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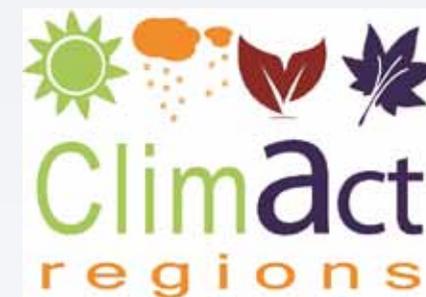
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## ■ CLIMACTREGIONS CONTEXT

In the global context of fighting climate change, the European Union (EU) has committed itself to reduce its GHG emissions by at least 20% by 2020. The ClimactRegions project is part of this effort and aims to strengthen regional capacity to develop and implement policies to reduce GHG.

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## ■ CLIMACTREGIONS BEST PRACTICES

Best practice case studies show how regional and local authorities have carried out initiatives in their territories that they consider could be easily replicated by others.

More than 60 regions from 23 countries have shared 140 best practice examples on: observation of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions; regional and local strategies; sustainable energy action plans and the actions stemming from them; and implementing regional and local governance.



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ClimactRegions wants to improve the capacity of regions to build and apply GHG reduction policies, in order to contribute to climate protection. This main objective brings about two more specific objectives:

- enable regions to efficiently monitor and observe energy and greenhouse gases,
- develop regional policies for greenhouse gas mitigation using good governance processes.

With the identification of European best practice, ClimactRegions released three manuals:

### THE OBSERVATION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The GHG observation system is a powerful tool and the choices of a methodology and approach for implementing it are not neutral. In fact, they contribute strongly to building a representation of the regional impact of climate change and a framework for identifying areas of responsibilities and priorities for action. The tools for GHG accounting and observation must provide an overall picture of GHG emissions and must not be geographically limited to administrative boundaries for analysis (an approach suggested by the concept of "territorial emissions"). It is therefore important to look at the overall picture of sustainable development in a context of solidarity with future generations, solidarity between neighbouring territories, and finally solidarity with the entire planet.

### STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE

Local groups and regions have a leading role to play in facing climate challenges. They possess not only a thorough knowledge of local conditions, resources and needs, but also know the expectations of citizens. They

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assign public financing and complete projects with long term effects on key sectors. This way, they contribute towards shaping tomorrow's territories. They provide the necessary impetus for taking action and prove that effective action is possible. Climate action is also an opportunity to strengthen local democracy by intensifying debates for negotiating changes that will have major impact on territories and lifestyles.

### DEDICATED MODES OF GOVERNANCE

Efficient governance processes for effective climate change mitigation actions involve complex and controversial solutions (changes in land use, access to and shared use of resources, etc.) requiring the involvement of multiple players at different levels. They reveal gaps relating to traditional government institutions and to areas of public policy intervention.

Governance processes are designed to provide support, expertise and advocacy for the design and joint execution of environmental policies. They offer the possible involvement of a variety of players at different levels and the opportunity to assist in defining and implementing a collective project through an open process of interaction and cooperation