

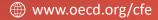
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A Territorial Approach to Climate Action and Resilience



Supporting cities, regions and countries in their efforts to accelerate the net-zero transition and adapt to the risks and impacts posed by climate change.



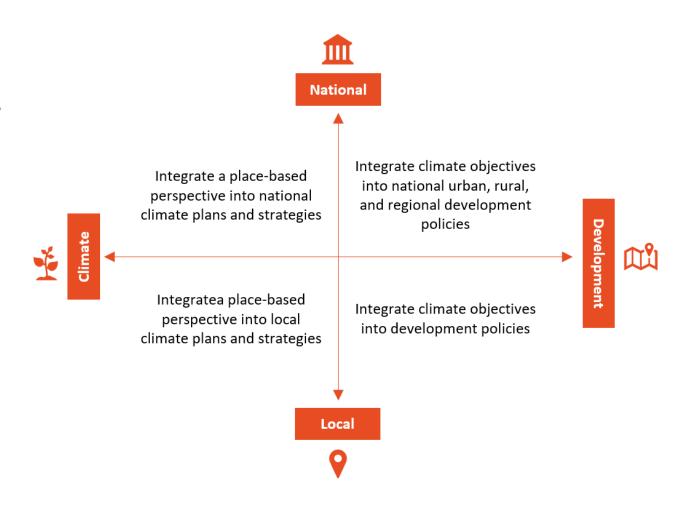
45 territorial climate indicators for monitoring climate action and resilience



9 recommended actions to assess existing policies and identify current strengths and future challenges

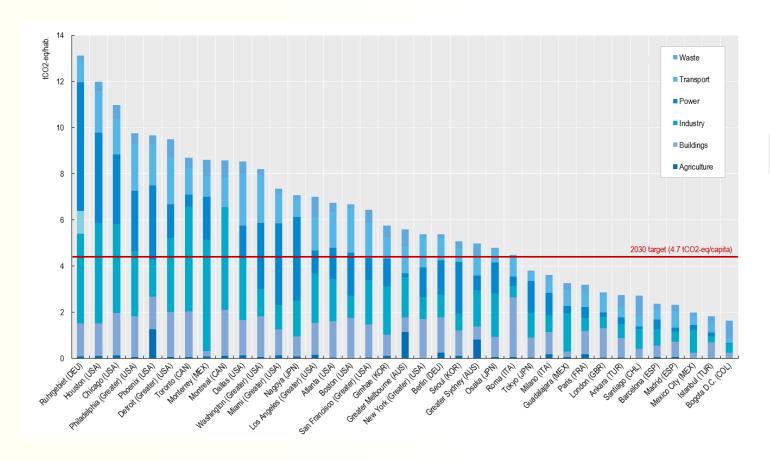


36 leading practices to inspire city leaders





Different places have different GHG emissions profiles...



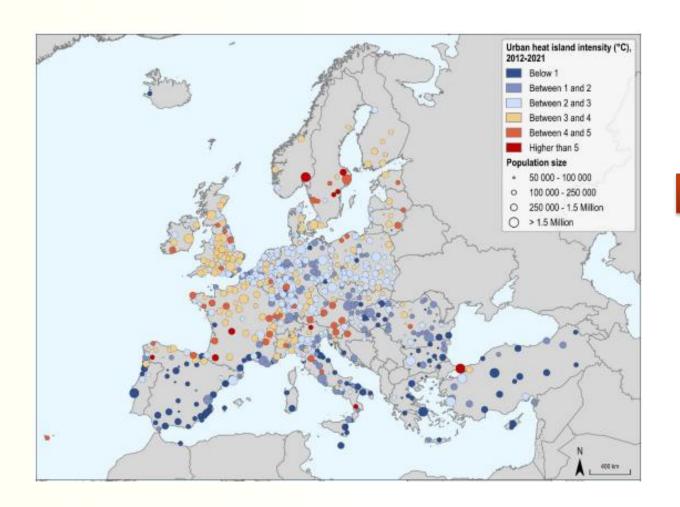


Emissions per capita by sector in OECD metropolitan areas of more than 4 million inhabitants, 2022

Source: (OECD, 2023)



... and different vulnerabilities to climate hazards and risks





Urban Heat Island Intensity in metropolitan areas across Europe, 2012-2021

Source: (OECD, 2023)



Current approaches leave local potential un-tapped

TRADITIONAL APPROACH

TERRITORIAL APPROACH

Sectoral silos

One-size-fits-all

Top-down policymaking & implementation

Multi-sectoral, integrated

Context-specific interventions

Bottom-up policymaking & implementation

- Local governments hold many of the critical levers, including land-use planning, infrastructure investment, municipal waste, and transport (OECD, 2023)
- Local governments account for an average of 63% of climate-significant public expenditure and 69% of climatesignificant public investment (OECD, 2022).
- Cities need to lead the way: urban areas are responsible for 70% of global GHG emissions, of which 90% could be cut using technically feasible and widely available measures (IPCC, 2023)



Challenges to adopting a territorial approach



National governments are more used to taking a **sectoral approach**

There is poor understanding of local conditions due to **data gaps**

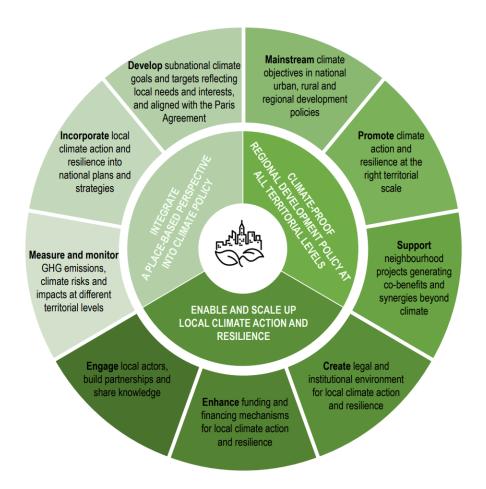
Climate policies are not always **prioritised** at the local level

Local governments may lack capacity and funding to implement climate actions



TACAR framework

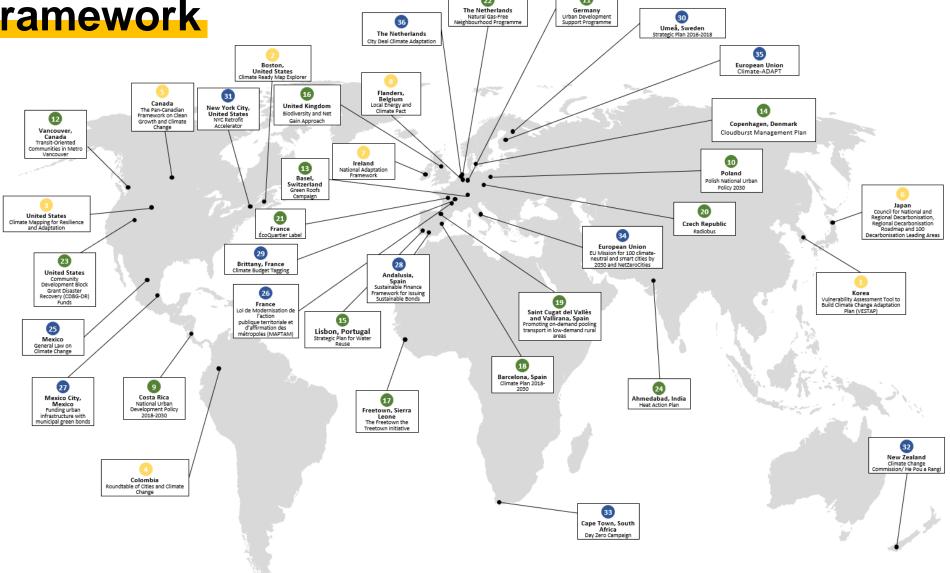






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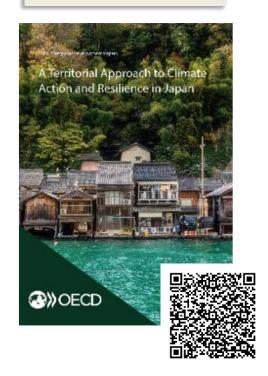
TACAR policy scans

Benchmark current state using TACAR climate indicators for international comparison.

Assess existing policies against TACAR nine recommended actions

Recommendations drawing from international leading practices

National-scale



City-scale



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