

AdaptationHubs: supporting national dissemination and scale up of the EU Mission on Adaptation to climate change.

The success of the Mission on Adaptation and its potential leverage depends on how effectively its priorities are aligned with the national priorities of the Member States.

The newly started AdaptationHubs project is a major enabler of this alignment:

- By supporting the establishment and consolidation of National Adaptation Hubs, the project ensures alignment and contribution of the Mission to the national priorities.
- Where relevant national coordination structures already exist, the project builds upon and supports these existing arrangements, rather than creating parallel or duplicate structures.

AdaptationHubs aims to support Member States in stabilizing and strengthening national adaptation governance, improving coordination across institutions and levels, and in embedding adaptation more firmly into national policy agendas, while respecting national specificities and institutional choices.

The AdaptationHubs project aims to provide a concrete and structured interface between Mission-level priorities and national realities. Through National Adaptation Hubs, Mission-supported solutions can be consistently communicated to decision-makers at the Member State level and climate adaptation objectives integrated into national governance processes, reaching beyond the immediate community of regions directly engaged in Mission activities.

At the same time, feedback from Member States on implementation experiences, institutional barriers, capacity gaps, and emerging needs is channelled back to Mission-level reflection in a structured manner, ensuring continuous learning and alignment between Mission ambition and national implementation contexts.

This interface function reduces the risk of fragmented Mission implementation and disconnection between European ambition and national realities. By grounding Mission reflection in real national governance contexts, the AdaptationHubs project helps to ensure that Mission priorities remain both ambitious and implementable.

Specifically, the AdaptationHubs project will organise at least 58 twinings and exchanges between regions. The National Adaptation Hubs will organise 2 exchanges each, between regions within their countries or across borders (54 in total), and an additional 4 EU-wide exchanges will be organised between leading and learning regions. These exchanges will be organised both as virtual and physical events, with the costs covered by the AdaptationHubs project.

Engagement through the AdaptationHubs project can take place through participation in National Adaptation Hub meetings, exchanges, and activities, as well as through informal political support and strategic signalling aligned with national contexts and individual expertise.

In a broader European policy context, where adaptation is increasingly linked to resilience, preparedness, security, and competitiveness, Adaptation Hubs help translate Mission ambition into sustained national engagement. By supporting Member

States and connecting Mission generated guidance at the EU-level with national governance, the AdaptationHubs project plays a decisive role in supporting speeding up climate resilience through leveraging and scale up of the EU Mission on Adaptation experience.

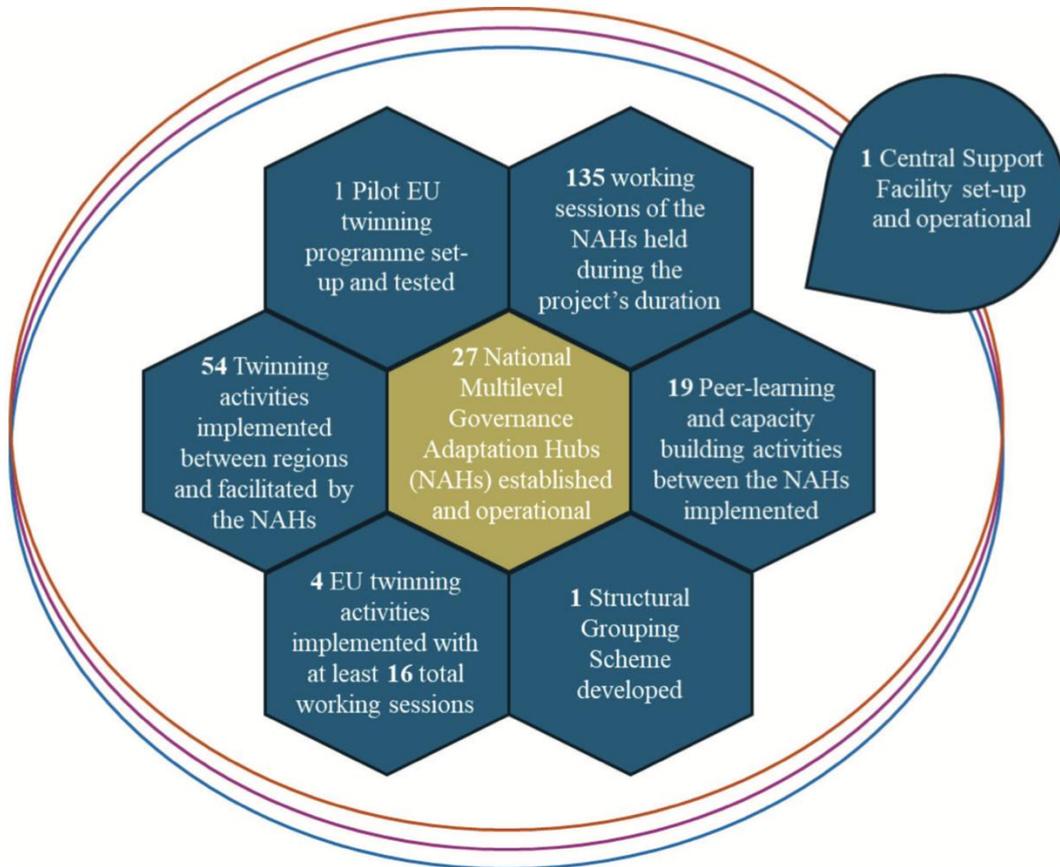


Figure 1 AdaptationHubs project in numbers

Adaptation Hubs project – Summary

In order to effectively and rapidly implement the planned actions across all 27 EU Member States, the AdaptationHubs project has identified and recruited an experienced, capable, and well-connected partner in each Member State. These partners facilitate the establishment and reinforcement of National Adaptation Hubs, the organization of task forces and thematic working groups, and the implementation of grouping and twinning schemes, while supporting their long-term sustainability.

National Adaptation Hubs are conceived as multi-actor coordination platforms for adaptation governance. Depending on national contexts, task forces and working groups may involve representatives of relevant line ministries (such as environment, climate, spatial planning, infrastructure, health, agriculture, or finance), national agencies and expert bodies, regional authorities, city or municipal associations, research and knowledge institutions, and other stakeholders with a role in adaptation planning, coordination, or implementation. The composition of these groups builds on existing coordination practices and is defined in dialogue with national authorities.

By anchoring the project in established national organizations with the capacity to engage across policy sectors and governance levels from the outset, the AdaptationHubs project can rapidly initiate the concrete implementation of planned activities, without additional time or resource requirements for partner identification in the initial phase.

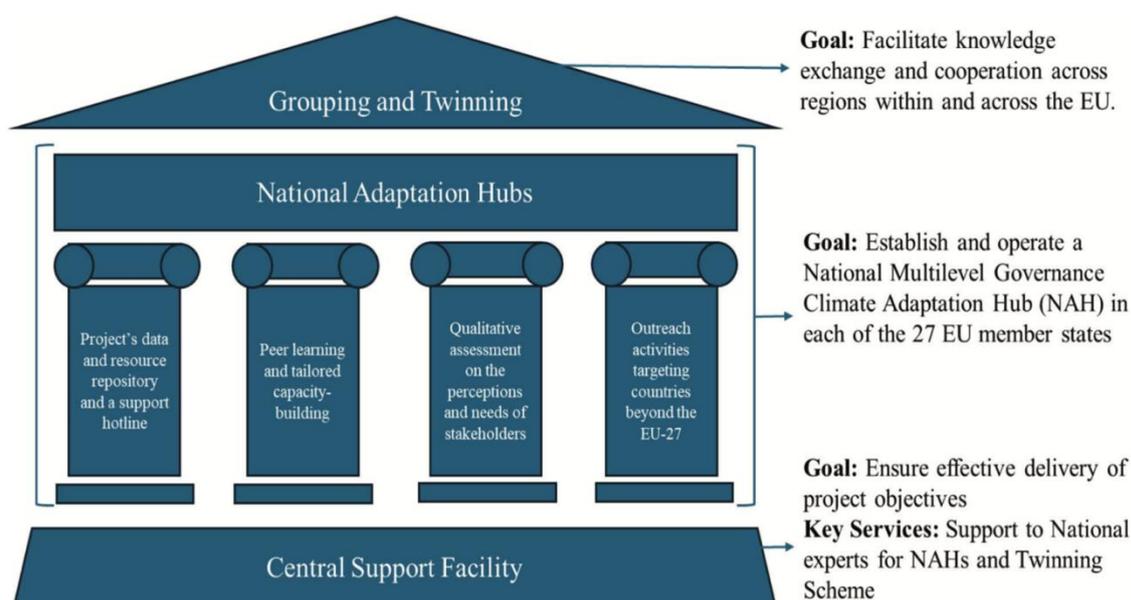


Figure 2 AdaptationHubs main elements and goals

Overview of NAH partners per Member States

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