *

Enter your answer

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Section 3: Content details



14. Key words (list up to 15): *

Enter your answer

15. Recommended citation (optional)

Enter your answer

16. Please provide the link where your content was originally published: *

Enter your answer

17. Please email us any supporting documents (header image, original publication, other images or supporting documents): Rosie.witton@sei.org *

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- I will share the original publication via email
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Section 4: Content main body

Section 4



4. Content main body

This corresponds to the text that will appear in the main body of the content page.

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- **Publications:** Provide a summary or abridged version (with headings like Introduction, Methodology, Key findings, Lessons learnt).
- **Blogs/commentaries:** May be reposted in full. Please share the link of the site where the blog was originally published.
- **Events:** Provide key details about the event and speakers.

18. Introduction *

Enter your answer

19. Methodology (if relevant to the content you are adding)

Enter your answer

20. Additional section relevant to your content (this can reflect the sections/structure in your content)

Enter your answer

21. Additional section relevant to your content (this can reflect the sections/structure in your content)

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22. Additional section relevant to your content (this can reflect the sections/structure in your content)

Enter your answer

23. Conclusion/key points *

Enter your answer

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- At least one author is registered on Agora Community Hub
- The content is free and open access
- The content is relevant to Adaptation in the European context

25. Is there anything else you would like to add: *

Enter your answer

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Section 1: Contributor details



Agora Community Hub - event upload form

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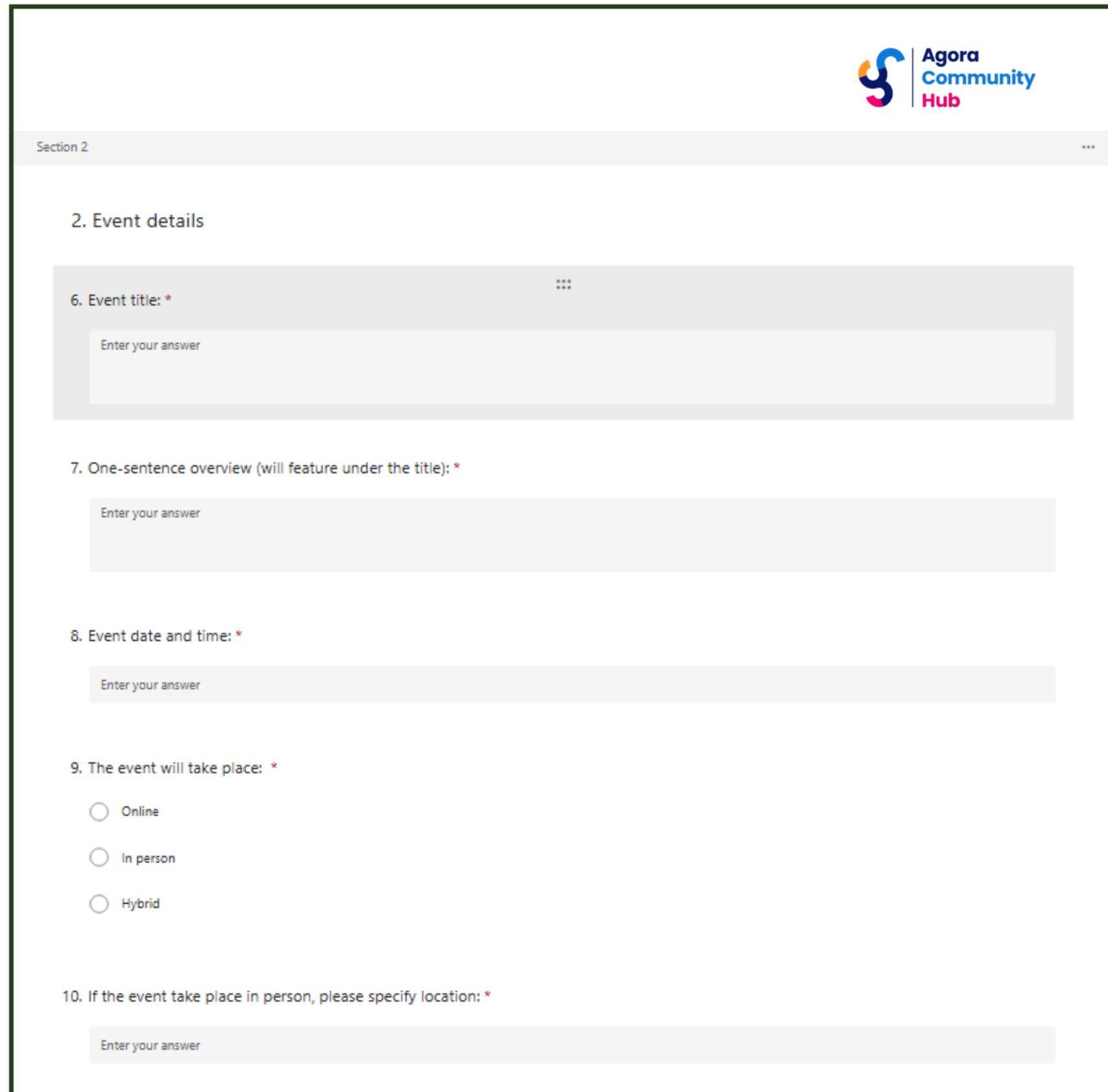
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Section 2: Event details



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Section 2 ...

2. Event details

6. Event title: * ⋮

Enter your answer

7. One-sentence overview (will feature under the title): *

Enter your answer

8. Event date and time: *

Enter your answer

9. The event will take place: *

Online

In person

Hybrid

10. If the event take place in person, please specify location: *

Enter your answer

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Section 2: Event details



11. If the event takes place online, please specify which platform will host it (e.g. Zoom, Teams or else): *

Enter your answer

12. Is your content country, region or city specific? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

13. If your content is location specific, please specify the country, region or city:

Enter your answer

14. Provide key details/a summary of the event, agenda, and speakers. *

Enter your answer

15. Link for more information and registration: *

Enter your answer

16. Please email us any supporting documents (header image, other images or supporting documents): rosie.witton@sei.org *

- I will share a header (and/or other) images via email
- I will share other supporting documents via email
- I have no other supporting files to share

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Section 3: Final checks



3. Final checks

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- The content is relevant to Adaptation in the European context

18. Is there anything else you would like to add: *

Enter your answer

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The screenshot shows the user profile for Sukaina Bharwani on the Agora Community Hub. The profile includes a circular profile picture, a bio stating she is an interdisciplinary senior researcher in social anthropology and computer science, and statistics for 3 badges and 8 followers. Below the profile are two featured posts: a webinar on connecting knowledge to policy and practice, and another webinar on European Commission-funded projects and climate adaptation. A sidebar on the right shows the user's affiliation with SEI, which has 224 members. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Agora Explorer, Pilots, Resources, Connect, Events, and About.





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