

## Harmonia Project: Pluralist engagement to enhance cities' Climate Change preparedness.

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The influence of cities on Climate Change (CC) and related consequences on human beings cannot be underestimated. Therefore, effective and sustainable decision-making in urban planning related matters needs to have a strong participatory planning foundation, being inclusive and taking into account both the changing behaviours and the urban metabolism.

The Harmonia project (H2020 EU, financed project) can help to face these open challenges as it aims at uniting the stakeholders around the common CC issues, through a co-design and co-participation process. The Harmonia Project allows the stakeholders not only to understand the impacts on their local environment but also to concretely visualise those issues through a Support System for improved resilience and sustainable urban areas.

The Harmonia project enhances cities' preparedness to respond to specific predictions and protect their residents and assets, making cities more resilient towards climate change-induced risks.

To achieve these goals, Harmonia is going to engage a wide-ranging of stakeholders at the local level, from experts to citizens.

The stakeholders' engagement supports Harmonia Project not only to achieve sustainable collaboration with all those urban and regional actors affected and interested by the envisaged outputs but also to develop the Integrated Resilience Assessment Platform (IRAP) on real-life needs to provide high usability and efficacy. To strengthen this co-design planning process and shape a project that addresses very local territorial crisis, Harmonia consolidates its community by engaging stakeholders and citizens as an active observatory of CC phenomenon.

Finally, the Harmonia Project aims to reach, attract and engage all key urban and regional stakeholders, especially in the topics where they can make a difference for inclusive and sustainable development processes at the scale of urban transformations.

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