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Call for green transition projects

Overview of the Terms of Reference

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REGIONE AUTÒNOMA
DE SARDIGNA
REGIONE AUTONOMA
DELLA SARDEGNA




GENERALITAT
VALENCIANA
Presidencia



سلطة منطقة
الاقبة الاقتصادية الخاصة
AQABA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY



A dramatic scene of a forest fire at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and red, with thick smoke rising from the trees. A helicopter is seen in silhouette, flying from the upper left and dropping a bucket of fire retardant onto the fire. The trees in the foreground are dark silhouettes against the bright, glowing fire.

The Mediterranean region is warming 20% faster than the global average

Mediterranean Experts on Climate and environmental Change (MedECC)

Navigating through Climate Chaos



Scope of Terms of Reference

Guide applicants in preparing proposals for green transition call:

- Set of **indicative actions** for each of the 9 Specific Objectives of the call.
- Serve as **guidance and inspiration** for applicants.
- Foster **competitive, transformative, transnational** projects for a climate-resilient, low-carbon Mediterranean.
- To be used alongside **Guidelines for Applicants** and other call-related materials.



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Enabling collective action for a climate-resilient Mediterranean

€83.7 million for call for **green transition projects**

- **Challenge:** Tackling the multifaceted impacts of climate change on natural resources, ecosystems, communities, businesses, and public health.
- **Focus:** Fostering **scalable, replicable, collaborative** solutions among 15 countries in line with global/EU (Paris/COP-related Agreements, European Green Deal, etc.) and national frameworks.
- **Holistic Approach:** Engaging **diverse sectors**, from traditional environmental areas like water, energy, circular economy, climate adaptation and disaster prevention, to SMEs, innovation, education, and policy-making.



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From boosting core environmental sectors...

- **Energy Efficiency:** Enhancing energy-efficient technologies for infrastructure, housing stock and SMEs.
- **Climate Adaptation:** Strengthening disaster resilience through ecosystem-based approaches.
- **Water Management:** Optimizing sustainable water use and reducing wastage.
- **Circular economy:** Advancing sustainable material sourcing, lifecycle management, and effective waste reduction/recycling practices.



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To greening emerging areas for a resilient future

- **Research & Innovation:** Accelerating adoption and commercialization of advanced climate tech.
- **Sustainable SME Growth:** Supporting green business models and reducing SMEs' carbon footprint.
- **Education and training:** Cultivating a skilled workforce capable of driving climate resilience.
- **Health:** Building resilience in healthcare against climate-driven disease spread and extreme events.
- **Governance:** Enabling a just, sustainable transition through inclusive, multi-level governance.



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Examples of indicative actions: Circular Economy

SMEs

- Redesign products to minimize waste and improve resource efficiency.
- Implement green supply chain practices, sourcing sustainable materials and reducing waste.

Community

- Build neighborhood recycling programs for easy waste segregation.
- Create community platforms for sharing and repairing items to promote reuse.

Government

Encourage circular procurement policies prioritizing green and recycled products.



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Examples of indicative actions: Health

Community

- Safeguard vulnerable groups from climate-related health risks (e.g., heatwaves, extreme events).
- Prevent and control infectious diseases linked to global warming through surveillance and early warning systems.
- Address climate-related mental health challenges, such as eco-anxiety, especially among youth.

Infrastructures

- Strengthen health facilities to prepare for climate risks and natural disasters.
- Transition to low-carbon health systems by reducing greenhouse gas emissions in operations.

Professionals

Train health workers to educate communities on climate impacts and promote low-carbon lifestyles (e.g., diets, active commuting).



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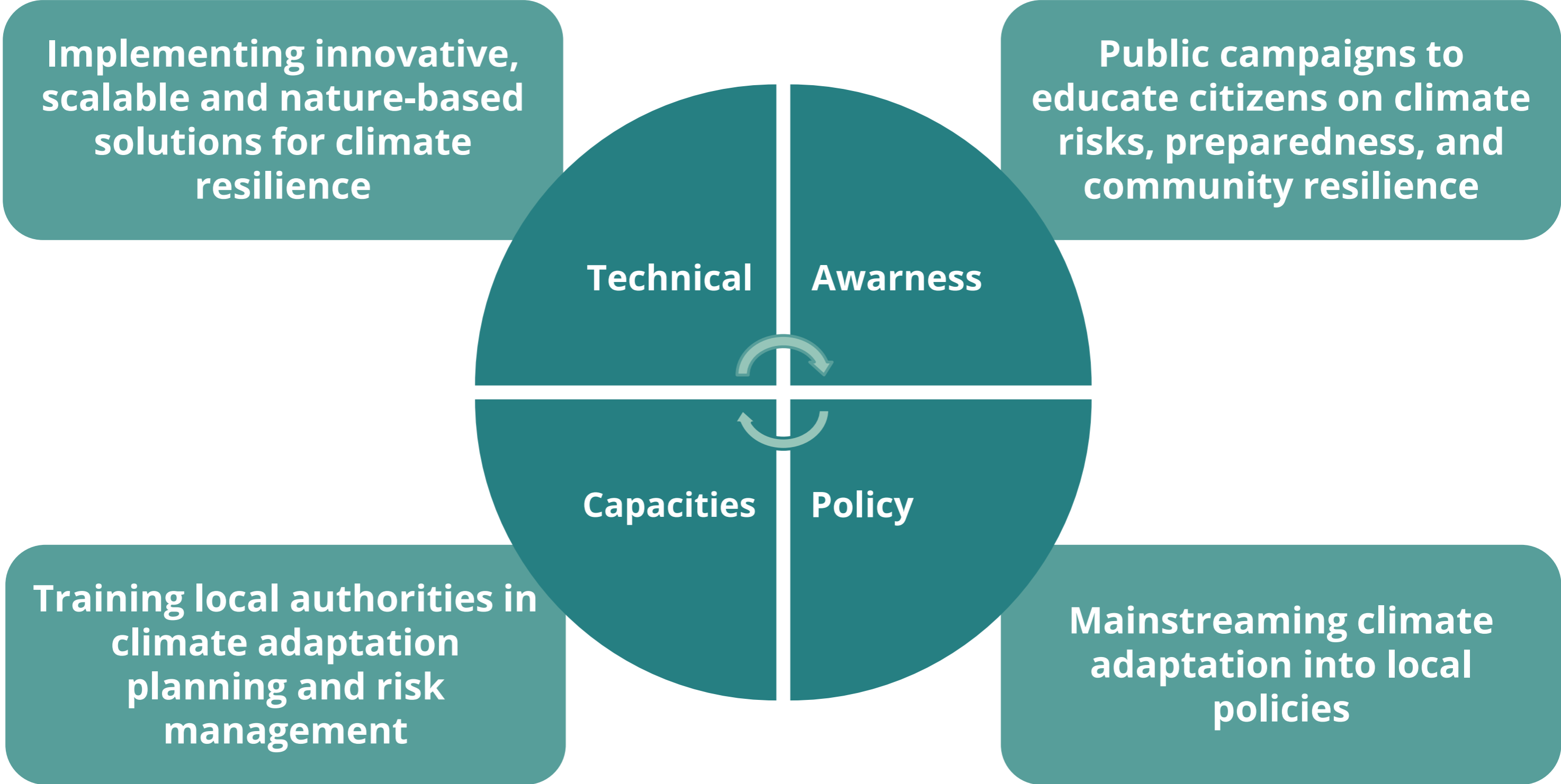


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Achieving an impact at multiple levels



Delivering a Just Transition

An inclusive transition that leaves no one out

- **Key principles:**
 - ✓ Fairness and inclusivity in project development and implementation.
 - ✓ Address needs and empower marginalized communities and vulnerable groups (e.g., climate-displaced populations) often disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change.
 - ✓ Support green transformation in carbon-intensive industries and sectors.
 - ✓ Ensure equitable access to resources, opportunities to enhance resilience and adaptive capacity.
- **Tangible benefits beyond environmental improvements:** ensure sustainable livelihoods, social equity, and stronger local resilience to climate challenges.



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Success factors for impactful projects

**Genuine
cooperation**

**Transnational
impact**

**Multidisciplinary
approach**

**Creating actual
benefits**

**Building on
existing results**

**Replicable
solutions**

**Long lasting
effects**

**Ambitious
communication
strategy**



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Support documents to develop project ideas

- Interreg NEXT MED **Programme Document**: overall strategy and description of Specific Objectives.
- **Performance framework methodology paper**: detailed information Programme output and result indicators.
- **Terms of Reference**, including **Annex 1** on alignment of call indicative actions with Programme output and result indicators.
- Guide for project preparation for **project intervention logic**.

All documents available on Programme website: www.interregnextmed.eu



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