



## Strengthening Local Climate Change Planning

Strategic Alliance of EUROCLIMA with Adapt-Chile for Urban Action in Latin America



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### A Joint Programme Between the European Union and Latin America

EUROCLIMA aims to facilitate the integration of climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and measures into Latin American public development policies and plans.

The Programme works with [the governments in 18 Latin American countries](#). The national Focal Points are designated by their countries to facilitate and guide the implementation of the Programme and to encourage the application of the results in political decision-making at national and (sub)regional level.

To strengthen the capacities of the countries in the region the EUROCLIMA's Technical Assistance has developed a series of thematic studies based on the demand of the governments. Three studies were carried out within this series as part of a strategic alliance with the NGO Adapt-Chile. The aim of the publications is to support local authorities in developing climate change plans.



### Promoting Local Action on Global Change

Local governments play a central role in both mitigation and adaptation to climate change. [Adapt-Chile](#) is a non-profit organisation that promotes local responses to climate change. It acts at a local level with municipalities and calls for collaboration and integration of actors from various sectors and multiple scales.

The three thematic studies, available in Spanish for a Latin American audience, are the result of the strategic alliance between EUROCLIMA and Adapt-Chile. These tools were created as technical support for the [Climate Change Academies Project: Climate Change Plans for Local Governments](#). The Academies have been realised by Adapt-Chile with the support of EUROCLIMA and the collaboration of the French Regional Cooperation for South America and counterpart organisations in each country. These

Academies are an example of an intensive capacity-building that provides technical and conceptual tools for local government officials to develop and assess local climate change plans in terms of both adaptation and mitigation.



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### Thematic Study 8: Climate Change Academies: Planning Adaptation at the Local Level

The Climate Change Academies are based on two elements: a [Conceptual Guide](#) and a [Work Manual](#). Both elements are included in the Thematic Study and are designed to guide a process that allows a local government to develop its own [Local Climate Change Plan](#).

The methodology is based on the [implementation of two workshops](#) of six hours each. Additionally, the local coordination team needs to dedicate several working days to generate basic information and process data stemming from the workshops, documents and interviews.

The activities of each workshop are described in the Work Manual. The coordination team of the local government has to identify relevant information and thus contextualise the concepts according to their own situation.

Using a language accessible to a non-expert audience, the authors outline the different activities to be developed in the two workshops for climate planning:





## Thematic Study 11: Municipalities and Climate Change: Ecosystem-Based Adaptation

The use of ecosystems and their services, the so-called Ecosystem-Based Adaptation, is the focus of this publication.

The **Conceptual Framework** presents a set of key concepts that link Ecosystem-Based Adaptation with municipal administration and planning. The aim is to enhance dialogue between the municipality and its residents by providing concepts and arguments in an accessible language.

With a series of simple steps provided by the **Technical Guide**, the municipalities can carry out a **participative process to analyse and strategically plan** Ecosystem-Based Adaptation. The guide presents concrete actions that can be carried out by municipal professionals to design robust strategies using the “learning by doing” approach.

Objetivo al cual responde la línea de acción					
Nombre de la línea de acción:	No se cumple (0)	Cumple parcialmente (1)	Cumple casi en su totalidad (2)	Cumple en su totalidad (3)	Comentarios
<b>Efectividad</b> ¿Se alcanzan objetivos?					
<b>Eficiencia</b> ¿Los beneficios exceden los costos?					
<b>Equidad</b> ¿Genera un beneficio social y ambiental?					
<b>Viabilidad</b> ¿Puede ser implementada?					
<b>Puntaje total de la línea de acción:</b>					

*In order to simplify information management, each Thematic Study includes tables that guide and structure the analysis and facilitate the registration of assessments and planning processes.*



## Thematic Study 12: Energy Transition in Municipalities: A Strategy to Deal with Climate Change

This tool has been designed to guide spatial planning and municipal administration to **boost energy transition at the local level**. This approach will tackle greenhouse gas reduction and at the same time promote local resilience. The energy transition presents a paradigm shift in the way we generate and use energy. Going beyond a mere technological change, an energy transition also requires different public policies on energy access and energy consumption by various social and economic sectors.

The first part presents a **Conceptual Framework** on the energy transition, and its local and institutional dimensions, and includes essential concepts for the analysis.

The second part is a **Practical Guide** that provides municipal governments with tools for a participatory planning process geared to energy transition.



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