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# **BREAKOUT GROUP: WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES**

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**Expert Dialogue on Mountains and Climate Change**

# Part I: Sharing "existing" knowledge and know-how

- Thematic topics:
  - Transboundary Cooperation; Nature- and Ecosystem-Based Solutions, including enhancing biodiversity; Involving Local and Indigenous Communities, including municipalities; Importance Governance and Policy Making; Global and Trans-regional Knowledge Sharing and Exchange
- Key points:
  - Systematic and multi-disciplinary approaches integrating economic, social, resource, and population systems
  - Making sure mechanisms for cooperation are durable and legally binding where relevant
  - Importance of biodiversity and ecosystem-based solutions to address climate hazards and build climate resilience
  - Confirming geo-spatial mapping observations and findings with the lived realities, experiences, and observations of Indigenous Peoples and local communities
  - Focus on transboundary mountain governance for effective action and implementation
  - Global exchanges to facilitate data and knowledge sharing

# Part II: Key recommendations to accelerate climate action to build resilience of mountain ecosystems

## Key points

- Translate what's happening on the global level to the local level, and vice versa
- Trans-boundary cooperation and communication, including data sharing and regional adaptation plans
- Improving and expanding observation scope and coverage given the unpredictability of mountain ecosystems
- Incorporation of mountains into NAPs and NDCs development and implementation where relevant

## **Part II: Forward-looking elements (barriers/needs, required actions, key considerations to strengthening enabling environments)**

### Key points

- Underscoring the importance of mitigation in protecting the remaining glaciers
- The need for economic diversification and transformation, taking into account changing seasonality
- Need for increased funding
- Preventing and minimizing maladaptation
- Need for climate education to change behaviors at all levels, including in urban and downstream areas