

## Call For Applications – Climate Resilience Roadmap for the UK Built Environment

This briefing outlines the objectives and proposed methodology for the Resilience Roadmap project and summarises how UKGBC member organisations can apply to be **Project Partners**. This opportunity is ideal for organisations involved in increasing climate resilience in the built environment. Further opportunities to join the project as a Task Group member will become available in September 2023.

### Project Overview

This is a critical time for climate action. In the most recent [assessment](#) of risks the UK faces from climate-related hazards, over 60% were given the highest urgency score, a staggering increase in urgency compared to the previous assessment. Destructive climate impacts and extreme weather changes will affect all members of our society, devastate lives and livelihoods, and have a detrimental impact on the buildings, infrastructure and environments that keep us secure from hazards such as flooding and overheating. However, as noted in the Climate Change Committee’s Investment for a well-adapted UK [report](#), the UK currently lacks associated targets or goals for resilience standards at a national, local or sectoral level.

Following on from UKGBC’s [previous work](#) around climate resilience and adaptation, we aim to work with the built environment industry to co-create a sector roadmap for climate resilience in the built environment. By developing science-driven, industry-wide targets to be achieved in the short, medium and longer term, this project could help to fill the urgent and critical gap identified by the CCC – investing in and optimising our built environment for a climate resilient future. This project will follow a similar path of UKGBC’s Whole Life Carbon Roadmap [project](#) which provided both the industry and government a common vision and agreed actions for achieving net zero carbon in the built environment.

The main objectives of the Resilience Roadmap project are to:

- Define a resilient UK built environment;
- Set science-based targets and measurable metrics for climate resilience;
- Measure the baseline climate resilience of the UK built environment;
- Identify the social, economic, political and technical obstacles of climate adaptation;
- Identify the key actions for built environment stakeholders to ramp up adaptation action; and
- Identify key resilience and adaptation policies for national and local governments.

### Project Format

The project content will be created through a range of activities, shown in Figure 1:

- Qualitative data and insights gained from our existing Collaboration Café events held May 2023 – February 2024
- Desktop researched carried out by the UKGBC team and Task Group members
- A series of Task Group workshops to be held October 2023 – June 2024
- Expert interviews to take place with key stakeholders from both within the industry and wider
- Risk modelling and mapping to develop a resilience baseline for the UK built environment
- An industry consultation to test and refine metrics, targets and definitions

The outputs of these activities will culminate in the final Roadmap content to be launched in Autumn 2024. We aim to leverage key industry and global events such as COP28 to promote the project and our partnering organisations throughout the project process.

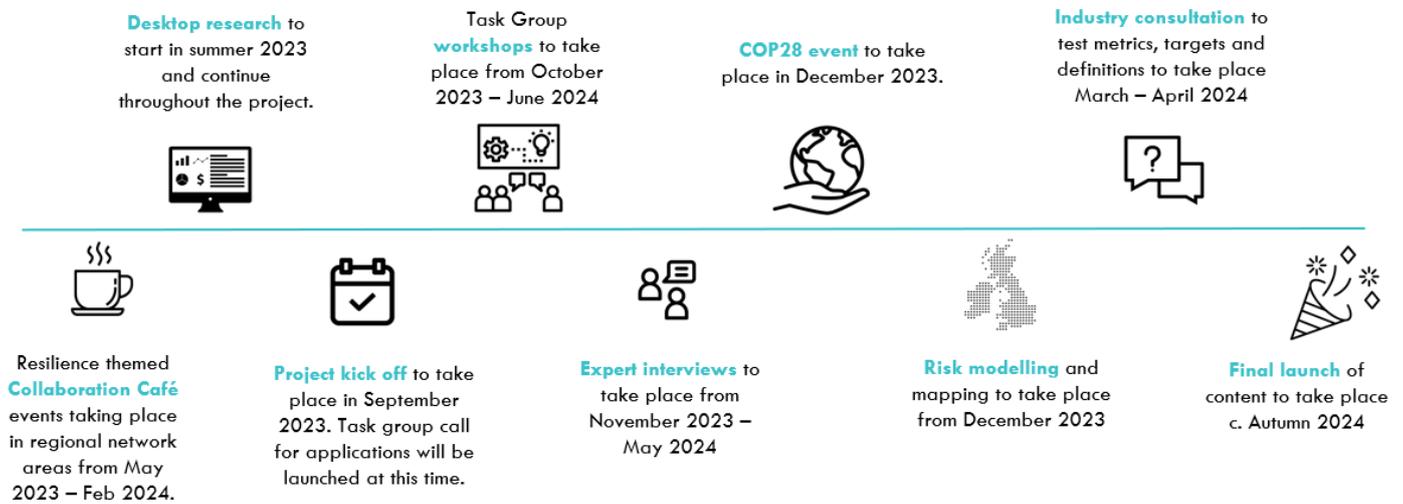


Figure 1: Project timeline

## Project Partnership

### Benefits of Project Partnership

By becoming a Project Partner, your organisation will:

- Be credited with enabling the project and facilitating progress and positive impact in the built environment
- Secure a position on the project Task Group
- Take a steering role, helping to shape the project and associated outputs, as well as how those outputs are conveyed to industry to maximise impact and uptake
- Receive brand recognition via inclusion of your organisation's logo on all project-related outputs and collateral (e.g. reports, videos, presentation slides)
- Be able to collaborate with other industry leaders and build your organisation's network
- Receive bespoke social media assets to help promote your organisation's support of the project

### Cost of project partnership

£9,000 per project partner.

### We believe these benefits will:

- Develop your staff – Individuals will gain unique experience and improve their knowledge through task group participation and engagement opportunities at UKGBC events.
- Extend your network – Programmatic groups and events will enable your organisation to build relationships with clients, suppliers, the public sector and policy makers. UKGBC's membership has increased by over 150 organisations in the last year to a total of over 700.
- Raise your brand profile – Your organisation's logo will be featured on multiple outputs and collateral, and we will create speaking opportunities throughout the project process.

## Requirements of Project Partners

We are specifically looking for individuals and organisations with experience and understanding of considering and increasing climate resilience within their sector. We are ideally looking for representation from a wide range of sectors across the built environment, including:

- Landlords / Owners
- Developers
- Contractors
- Consultants (Architects, Sustainability Engineers, etc.)
- Property and facilities managers
- Insurers
- Investors
- Government bodies and Local Authorities
- Academia
- NGOs

Selection will be based on the suitability of both the individual applicants and the organisation they are representing. The individuals representing the partnering organisation should have a minimum 3 years of relevant experience or specific knowledge around the topic areas of climate adaptation and resilience.

To ensure the Roadmap best responds to the needs of the industry, we would like the Project Partners to be involved in the development of the output. Expected responsibilities and commitments include:

- Contribute a minimum of **8 hours per month**, inclusive of workshop times.
- Depending on the final agreed project scope, to support the development of the output through attending project meetings and allowing time to undertake work in the interim.
- Provide specialist knowledge and expertise as needed to support development of the output.
- Support dissemination of the output through participation in or presentation at awareness-raising and engagement events.

The partnering organisation and individual are expected to help promote the launch of the final Roadmap outputs, including engaging their communications (or other internal) teams where relevant.

## How to apply

**Project Partner** applications will remain open until **8<sup>th</sup> September**. To apply using the template (see overleaf), discuss this opportunity, or for general enquiries, please email [hannah.giddings@ukgbc.org](mailto:hannah.giddings@ukgbc.org).

## Alternative ways to get involved

Opportunities to join the project Task Group will become available in September 2023 and promoted through UKGBC's social media channels, on our website and to our Climate Resilience mailing group. Any organisations or individuals who are not able to participate in Task Groups will have the opportunity to participate in the wider industry consultation period (Spring 2024).

Please sign up to the Climate Resilience mailing group to be alerted to these opportunities by emailing [kerri.mccarton@ukgbc.org](mailto:kerri.mccarton@ukgbc.org).

Table 1: Application template

<b>Organisation name</b>	
<b>Full name, job title and department of proposed representative</b>	
<b>Relevant knowledge, experience, and skills for this project (max 300 words)</b>	
<b>Is there anything else you would like to add, for us to consider as part of the application?</b>	
<b>Are you happy for your email to be shared with the rest of the task group?</b>	

UKGBC is committed to actively targeting a diverse representation in the composition of all project groups. We want to be inclusive to everyone regardless of ethnicity, religious beliefs, gender, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation, or political beliefs and encourage our members to support our desire. While applicants will be chosen based on their experience, we encourage consideration of the above when putting forward individuals to apply.

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