LOCAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION PARADOXES

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Adapt to Change **01**

Change to Adapt 02



Where we stand...

IPCC 6th Assessment Report WG II (2022)

Message on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability:

"glocal climate action is not producing its desired effects, neither

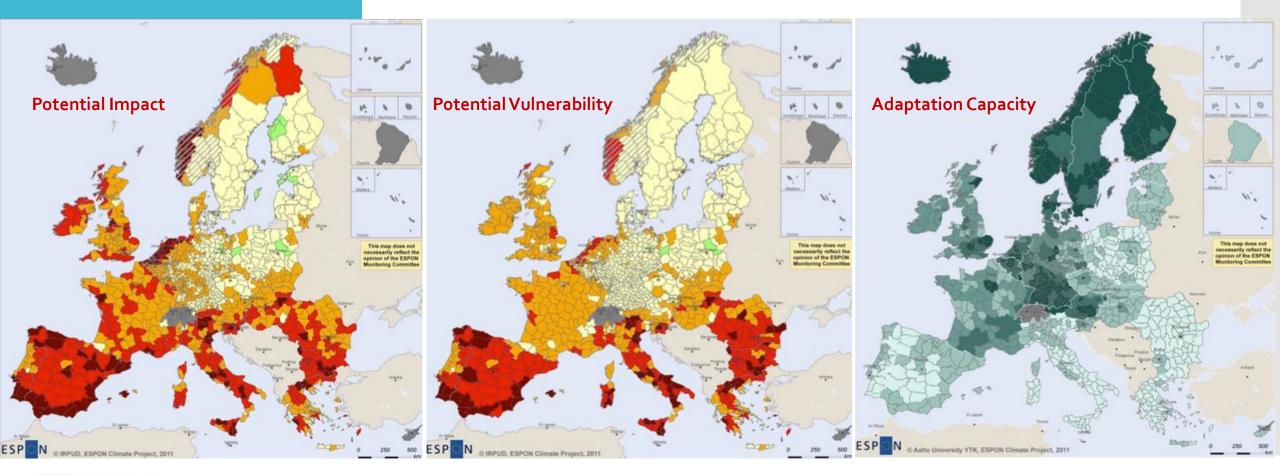
in terms of mitigation or adaptation efforts to climate change".



Flashback...

ESPON CLIMATE 2011

Climate Change and Territorial Effects on Regions and Local Economies in Europe





Scale-up... Catch-up...





ClimAdaPT.Local

Estratégias Municipais de Adaptação às Alterações Climáticas



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CIBIO



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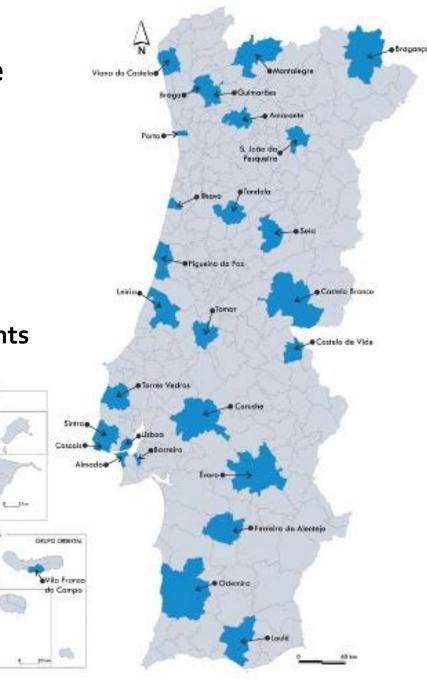


Step 1: change the local adaptation policy landscape

- 26 municipalities -
- Scenario-based/ Place-based multidisciplinary approach
- Political Commitment: Municipalities as Partners
- Societal Back-up Local Action Groups
- Risk-related Adaptation Measures > Spatial Planning Instruments
- "Secret ambition" : trigger copy-cat effect...







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Step 2: change the local adaptation political landscape



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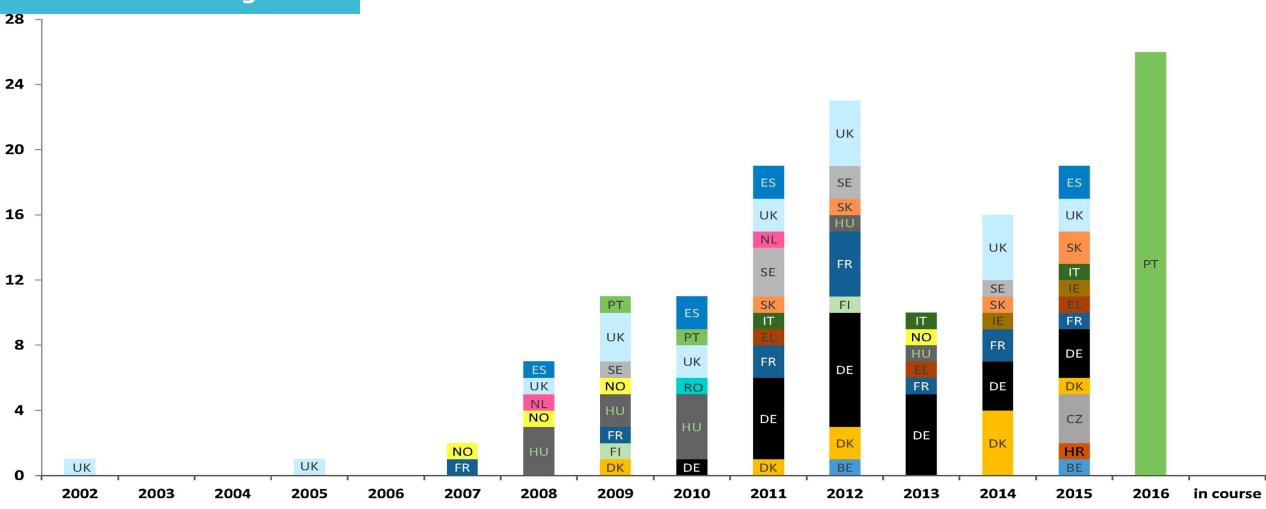
RESUMO

PLANO INTERMUNICIPAL DE ADAPTAÇÃO ÀS ALTERAÇÕES CLIMÁTICAS DO ALENTEJO CENTRAL

Workshop do Projeto "Estratégia Regional de Adaptação às Alterações Climáticas no Alentejo" • 2016

Step 3: actively promote a scaling-up dynamic



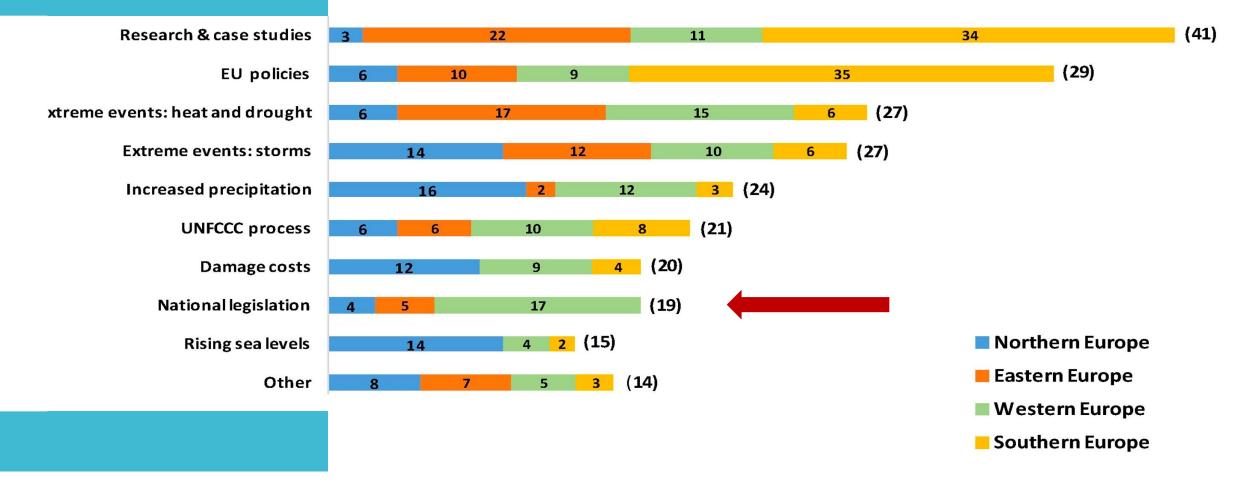


Nr. Local Strategies...

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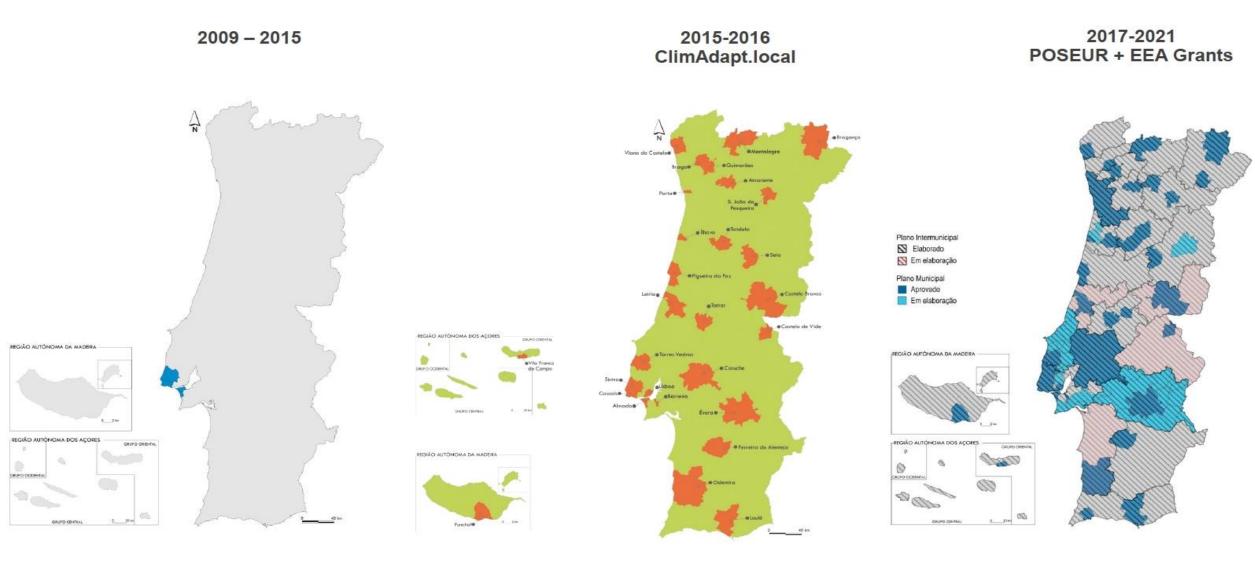
Triggers of Adaptation...





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Catching-up?...



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2021...

National Climate Act 2021

Climate Emergency

National Adaptation Roadmap > 2023

308 Local Climate Action Plans > 2024





Adapt to Change01Change to Adapt02

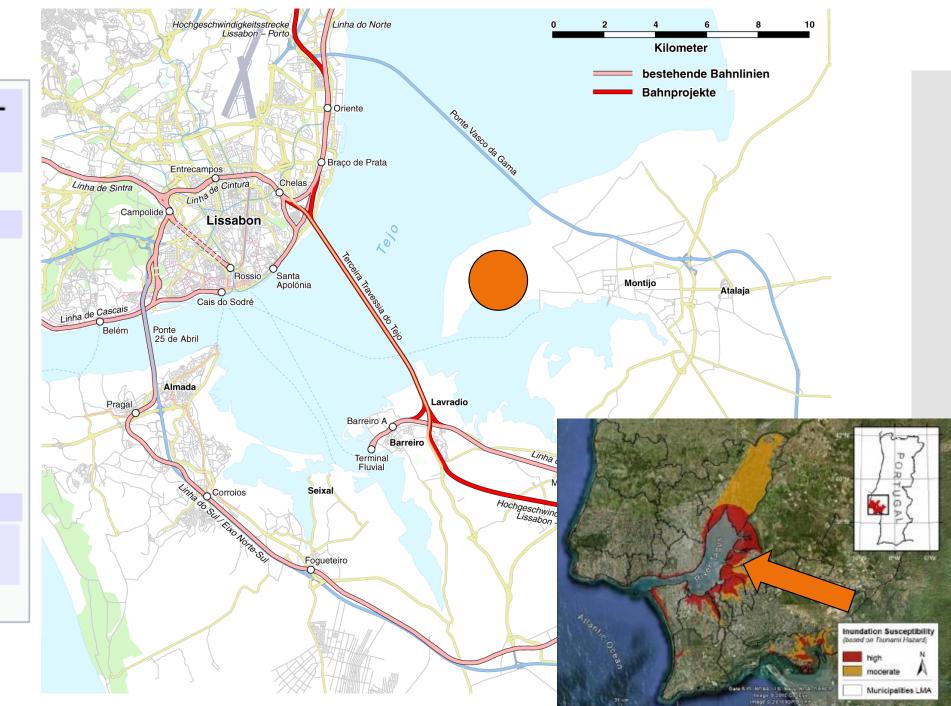


Common(?) sense...

Novo Aeroporto de Lisboa, NAL Novo Aeroporto de Lisboa – Montijo ^[1]

Summary			
Airport type		Public	
Operator		ANA Aeroportos de	
		Portugal	
Serves		Lisbon	
Location		Disputed, presumably	
		Montijo	
Elevation AMSL		211–213 ft / 50–55 m	
Coordinates		🔍 38°46′N 8°48′W	
Runways			
Direction	Length		Surface
	ft	m	
01/19	7,044	2,147	





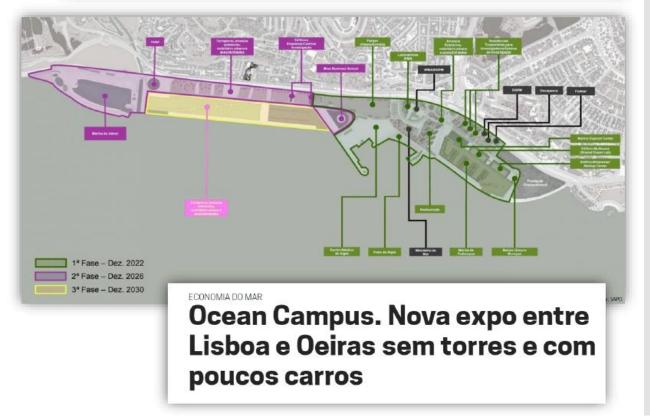
Old habits die hard...



O projeto Cidade da Água, o maior em Portugal desde a Expo 98, irá contar com um parque habitacional, um hotel, museu, centro de congressos, marina e terminal fluvial. Vai ocupar 630 mil metros quadrados em Almada.

Subida do nível da água do mar pode provocar 280 milhões de deslocados

O número é avançado num relatório preliminar da Organização das Nações Unidas, que alerta para o aumento de inundações em grandes cidades costeiras, como Nova lorque ou Xangai.





Policy Pitfalls

Liechtenstein Norway grants



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PROGRAMA AMBIENTE

Roteiro Nacional para a Adaptação 2100 – Avaliação da vulnerabilidade do território Português às alterações climáticas em

2100



Policy Pitfalls

Institutional Culture Traps (Survey 102 out of 308 Municipalities)

- **Resource-strapped Public Administration** NARoadmap 2100 Key Risks left-out;
- Local Action Plans, Local Strategies, Local Adaptation Plans, Metropolitan, Intermunicipal, Regional... not having the desired impact > only 42% take these into consideration;
- Superficial Multilevel Policy articulation;
- Lack of inter-departmental coordination and integration;
- Deficit in capacitation and capacitation strategy;
- Policy-frenzy effect... Climate Law > 308 Local Climate Action Plans by 2024 but NO Nationallevel guidance on elaboration and policy integration;
- Unclear Leadership National vs Local.



Thank you!

Muito Obrigado!

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