

ADAPTATION



INTEGRATING ADAPTATION IN THE CLIMATE CITY CONTRACT

THESSALONIKI, GREECE

The City of Thessaloniki received technical support to set up the baseline for the Climate City Contract. More specifically, the support included the following:

- Map the local climate adaptation measures with mitigation co-benefits
- Identification of the interconnections between different ongoing strategies, plans, and financial resources
- Coordination of two multi-stakeholder workshops for co-creating the city's vision and a roadmap for achieving climate neutrality and mainstreaming adaptation;
- Preparations of the recommendations for mainstreaming cultural heritage sector into Climate City Contract.

The Climate City Contract will be submitted in the autumn.



HAZARDS ADDRESSED

- Extreme heat, droughts, and water scarcity
- Heavy precipitation and flooding
- Storms (severe wind, cyclone, lightning, storm surge)
- Climate change health impacts



SOLUTIONS

- N/A



FUNDING

- Local government's own funds
- Regional grants
- National grants
- EU/International grants
- Public Private Partnership

STATUS OF MEASURE





DIRECT BENEFITS

With the upcoming City Climate Contract, the City of Thessaloniki will create a transparent roadmap for securing sustainability of future investments in climate mitigation (climate neutrality) and adaptation.



CO-BENEFITS

- City Climate Contract seeks to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. Its action plan will provide co-benefits to adaptation measures and align primarily with SDGs 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13.



STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED

Different groups of stakeholders were invited in workshops during the Policy Support Facility programme. The primary goals of engagement were to:

1. Collect their insights on climate adaptation actions for the city of Thessaloniki
2. Secure their commitment to supporting the upcoming Climate City Contract from their positions
3. Provide capacity building for effective implementation of the proposed actions.



NEXT STEPS TO PROGRESS AND/OR UPSCALE THE MEASURE:

Next steps include acquiring additional funding, establishing mechanism for multi-stakeholder collaboration (horizontal and vertical), and acquiring human resources within the municipality.