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THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS **IN ADAPTING TO THE CLIMATE:**

OVERVIEW OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT MECHANISMS IN THE **BALTIC SEA REGION**

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AIMS & METHODOLOGY

Aim:

overview of climate adaptation related regulations and activities at national and sub-national levels in BSR

Methods:

- Desk review of online documents (Current conclusions)
  - Latest national communications under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
  - National and local authority websites
  - EC adaptation Scoreboard reports
  - Covenant of Mayors website
  - Country specific reports
- Interviews with national and local level authorities (Phase 2)

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CONCLUSIONS: STRATEGIES AND PLANS

- All countries have a national climate adaptation strategy
- Some have National Adaptation Plans (NAP)s
- Implementation at sub-national level varies
  - Mandatory : regional vs. local
  - Project based work : nationwide & harmonised vs. limited & varied

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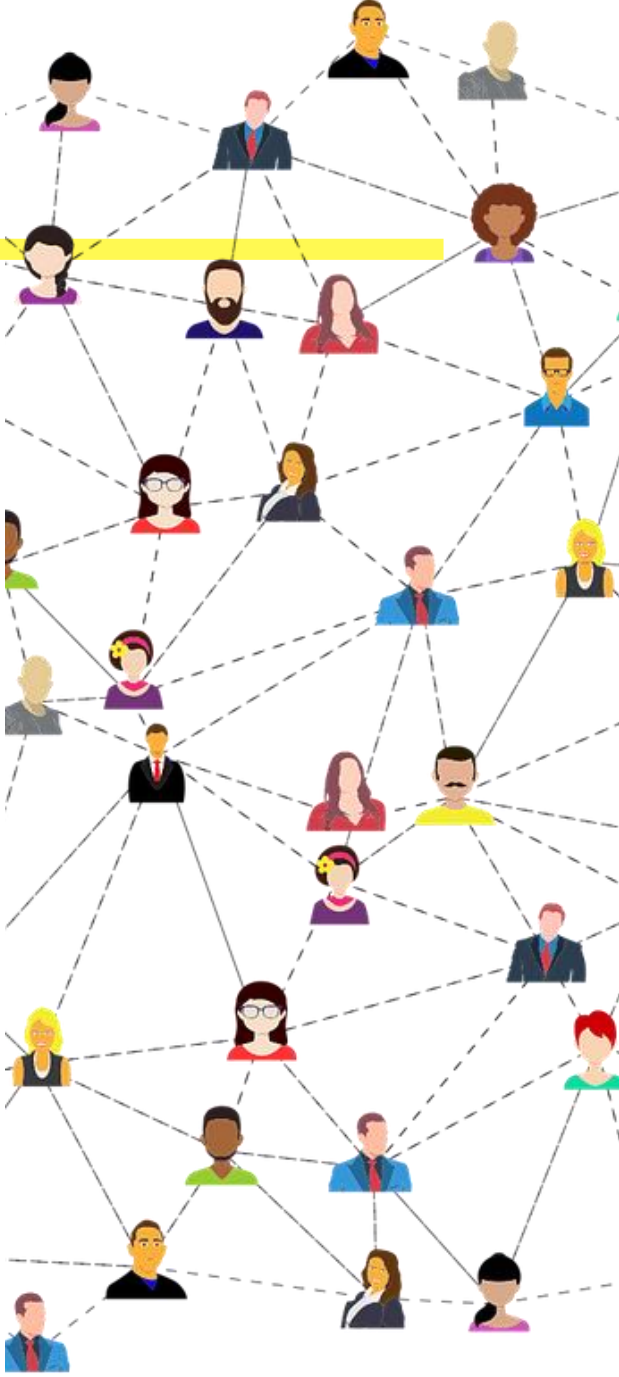
CONCLUSIONS: SUPPORT

- Networks - active
- Guidance and information in local language
- Funding

- Project-based work



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CONCLUSIONS: RISK ASSESSMENTS

- National level climate risk assessments – Completed (or underway)
- National level risk assessments – some include future climate risks
- Local level requirements – explicit and implicit - unclear
- Flood risk assessment = high area of activity

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KNOWLEDGE GAPS

1. Do municipal obligations to carry out climate risks assessments or account for climate risks in planning go beyond narrowly defined risks or past experiences (e.g. floods)?
2. To what extent are they conducted in an integrated and participatory manner?

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KNOWLEDGE GAPS

3. Is the existing funding, guidance and climate adaptation information for local authorities sufficient?

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Increasing the systematic support** from National level authorities for local authorities on adaptation planning.

2. **Improving guidance**, access to stable funding, and information for local adaptation.

3. **Integrating climate and disaster risk assessments** and sharing the information across sectors.

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