**STEPS**

1. Understand steps to access

The EU GCCA+ initiative funds multi-year programmes with an average contribution of EUR 5 million per project (as of end 2017). Funding is in line with an annual programming process that starts with national priorities for climate action identified by the [EU Delegations](#) with local development agents and partners in the countries.

Expressions of interest should be submitted as concept notes before August every year. These will be reviewed and ranked in line with the initiative's selection criteria and the [GCCA+ index](#), a climate resilient development index developed by JRC in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). DG-DEVCO / EuropeAid’s will screen the proposed actions to decide if they can move towards the design phase, before a final European Commission financing decision and commitment.

**Actions:** Proposed actions approved for pipeline.

**Actors:** DG-DEVCO / EuropeAid; European Commission; Local development agents/partners in-country; Joint Research Centre (JRC)
2 Know who to partner with

The GCCA+ aims at building a stronger alliance between the EU, its Member States and those developing countries that are most vulnerable to climate change. It involves a wide range of actors for change across the world.

Read more about the different actors involved in the GCCA+ here.

Actions: Develop an understanding of potential alliances to be made within the GCCA+.

Actors: EU; Developing Partner Countries; others

3 Prepare and Expression of Interest

In order to receive GCCA+ funding, an expression of interested must be submitted in the form of a 3 page concept note to DEVCO. All submissions should be accompanied by the GCCA+ initiative checklist of eligibility.

For a step-by-step guidance, please refer to page 15 of the GCCA+ Orientation Package.
Actions: Expression of Interest submitted to DEVCO.
Actors: DEVCO; Developing Partner Country

4 Develop strong projects

The **GCCA+ Support Facility** can provide ad-hoc assistance to EU Delegations and development partners implementing GCCA+ projects in partner countries at different phases of project development and implementation, including by delivering technical assistance that is flexible and tailored to beneficiary needs.

Actions: Strong project proposal developed through GCCA+ support.
Actors: EU Delegations; Development Partners; Developing Partner Countries