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FARCLIMATE (Moving ForwARd to achieving CLIMATE-resilient and sustainable European regional economic systems) is a European project aimed at achieving a climate-resilient Europe.

Climate change is the most important challenge of our time. The impacts of global warming, including droughts, storms, and other weather extremes events, are already being severely felt across the world, and urgent and sustained actions must be taken to both mitigate climate change and adapt to what already is unavoidable. Relevant economic sectors affected by climate change need to be transformed to face the existing risks, climate-resilient business models, value chains, and re-skilling opportunities need to be available, including national, regional and/or local governments, that have to play active roles in transition to climate resilience.

FARCLIMATE is a four-year EU-funded project that will address these challenges with an interdisciplinary, multisectoral and multi-actor approach. The actions to be conducted in **FARCLIMATE** will help to understand the climate change factors that affect economic sectors at local level, as well as the concerns and needs of involved stakeholders, will develop novel approaches for farming, fisheries and forestry (due to their likelihood of being potentially more impacted by climate change) by providing decision management plans and sustainable recommendations, and will provide support to regions and communities to perform a transformative change by carrying out training, and workshops for the identified stakeholders. Moreover, **FARCLIMATE** will generate and validate new nature-based solutions which are environmental-friendly and economic affordable, will develop an inspiring and empowering communication approach, and will take the first steps to create a European climate-resilience communities' network.

FARCLIMATE actions will be implemented in 20 European regions and communities, targeting both responsible and affected stakeholders (regional and local governments, the private sector, civil society, social partners, etc) and three key sectors affected by climate change (agriculture, forestry and fisheries). The regions and communities have been selected according to their vulnerability and adaptive capacity to climate change, based on different documents and studies by expert international organisations on climate change, including The Global Climate Risk Index, The Climate Change Performance Index or the List of signatories to the Charter of the Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change. Some examples are Vigo (Spain), Tarczyn (Poland), Gorenjska (Slovenia), Fundao (Portugal) or Piamonte (Italy).

FARCLIMATE will carry out transversal actions to be performed in all case studies (i.e., regions and communities) and technical innovative solutions in the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors (in those case studies where the mentioned economic sectors are of importance). Regarding the transversal actions, tailor-made training activities for communities empowerment will be implemented, including training for consumers, industry, business etc. Closer-to-nature silviculture (CNS) solutions will be implemented in the forestry sector, promoting native tree species and natural tree regeneration. In the fishing sector, brigades to independently act at emergency events (e.g., removal of massive algae that do not permit the fishing sector to perform their professional activity) will be created, and in the agricultural sector emerging market opportunities will be identified by understanding climate-related risks. Living Labs will be implemented to perform all these actions through a co-creation approach with all relevant stakeholders in each region.

FARCLIMATE will also develop a documentation and interaction platform with the aim of collecting all the possible information and data in relation to climate change adaptation, to allow regions and stakeholders to have knowledge centre to consult. Finally, **FARCLIMATE** will develop a climate-resilient communities' network, formed by responsible and affected stakeholders from regions and communities suffering from climate-change challenges.

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Project partners

The consortium is composed of sixteen partners from six different countries:

UNIVERSIDAD DE VIGO (UVIGO) - Spain, CONTACTICA SL (CTA) - Spain, INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE (UICN) – Switzerland, C4G - CONSULTING AND TRAINING NETWORK, LDA (C4G) - Portugal, INVIABLE LIFE CYCLE THINKING SL (INV) - Spain, MUNICIPIO DO FUNDÃO (FUNDÃO) - Portugal, GREEN GROWTH GENERATION (GGG) - Italy, UNIVERSITE DE LIEGE (ULIEGE) - Belgium, FUNDACION CENTRO DE SERVICIOS Y PROMOCION FORESTAL Y DE SU INDUSTRIA DE CASTILLA Y LEON (CESEFOR) - Spain, UNIVERSIDADE NOVA DE LISBOA (UNL) - Portugal, FUNDACION PARA LA PESCA Y MARISQUEO FUNDAMAR (FUNDAMAR) – Spain.

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** The project's consortium list will be updated as soon as the partnership is confirmed.*

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