

## Stress-testing for Climate Resilience

The second **S3ADAPT** project newsletter collects the most important activities carried out during the second semester. We hope you enjoy following the project's progress.

S3ADAPT supports European regions in integrating climate change adaptation policies with their **Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3)** – fostering more resilient and sustainable regional development.

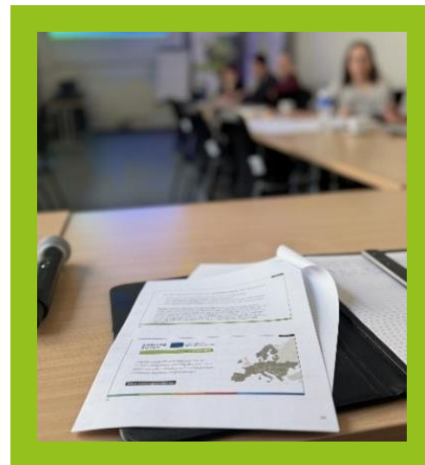
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## Major PROJECT EVENTS of the Second Semester

### Climate Resilience Stress Test Workshops



**Can climate change threaten innovation?** – this was one of the questions stakeholders tried to answer. Semester 2 of the S3ADAPT project included a series of workshops exploring the climate resilience of policy instruments by project partners. The meetings brought together representatives from businesses, academia, regional and local authorities, business support organisations, and community stakeholders. Different **scenarios** were analysed, addressing the climate hazards faced by the regions.



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## Interregional Meeting and Study Visit in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria



On **28th and 29th April 2026**, the city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria hosted the second meeting of project partners, including study visits and exchange of experiences. **On the first day**, participants took part in study visits to three local areas linked to the city's adaptation challenges and opportunities:

- ❖ **El Confital** – a protected area where regulated public use, low-impact recreation and collaborative governance combine;
- ❖ the coastal neighbourhood of **San Cristóbal** – a place-based practice of climate adaptation in a vulnerable coastal neighbourhood;
- ❖ **La Ballena urban park** – a transferable example of how a formerly degraded peripheral area has been turned into a climate-responsive public space.



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The **second day** focused on the local policy framework of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, **Estrategia Mar 2030**. The session also included additional good practices:

- ❖ **LIFE COSTAdapta** – an innovative and progressive tidal pool-reef system for the adaptation of the coast of Gran Canaria to climate change,
- ❖ **Ecogrit** – an SME that uses recycled glass and transforms it into a useful raw material for several industrial applications.

The event concluded with the meeting of the **S3ADAPT Interregional Steering Committee**.



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## Other KEY ACTIVITIES Under the Project

### The First Project Video



A **video** introducing the project's themes and objectives has been released. The video aims to **disseminate** information about the project and help reach **regional stakeholders**, encouraging them to join common activities.



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## 5 Findings from Semester 2:

1. Stakeholders see intrinsic value in the opportunity for diverse representatives to **engage in joint workshops**.
2. Adaptation measures should be designed **to maintain residents' quality of life** and **avoid triggering** social resistance.
3. Effective climate response begins with **our individual actions**.
4. Regional resilience is not just about identifying threats, but primarily about **understanding system dynamics** and how components interact over time.
5. To support change, climate adaptation and innovation must be communicated in **clear, accessible language** tailored to diverse audiences.



## Project partners

The project is implemented by **10 partners** from **7 European countries**:

- ❖ **Mazovia Development Agency – Poland (Lead Partner),**
- ❖ Marshal's Office of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in Warsaw – Poland,
- ❖ Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Italy,
- ❖ Southern Regional Assembly – Ireland,
- ❖ University of Limerick – Ireland (Advisory Partner),
- ❖ Dnipropetrovsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Ukraine (Discovery Partner),
- ❖ Association for Risk Management AZUR – Bosnia and Herzegovina (Discovery Partner),
- ❖ Lithuanian Innovation Centre – Lithuania,
- ❖ Municipal Parking Society of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, S.A. (SAGULPA) – Spain,
- ❖ Research Council of Lithuania – Lithuania.

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- [www.interregeurope.eu/s3adapt](http://www.interregeurope.eu/s3adapt)

and in social media:

- <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/s3adapt/>



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