

Climate-MATCH

Mainstreaming of Climate Adaptation for Horizontal Coordination



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Climate-MATCH develops a holistic Strategic Framework covering governance, operations, and coordination across different sectors for collaborative management and monitoring of climate change risks to the Maltese Islands. The initiative is funded by the European Commission's Directorate General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) upon request of the Maltese Public Works Department, the Ministry for Transport Infrastructure and Public Works (MTIP) and the Ministry for Environment, Energy and Regeneration of the Grand Harbour (MEER).

Specifically, **this initiative aims to:**

- develop a national integrative instrument that will bridge multi-level and multi-sectoral planning instruments for climate governance (vertically and horizontally),
- establish a platform for a collaborative approach to building preparedness for the impacts of climate change and land-sea interactions, selecting the coast as the frontline of climate impact for small island states, and
- develop tools for understanding the structural vulnerability of different coastal heritage assets to climate risks, also used as case studies.

BENEFICIARY:

Public Works Department (PWD) of the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works (MTIP), and the Ministry for Environment, Energy and Regeneration of the Grand Harbour (MEER), Maltese Government.

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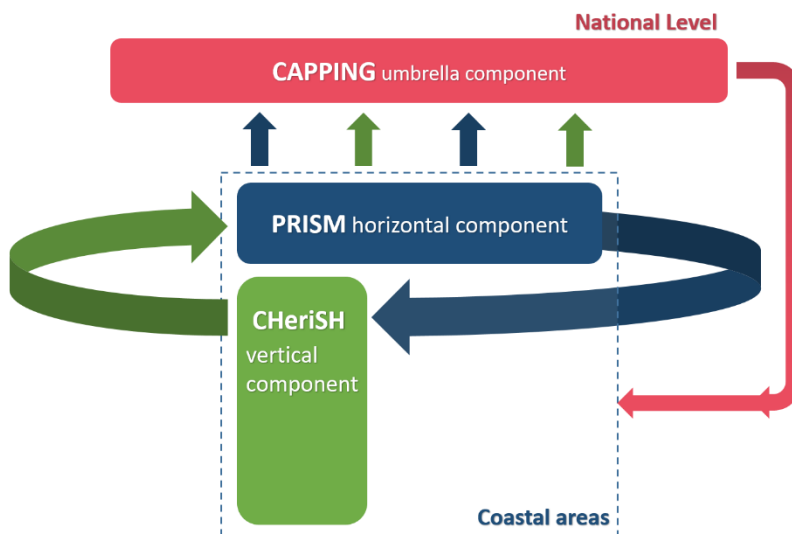
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There are three main work components, each focusing on different levels, as follows:

- ❑ The **CAPPING** umbrella component aims to create a holistic and umbrella framework to bridge multi-level planning instruments for **Coherent Adaptation Policy and Planning with Integrated kNowledge and Governance for climate change**,
- ❑ the **PRISM horizontal component** will ensure the development of technical and cooperation capacity for **Preparation towards Risk Interdisciplinary Surveillance and Management in coastal areas**, and
- ❑ The **CHerISH vertical component**, aims to develop a detailed approach for addressing climate change impacts on **Coastal Heritage** through a structural vulnerability analysis for **Safeguarding assets against Hazards**.



Furthermore, **stakeholder engagement and communication activities** are designed to provide a connecting logic for synchronisations across all project components and to promote early stakeholder commitment and shared responsibility for the Framework's future implementation.

A **consultation phase in 2024** involves two distinct surveys for components CAPPING and PRISM, followed by face-to-face meetings and open dialogues with mid-high-level civil servants and other relevant stakeholders that will take place in Malta on the 24th of October 2024.

Expected Outcomes

The Climate-MATCH Strategic Framework introduces an integrative approach to climate adaptation across Maltese national administrations. It ensures that climate adaptation is embedded into policy formulation and data/information management. This primarily concerns the Public Works Department (PWD) of the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works (MTIP) and the Ministry for Environment, Energy and Regeneration of the Grand Harbour (MEER).

The final results are expected to directly respond to the EU Adaptation Strategy (2021) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process and show Malta's commitment to the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).