

## EU-USCA CLIMATE RISK AND RESILIENCE COOPERATION

## Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI)

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

9:00 – 10:15 am MDT / 11:00 am – 12:15 pm EDT / 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm CEST

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## Participants:

Participants & Roles
FAMSI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Crystele Ranchin</a>, European Projects Manager, <a href="#">FAMSI</a></li></ul>
Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Julie Calkins</a>, Director, CDAX</li><li>• <a href="#">Andrew Eil</a>, Partner, <a href="#">Climate Finance Advisors</a></li><li>• Matthew Ulterino, Project Manager, <a href="#">Climate Finance Advisors</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Beatriz Camacho Avila</a>, Climate-KIC</li></ul>
Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Colorado Resiliency Office</a> (CRO) / Colorado resiliency working group<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anne Miller, CRO</li><li>• Karlyn Vasan, CRO</li><li>• Marguerite Harden, CRO</li><li>• [ADDITIONAL CO STAKEHOLDER NAMES TO BE ADDED]</li></ul></li></ul>

## Purpose:

The purpose of this virtual meeting is to provide the Colorado Resiliency Office and its stakeholders with first-hand information and key insights on the **Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity** (FAMSI) as a successful example of a local development fund that may be a model for operation of a dedicated resiliency fund for Colorado. The government of Andalusia provides some funding for the Andalusia Solidaria fund, which is run by municipal governments and finances sustainable, equitable development in the province and works internationally in partnership. FAMSI showcases three features of interest to CRO and its stakeholders: first, its collaborative and transparent operational model; second, its diverse programming contributing to many of the Sustainable Development Goals; and third, its close relationship with local and regional stakeholders including grassroots actors.

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## Background: Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity

The Andalusian Municipality Fund for International Solidarity, FAMSI, is a network of provincial and local governments. City Councils and provincial governments have been joined by other entities such as NGOs, universities, foundations, research centres, rural development groups and businesses that have added that work to promote social and economic solidarity in Andalusia and internationally. The aim of the FAMSI is to bring about change to build a fairer society for everyone, through the active involvement of all the partner institutions and entities.

## Background: Colorado Resiliency Office and a permanent resilience fund

The 2015 Colorado Resiliency Framework recommended a new Colorado Community Resiliency Partnership Fund to support innovative local resiliency projects throughout the state. The aim of the fund is to expand resiliency investments in communities throughout the state and to support local governments in advancing resiliency and sustainability goals. The fund also aims to increase capacity of local government to identify and assess climate change projections and the impacts of predicted hazards and incorporate these into community-level planning. A 2020 update to the Framework continues to emphasize the State's resilience funding needs and increasing funding by attracting and leveraging resources.

Through an [EU-USCA collaboration](#)<sup>1</sup>, Colorado Resiliency Office is participating in a knowledge transfer and expertise exchange between EU partners and USCA member states to generate information on the potential design and set-up of a dedicated resilience funding program, including innovative and sustainable sources and distribution of funds.

## Virtual Meeting Agenda

### 1) Introduction and Agenda Overview (10 minutes)

The virtual meeting will begin with introductions and welcome remarks by Climate Finance Advisors: Matthew Ulterino, Project Manager for the Colorado Technical Exchange, and Andrew Eil, EU-USCA Project Director. This technical exchange virtual meeting is the third in a series of discussions. A very brief overview of the [EU-USCA Risk and Resilience Cooperation Project](#) will be provided.

### 2) Presentation on the Andalusian Fund (~25 minutes)

Julie Calkins, CDAX, will introduce Crystela Ranchin, who will give a brief presentation on FAMSI including its origin, constraints, enabling environment, how it works, and impact to date.

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<sup>1</sup> EU-USCA Climate Risk and Resilience Cooperation project is a collaboration among the European Union, EU member states, and the [U.S. Climate Alliance](#). The project's goal is to accelerate sustainable, climate-smart investments in the U.S. and the EU by deepening understanding of climate resilience, increasing capacity, and facilitating cooperation among governments.

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### 3) Discussion Period (~30 minutes)

Matthew Ulterino and Anne Miller, CRO, will lead the question-and-answer portion of the discussion. The discussion is intended to provide the state of Colorado with the opportunity to gain deeper insight into how FAMSII works, how it prioritizes fund projects, and creates both partnerships and impact.

#### Discussion Points and Facilitation Questions:

- What were some of the challenges in setting up this fund? What were the most successful approaches? What are some of the lessons learned?
- How does FAMSII develop its pipeline for interesting projects? Is there a capacity building element? Are there standard criteria developed by the fund or its partners for assessing benefits and impacts of competing proposals?
- What are other local or regional agencies active in building resilience in Andalusia? How does the fund collaborate with them to leverage resources and impact?
- What is the relationship, if any, between FAMSII and other programs funded by the EU and/or the Spanish national government?
- Does FAMSII also work with private donors or investors? What types of investors are most interested in these projects, e.g., project developers or institutional investors or other?
- What lessons have you learned about project types or financial structures that are more impactful or more challenging to implement?

### 4) Wrap Up and Next Steps (10 minutes)

The discussion will conclude with a short recap of actionable items that Colorado participants can consider for future research.

#### Discussion points:

- What enabling factors and administrative constraints would need to be considered to replicate the FAMSII model?
- What additional research on granting structures would be helpful for Colorado to investigate?
- What other international case studies / exchanges would be most useful to CRO?

## Participants and Biographies

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[Crystele Ranchin](#), European Project Manager, Andalusian Funds of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSII). Crystele joined FAMSII in 2007 with an academic and practitioner background in Local Development and Multilateral Cooperation, with expertise in European Institutions.

[Julie Calkins](#), Director, CDAX. Julie is the director and founder of European consulting company CDAX, advising multi-lateral banks and climate funds on innovation strategy. She previously served as Head of Resilience and Adaptation at Climate-KIC where she built a flagship program fostering the development of climate adaptation solutions from concept to market. She holds a PhD in Environmental Science.

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Beatriz Camacho Ávila, Ecosystem Manager Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) Southern Europe, [Climate-KIC](#). Beatriz is responsible for Climate KIC's programme to develop favourable environments and frameworks for the ecological transition within the existing EU innovation landscape in seven countries: Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia. She holds a PhD from the University of Valencia in Human Rights, Democracy and International Justice.

Anne Miller, Director, [Colorado Resiliency Office](#). Anne works as Director of the Colorado Resiliency Office in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. She has over 20 years of community development experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. She has worked with communities in Colorado and across the nation to help build sustainable, resilient communities. Anne has a Master's of Urban Planning and Policy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

[Andrew Eil](#), Partner, [Climate Finance Advisors](#). Andrew has expertise at the intersection of international development, public policy, climate finance, and sustainable investing. Andrew has recently conducted national assessments for promoting investment in resilience and supported financial institutions to mainstream climate risk considerations into strategy and operations. Andrew's recent publications include contributions to "*Driving Finance Today for the Climate Resilient Society of Tomorrow*" (2019) for UNEP-FI and the Global Commission on Adaptation.

Matthew Ulterino, Project Manager, Climate Adaptation and Resilience, [Climate Finance Advisors](#). Matt is a specialist in sustainable urban development and green cities. Some recent assignments include a role with UNEP Finance Initiative coordinating activities of its Property Working Group; to UN-Habitat in the Promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings in East Africa (EEBEA) initiative, advising on finance instruments for green buildings and distributed renewable energy; and through an affiliation with LSE Cities, contributing researcher and author on multiple Green Cities projects.

## Additional Resources

- Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity - English Dossier attached.
- [FAMSI's role in No Planet B project](#)
- World Organization of United Cities and Local, <https://www.uclg.org/>
- FAMSI's mission on localizing the SDGs and Agenda 2030, <https://platforma-dev.eu/famsi-invites-participate-campaign-local-governments-world/>
- [Colorado Resiliency Office](#)
- [Colorado Resiliency Framework](#)

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