

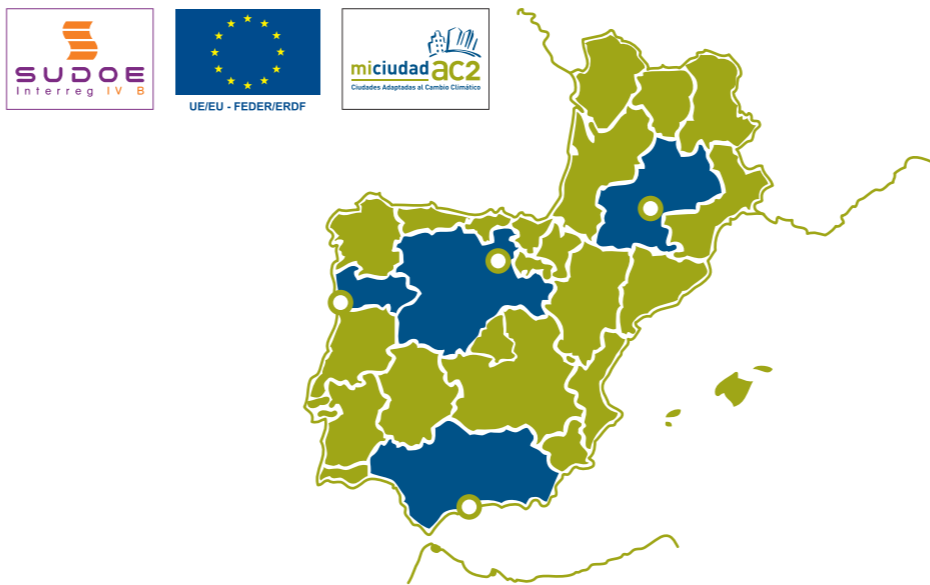
Dissemination of results and collaboration platform

Throughout the project, several communication and dissemination tools will be used, including the organisation of a public seminar in each partner city during 2011. The results and actions being carried out as part of the project will be continuously updated through the web site www.miciudadac2.eu.



A **methodological guide** will describe the urban planning criteria that have been identified, and a final conference will be organised in Malaga. At this conference, the political representatives of the partner cities will sign a commitment to use the climate change adaptation criteria as a strategic tool for governance.

Finally, through the web site www.miciudadac2.eu, a **collaboration platform 2.0** will be launched to exchange experiences in urban policies on climate change adaptation; it will be open to other local governments and institutions interested in participating in it, both in the SUDOE area and in the rest of Europe.



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Mi Ciudad AC2

The project **Innovative Urban Planning Methods for Cities Adapting to Climate Change** (Mi Ciudad AC2) wishes to strengthen the role of cities in the adaptation to and mitigation of the effects of climate change. This will be carried out through the development of innovative urban planning criteria applicable both to development and urban regeneration projects.

It is a **transnational cooperation** project led by Malaga City Council, in partnership with the Communauté Urbaine du Grand Toulouse, the Oporto Southern Metropolitan Area Energy Agency (Energia) and the Strategic Plan City of Burgos.

Working Methodology

Mi Ciudad AC2 identifies **four key areas** to develop innovative urban policies for climate change adaptation:

- **Urban planning and mobility management**
- **Planning of green zones, urban trees and natural spaces**
- **Municipal policies on energy saving and efficiency**
- **Policies to raise public awareness in these areas**

In each key area, a transnational work team has been formed, that will be in charge of developing criteria for adaptation to climate change. Each team will be coordinated by the city with most experience and knowledge in that area.

Cities and Climate Change

Climate change is mainly generated in cities, however, they are also the key to its solution. Cities are home to around 75% of all global green-house gas emissions and about 50% of the world's population.

Some of the causes of climate change such as strong urban growth and tourism, unsatisfactory road traffic management and poor air quality are very often linked to a lack of coordination and urban policy planning at a municipal level.

It is at a local level that the city model and the policies that mitigate the effects of climate change and improve people's quality of life may be strengthened.

Criteria for Climate Change Adaptation

The establishment of **climate change adaptation criteria** (AC2 criteria) is the main milestone of Mi Ciudad AC2 Project. This criteria will provide methodological guidelines to be implemented in the integrated urban planning projects, giving the cities the ability to adapt to and mitigate climate change effects in the four key areas of the project.

The climate change adaptation policies already being implemented by project partners will represent the basis for the preparation of the AC2 criteria, together with a selection of international best practices developed by other cities.

Pilot Project

Once developed, the climate change adaptation criteria will be applied to **four pilot urban areas** located in **Malaga, Toulouse, Vila Nova de Gaia** and **Burgos**.



Each urban area will be analysed through a field study, in order to verify the current situation in terms of urban and mobility policies, green zone planning, energy savings and efficiency and public awareness, as well as the measures that are foreseen in these areas in the short and medium term.



Having completed this analysis, integrated proposals for modifications and improvements in these urban areas will be prepared, based on the methodological guidelines of the climate change adaptation criteria.

The results of this pilot experience will be shared with other cities and local governments in the SUDOE area and in the European Union through the Collaboration platform Mi Ciudad AC2.