

# H2020 GREEN DEAL CALL 'INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING EVENT'

Workshop 2: Climate Change

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Topic 1: Preventing and fighting extreme wildfires with

the integration and demonstration of

innovative means

#### **Challenge:**

- Wildfires are among the first contributors to climate change, with up to 20% of total global greenhouse gas emissions per year
- Southern Europe, but increasingly also in Central, Eastern and Northern Europe
- Large wildfires degrade air quality through the direct emissions of toxic pollutants, affecting first responders and local residents
- Populations in regions far away from the wildfires can be exposed to other pollutants as the air is transported, with short- and long-term impact on human health
- Ecosystem degradation and rural depopulation increase the depth and breadth of wildfires in the EU

IA: 15-20 M €/Project (indicative budget 72 M €) CSA: 2-3 M €/Project (indicative budget: 3 M €)





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#### Type:

Innovation Action (IA) / Coordination and Support Action (CSA)

#### **Cross cutting priorities:**

International Cooperation encouraged

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**Scope:** Address **ONLY ONE** of the following subtopics!

#### Subtopic 1 - IA

- Speed up the pan-European adaptation process to extreme wildfires by advancing and applying research and innovation
- Including demonstration pilot sites
- best use of existing data (e.g. remote sensing, in-situ or community-based data), technologies (e.g. Big Data and Artificial Intelligence) and services (as Copernicus, Galileo and EGNOS)
- Cover <u>all phases</u> of fire management:
  - Phase A Prevention and Preparedness
  - Phase B Detection and Response
  - Phase C Restoration and Adaptation

#### **Subtopic 2 - CSA**

- Ensure that the demonstration of innovative and integrated approaches fulfils the expected impacts, by coordinating and supporting the IA projects funded under this topic:
  - facilitating the integration of the three fire management phases
  - engagement with citizens, local communities, forest owners and the forestry-based industry, nature conservation organisations, insurance and social infrastructure sectors
  - developing recommendations for wildfire prevention and preparedness activities targeted at the different actors involved
  - facilitating international collaboration and global outreach

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#### Scope:

- new context of extreme wildfires requires accelerating the shift towards implementing a more holistic fire management approach that integrates environmental, climate, health & safety/security, cultural and socio-economic aspects
- research, demonstration and deployment of innovative means and methods tailored to extreme wildfire behaviour
- proactive governance, change of forest management practices, large-scale and community-based risk assessments, awareness and preparedness
- cooperate with ongoing relevant Horizon 2020 projects make best use of existing EU initiatives and services (Copernicus, Galileo, EGNOS, GEOSS, GEO, EFFIS, FIRE-IN...)

#### Impact:

- The actions should jointly contribute substantially to achieving by 2030 the following targets in Europe:
  - 0 fatalities from wildfires
  - 50% reduction in accidental fire ignitions
  - 55% reduction in emissions from wildfires
  - Control of any extreme and potentially harmful wildfire in less than 24 hours
  - 50% of Natura 2000 protected areas to be fire-resilient
  - 50% reduction in building losses
  - 90% of losses from wildfires insured
  - 25% increase in surface area of prescribed fire treatments at EU level

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Topic 3: Climate-resilient Innovation Packages for EU

regions

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#### **Challenge:**

- In some regions and communities, incremental adaptation will not be sufficient to mitigate the impacts of climate change on socio-ecological systems
- The challenge is to scale up and demonstrate at large scale systemic solutions to trigger behavioural change and new ways of decisionmaking, while accounting for local and regional contexts
- Tailored to support the regions and communities most exposed to climate change impacts
- Multidisciplinary approaches that integrate technological, digital, business, governance, environmental dimensions with social innovation are needed for the development of adaptation pathways consistent with European Green Deal targets

IA: 10-15 M €/project (indicative budget: 42 M€) CSA: 3 M €/project (indicative budget: 3 M €)



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Topic 3: Climate-resilient Innovation Packages for EU

regions

**Scope:** Address **ONLY ONE** of the following subtopics!



## Subtopic 1: Innovation Packages for transformational adaptation of European regions and communities (IA)

- Actions should aim at enabling rapid and farreaching change through the development of region-specific portfolios of R&I solutions, mature enough for demonstration, which may include nature-based solutions, innovative technologies, financing, insurance and governance models, awareness and behavioural change
- Innovation packages should cover the key community systems and comprise the adaptation solutions and pathways deemed essential for climate and social resilience in the specific regional contexts and the set timeline

### Subtopic 2: Support the design, testing and upscale of Innovation Packages (CSA)

- Actions should support the implementation and wide dissemination of the solutions developed and tested under sub-topic 1.
- In particular this action area should include:
  - Citizens and regions engagement
  - Monitoring and assessment
  - Portfolio of Solutions

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#### Scope:

- planned "Horizon Europe Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change", including Societal Transformation will test, evaluate and scale-up a range of adaptation solutions
- aim to trigger societal transformations among key community systems (i.e., health; primary production including agriculture, forestry, fisheries and acquaculture; water; environment, including biodiversity; and infrastructure including clean energy and transport)
- the actions funded under this call topic will serve as early facilitators in pre-identifying and upscaling the most promising cross-sectoral solutions at a regional scale

#### **Further information:**

EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

#### Impact:

- Contribute to strengthening social acceptance and social resilience
- Subtopic 1 (IA) Massive increase of community resilience and capacities to cope with unavoidable effects of climate change. Performance indicators should include for instance reduction of the climate protection gap, increase in Green investments, etc.
- Subtopic 2 (CSA) Improve knowledge access to adaptation solutions through synergies and/or integration of the online platform with Climate-ADAPT, Copernicus services and other existing Pan-European platforms

Call Area 7: Biodiversity and ecosystem services

Topic 1: Restoring biodiversity and ecosystem service



#### **Challenge:**

- demonstrating and promoting systemic solutions for upscaling urgent restoration to increase biodiversity and support a wide range of ecosystem services
- Concerns damaged terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems
- systemic approach to deliver tangible benefits on the European Green Deal actions for climate (mitigation, adaptation and disaster risk reduction), biodiversity, zero pollution and sustainable food systems (from farm to fork), health and wellbeing



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Type: Innovation Action (IA)

Budget: 16-25 M €/Project (indicative budget: 80 M €)

Cross cutting priorities: International Cooperation encouraged

Call Area 7: Topic 1:

### **Biodiversity and ecosystem services Restoring biodiversity and ecosystem services**



#### Scope:

- provide large-scale demonstrators of how systemic upscaling and replication of best practice ecosystem restoration can be deployed at regional, national and crossborder levels
- particular focus on ecosystems with high potential to capture and store carbon
- to contribute to the achievement of favourable status for species and habitats of the Birds
- promote scaling up and stepping up of implementation of nature-based solutions, building on existing experience (Horizont 2020, LIFE Projects)
- maximise synergies between mitigating/adapting to climate change and restoring biodiversity

#### Impact:

- demonstrate how transformational change through ecosystem restoration delivers at large scale
- delivering first visible results and examples on land and at sea by 2024
- maintained and enhanced natural carbon sinks
- Support several EU strategies, e.g. GDC, Biodiversity strategy etc.
- increased restoration through uptake of public-private partnerships and (voluntary) market-based incentives for business and individuals
- enhanced empowerment, engagement and reconnection of local communities

Strengthening our knowledge in support of the EGD Call Area 9: Topic 2:

Developing end-user products and services for all

stakeholders and citizens supporting climate

adaptation and mitigation

#### **Challenge:**

- Challenges of mitigation and adaptation will ultimately be met by business and investors, government, and citizens
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation solutions still fail, to a large extent, to incorporate social and behavioural factors would increase efficiency towards our climate goals, and overcome barriers preventing achieving those goals
- relevant and practical climate adaptation and mitigation solutions and information to reach the end users, help them in building the climate-neutral future they want and address environmental challenges posed by climate change



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Type: Reserach and Innovation Action (RIA)

3-5 M €/Project (indicative budget: 25 M €) **Budget:** 

Cross cutting priorities: International cooperation addressing the climate priority of GEO

Call Area 9: Strengthening our knowledge in support of the EGD Topic 2: Developing end-user products and services for all

stakeholders and citizens supporting climate

adaptation and mitigation



#### Scope:

- contribute to informing citizens and decisionmakers about the impacts of climate change in the decades to come
- identify adaptation options, and illustrate what pathways towards climate neutrality entail in terms of production, consumption, planning and lifestyle, incorporating behavioural factors
- Building on existing services and frameworks, such as Copernicus, GEOSS, EMODnet and ESA actions
- Demonstrating the climate services in a nearto-operational environment with the provision of guidance services and measuring the results through key performance indicators defined with users and stakeholders

#### Impact:

- Contribute to the exploitation of information and data from the Copernicus programme and GEO initiative
- Improve robustness and predictive quality of data, and information and knowledge on climate adaptation and mitigation
- Make high-level information on climate change more accessible to people's lives and to provide data in a format that makes it useful for its users
- Increase resilience of society, organisation (private and public), and individual to multiple risks
- Support the development of the European Service sector regarding end-user climate services

Further information: European Green Deal, Group on Earth Observations, Copernicus Climate Change Service

### Recording links and slides from the EU Green Deal Call infoday



### http://www.ncps-care.eu/?p=4084



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#### General infoday about the EU Green Deal Call

#### Webinar on topics:

- Webinar on area 1 (topic 1 and 3)
- Webinar on area 2
- Webinar on area 3
- Webinar on area 4
- webinar on area 5
- webinar on area 6
- webinar on area 7
- webinar on area 8
- webinar on area 9
- Webinar on area 10

#### Pitching sessions:

- Pitching session on topic 1.2
- Pitching session on topic 1.1 and 1.3.
- Pitching session on area 2
- Pitching session on area 3
- Pitching session on area 4
- Pitching session on area 5
- Pitching session on area 6
- Pitching session on area 7
- Pitching session on area 8
- Pitching session on area 9
- Pitching session on area 10

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