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**LOCAL AUTHORITIES’ NEEDS**

to undertake climate and energy action

CLIMATE ADAPTATION is the area where municipalities need the most support

- 45% Climate adaptation
- 37% Climate mitigation
- 18% Access to energy

Municipalities need to be supported both in the **DEVELOPMENT** of climate and energy **ACTION PLANS**, and in the **IMPLEMENTATION** phase

- 3 out of 10 municipalities already have a **climate adaptation** plan
- 7 out of 10 municipalities already have a **climate mitigation** plan
- 6 out of 10 that don’t have a plan foresee to introduce one
- 2/3 of those that do not have a plan foresee to introduce one

LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES are the main obstacle that municipalities face to undertake climate and energy actions

- 70% would like to be better supported through the European **Structural Investment Funds**
- 65% express interest in more support through the **EU funding programmes** (LIFE, Urban Innovative Actions, Horizon 2020, etc)

Municipalities need **ONLINE CAPACITY-BUILDING** material and trainings available in their **NATIVE LANGUAGES**

- 8 out of 10 municipalities see limited **financial resources** as key barrier to the development and implementation of their energy and climate action plans, before technical expertise and changes in the local political priorities

- 7 out of 10 municipalities choose **online resources** as the preferred way to receive support, before trainings and workshops before trainings and workshops

- 1 out of 3 municipalities say they would not participate in capacity building activities if held only in English

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