



ADAPTATION



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION COUNCIL AND STRATEGY

GABROVO, BULGARIA

The aim of the measure was to establish a Regional Council for Climate Change Adaptation and the to develop an adaptation strategy to support the regional policy in promoting Nature-based Solutions (NBS). The region lacks a comprehensive overview of its adaptation challenges and they do not have an adaptation strategy that can pave the way for NBS-focused climate adaptation programmes and projects. The role of the Regional Council was to bring together different actors in the region to identify/discuss main adaptation challenges, create the main components for the adaptation strategy and identify specific implementation actions.



HAZARDS ADDRESSED

- Extreme heat, droughts, and water scarcity
- Heavy precipitation and flooding



SOLUTIONS

- Strategy for water management



FUNDING

- Local government's own funds

STATUS OF MEASURE





DIRECT BENEFITS

- Improved water and soil quality
- Healthier habitat and biodiversity
- Safety and perception of safety
- Disaster risk management capacity of the region



CO-BENEFITS

- Increased collaboration among neighbouring municipalities



STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED

- The 4 municipalities of Gabrovo region
- Experts from regional inspectorates of Environment and Waters



NEXT STEPS TO PROGRESS AND/OR UPSCALE THE MEASURE:

The Regional Government, in cooperation with the experts of the Council, will need to complete the assessment of the regional rivers and streams to have a systematic understanding of their status as well as the flood and drought risks the region is facing. In the frame of the common Water Management Strategy, each municipality needs to elaborate a Plan for managing water basins, including cleaning and maintaining riverbeds and applying NBS where possible.