

S3ADAPT partners meet in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria to exchange good practices on climate adaptation and smart specialisation

The city of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria hosted the S3ADAPT Interregional Meeting on 28th and 29th April 2026, bringing together project partners to continue the exchange of experiences on how Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) can support more effective climate change adaptation policies.

During 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), and **La Ballena urban park** (a transferable example of how a formerly degraded peripheral area has been turned into climate-responsive public space). These visits provided practical examples of how coastal protection, urban regeneration, public space and environmental management can contribute to more resilient urban and coastal territories.

The second day focused on the local policy framework analysed by Las Palmas de Gran Canaria within S3ADAPT: **Estrategia Mar 2030**, a strategic instrument aimed at reconnecting the city with the sea through sustainability, resilience, blue economy and improved coastal governance. The session also included contributions from local stakeholders, including the **Cabildo de Gran Canaria** (which presented the LIFE COSTAdapta, an innovative and progressive tidal pool-reef system for the adaptation of the coast of Gran Canaria to climate change); and the **Canary Islands Maritime Cluster**, which presented innovative solutions carried out by **Ecogrit**, an SME that uses recycled glass and transforms it into a useful raw material for several industrial applications.

Partners also worked by regions on the good practices identified in their territories, using the examples presented by Las Palmas de Gran Canaria as inspiration for further discussion. This exchange will contribute to the project's wider objective of identifying transferable practices and improving policy instruments for climate adaptation across the participating regions.