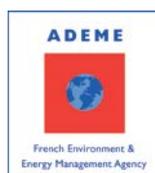




– **First edition** –

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Competition initiated by the French Environment and Energy
Management Agency (ADEME)



Award partners



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The Mediterranean basin is a climate change “hot spot”. The trends observed over the past five decades are likely to continue which will mean, by the end of the century:

- ✓ a rise in average temperatures of 3 to 5°C;
- ✓ a decrease in precipitation of 35% on the southern and eastern shores and of 25% on the northern shore;
- ✓ a rise in sea level of 20 to 60 cm.

These changes in the climate, which are happening faster than elsewhere, will have widespread serious consequences in human and socio-economic terms, including depleted water resources, accelerated desertification, increased mortality due to heat waves, and greater coastal risks.

Public stakeholders and NGOs are taking action and developing solutions to adapt the Mediterranean regions to the changing climate.

The actions being undertaken need to be placed in the spotlight, **sustaining the momentum of COP21** and with a view to encouraging other Mediterranean stakeholders to do likewise.

For this reason, ADEME (the French Environment and Energy Management Agency), with support from its Mediterranean partners (the Union for the Mediterranean (UPM), the Mediterranean association of national energy agencies (MEDENER), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC), and Plan Bleu), **is launching the first “Mediterranean Climate Change Adaptation Awards”, to reward the most outstanding exemplary adaptation actions.**

Who can enter?

This competition is aimed at local authorities, national agencies, public universities and NGOs in partnership with a local public stakeholder who has implemented an adaptation action.

It concerns the regions included within the **Mediterranean bioclimatic zone, i.e. part or all of the following countries:** Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Macedonia, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestinian National Authority, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey.



What types of climate change adaptation action can be entered in this competition?

The “Mediterranean Climate Change Adaptation Awards” will reward exemplary climate change adaptation actions taking place in that region.

The actions must have been implemented or be in progress (projects that have not been launched will not be admissible) and present measurable outcomes in terms of adaptation to climate change.

The actions must fall within the scope of one of the three competitions prize categories. These categories draw on the three complementary approaches defined by the international community¹:

▪ **Category 1 “Developments, infrastructure and building”**

This category refers to infrastructural approaches comprising development or construction-based measures calling on engineering services to make buildings, infrastructure and public amenities more resilient to climate events.

This category hence covers actions involving direct investments contributing to the design and/or renovation of buildings, public amenities, infrastructure and networks to adapt them to climate change.

→ *These may include: urban development schemes aiming to improve summertime thermal comfort or rainwater management, integrated coastal zone management, building adaptation measures, and measures to enhance the robustness of networks and infrastructure and their ability to withstand climate events.*

▪ **Category 2 “Ecosystems and natural resources”**

This category refers to approaches that use the functions and services provided by ecosystems and that protect natural resources (water, forests, fish stocks, etc.). They thus contribute to boosting the resilience of ecosystems and the large water cycle – terrestrial, aquatic and marine.

This category hence covers actions that support the functions of ecosystem services, upon which numerous human activities depend (agriculture, fishing, forestry,

¹ Adaptation actions are grouped by type in the European Commission Adaptation White Paper (SEC 2009; EEA Report no. 3/2013):

- “grey” infrastructural approaches, comprising physical or construction-based measures calling on engineering services to make buildings and infrastructure that are essential to economic and social wellbeing more resilient to extreme events;
- “green” structural approaches, which help build the resilience of ecosystems and, while striving to halt biodiversity loss and ecosystem damage and restore the water cycle, utilise the functions and services provided by ecosystems to obtain an adaptation solution that is more profitable and, in some cases, easier to implement than one adopting “grey” approaches alone;
- “soft”, more gentle, non-structural approaches, involving designing and implementing policies and procedures relating to land allocation, information dissemination and economic incentives aimed at reducing or preventing vulnerability.

tourism, flood protection, access to water resources, etc.), by protecting, restoring and/or improving the resilience of natural resources (water).

→ *These may include: urban heat reduction measures drawing on ecosystems (ground, water, vegetation), development schemes that foster ecological continuity, actions to manage demand for drinking water or mobilise alternative resources, actions contributing to adapting agricultural and forestry practices to climate change, etc.*

▪ **Category 3 “Methods for designing and implementing public policies”**

This category refers to non-structural approaches involving designing and implementing policies, procedures, planning resources, and incentives and disseminating information with a view to reducing vulnerability.

This category hence covers actions helping, on the one hand, to improve knowledge or inform/raise awareness/encourage/change individual and collective behaviour and, on the other hand, promote changes to governance and regulatory frameworks (urban planning in particular), with a view to preparing all stakeholders for climate change.

→ *These may include: regional research programmes, proactive approaches to climate change, actions aiming to train/raise awareness/obtain buy-in from regional stakeholders and decision-makers, incentives and/or regulatory measures, actions aiming to incorporate climate change into public policies, etc.*

Candidates implementing an adaptation solution drawing on a combination of these approaches will be required to select one of the three categories, stating all of the approaches concerned by their action on the application form summary sheet.

NB: Candidates are entitled to submit several applications files if they wish to do so, but may only submit one file in each prize category.

What assessment criteria will be taken into account?

Application files will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- quality of the wording
- outcomes of the action in terms of adaptation to climate change
- exemplarity in implementing the adaptation action
- potential for replicating the adaptation action in other areas

What are the benefits of entering the competition?

The awards ceremony will take place in November 2016, during COP22 in Marrakech.

The finalists (the winner in each prize category) will receive a diploma and benefit from national and international exposure, thanks to widespread promotion by ADEME and its Mediterranean partners (the Union for the Mediterranean (UPM), the Mediterranean association of national energy agencies (MEDENER), United Cities and Local Governments

(UCLG), Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC) and Plan Bleu), in particular via:

- its presence at COP22
- uploading content on the websites of ADEME (www.ademe.fr) and its partners;
- the awards press kit;
- the production and dissemination of communication resources (brochure, poster, press publicity, dedicated publication, etc.) in English and French.

The Winner (selected from among the three finalists) will also be invited by ADEME to attend two major conferences on adapting to climate change in 2017.

What are the key competition dates?

Opening date: 25 May 2016

Deadline for applications: 16 September 2016

Juries meet: September 2016

Finalists' presentations: September - October 2016

Awards ceremony: 7 - 18 November 2016

How to enter

1. Fill in the application file, consisting of the summary sheet and the form

NB: Files must be completed in English or French.

2. Email the completed application file, by Friday 16 September 2016 at the latest, to: trophees.med2016@ademe.fr

3. Short-listed candidates will be invited to give a presentation at a session organised by the competition jury (audio/videoconference), which will take place during October 2016.

4. Short-listed candidates will be invited to attend the awards ceremony, which will take place in the framework of COP22 in Marrakech between 7 and 18 November 2016.

Additional information

- ➔ The call for applications, the application form and the competition rules can be downloaded free of charge from ADEME's website: <http://www.ademe.fr>
- ➔ Further information regarding the "Mediterranean Climate Change Adaptation Trophy" may be obtained by email or telephone by contacting:

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