

# The Swiss «Pilot Program Adaptation to Climate Change»

## Funding Initiative for Innovative Regional and Local Adaptation Projects

### Background

Being prepared for managing the consequences of climate change is gaining in importance. However, practical activities and experiences on regional and local level are widely lacking. The «Pilot Program Adaptation to Climate Change» was therefore set up as a national funding initiative to support cantons, regions and municipalities in tackling related challenges.

The program is led by the **Federal Office for the Environment FOEN**, which also coordinates the Swiss National Adaptation Strategy. Participants are the Federal Offices for Civil Protection, Public Health, Agriculture, Spatial Development and the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office.

### Program Objectives

- Contribute to putting the National Adaptation Strategy into practice
- Raise awareness for climate change adaptation in cantons, regions and municipalities
- Trigger and implement innovative, cross-sector pilot projects
- Capitalize climate change related opportunities, minimize risks, and increase adaptive capacity in pilot areas
- Enhance vertical and horizontal cooperation and exchange

### 31 Pilot Projects

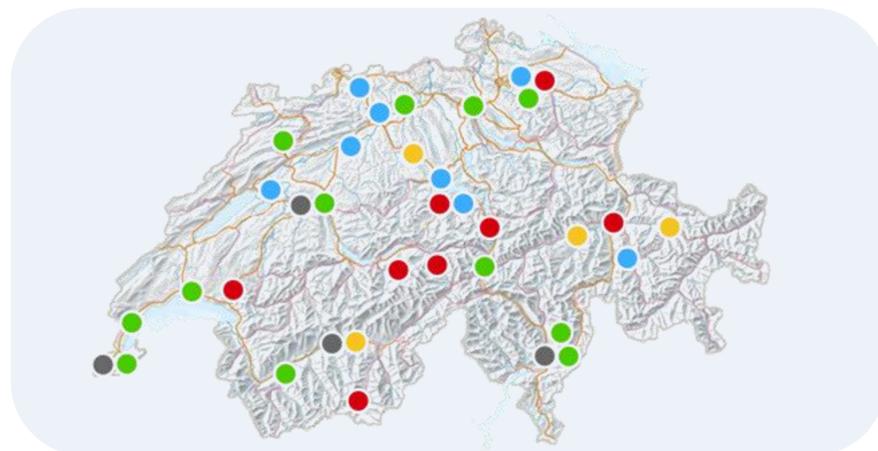
A call for projects was open from spring to summer 2013, addressing the core target groups cantons, regions and municipalities. More than 100 project ideas were submitted. The Federal Offices finally selected 31 projects, spreading over five thematic clusters, with **pilot areas** covering the whole country.

	Management of local water scarcity	8 projects	
	Management of natural hazards	6 projects	
	Ecosystem and land use changes	10 projects	
	Resilient urban development	3 projects	
	Knowledge transfer and governance	4 projects	

In terms of **typology**, the projects cover a wide range:

- Applied research
- Analyses and planning
- Regional adaptation strategies and concepts
- Development of tools
- Information campaigns and stakeholder involvement

**Project financing:** approx. 50% Federal funds, 50% project partner funds



#### Lead partners

- Cantons
- Research
- Enterprises
- Associations
- Regions
- Municipalities
- Insurance
- Foundations



### Time schedule

- Most projects started in early 2014
- Project runtime is until end 2016
- The program will conclude with a synthesis and dissemination phase in 2017

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