



Key data

Funding: Brussels Capital Region, topping up ongoing governmental cooperation programmes

Implementation: Enabel, Belgian development agency

Partners and beneficiaries: government and authorities of partner countries and regions, targeted population and inhabitants of the targeted regions, including in particular pupils, students and teachers, farmers and foresters, local populations, etc.

Location: Developing regions and countries, including the Palestinian territories, Mozambique, Rwanda and Uganda

Start of the Agreement: December 2016

End date of the Agreement: March 2021

Budget: 2,519,186 €



Climate Agreement between the Brussels Capital Region and Enabel

Support to specific climate change activities in developing countries



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Background

By providing financial support to the fight against climate change industrialised countries comply with their commitments and take up their responsibilities in the area of climate change mitigation and adaptation whilst pursuing the objectives of equity and solidarity. This regards an obligation of developed countries under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC – adopted in 1992 and entered into force in 1994) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change (adopted in 2015 and entered into force in 2016).

In Paris, at the 2015 UN Conference of Parties (COP21), developed countries confirmed their pledge of jointly providing USD 100 billion by 2020 for climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives. Belgium, which has been involved in this process for many years, committed at the COP21 to mobilise at least 50 million euros annually to assist developing countries in elaborating and implementing their climate policies. Belgium's three regions and federal government agreed on distributing efforts under a Belgian burden-sharing agreement which was concluded on 4 December 2015.

Under that framework, the Brussels Capital Region is to contribute 2.25 million euros annually from 2016 to 2020 to Belgium's effort in this matter, i.e. 11.25 million euros total. With this goal in mind, the Brussels Capital Region signed an Agreement with Enabel in December 2016 to support the most vulnerable countries in their fight against climate change.

Objectives

The activities and investments funded by the Brussels Capital Region under this Agreement are to directly contribute to climate change mitigation or to adaptation to the effect of climate change whilst improving the living conditions of the populations living in the partner countries of the Belgian bilateral cooperation.

Results and main activities

The financing granted by the Brussels Capital Region concerns climate change mitigation and/or adaptation actions implemented by Enabel in regions that are vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

The actions are approved by the Brussels Capital Region and the Brussels Institute for Management of the Environment (IBGE/BIM) for the 2017-2020 period. They complement – in accordance with the 'top-up' principle – existing Belgian governmental cooperation actions of Enabel; in particular the installation of photovoltaic panels on some fifty schools in Palestine, forestation and reforestation initiatives and conservation of the biosphere in Rwanda, low-energy cooking facilities in vocational schools and colleges in Uganda as well as solar-powered desalination and drinking water supply systems in Mozambique.

The direct beneficiaries are the populations and inhabitants of the targeted regions, comprising pupils, students and teachers, farmers and foresters, the local population and communities, among others. The indirect beneficiaries comprise partner country and partner region governments and authorities.

Intervention zones

Developing regions and countries, including the Palestinian territories, Mozambique, Rwanda and Uganda.