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**"Credibility assessment of municipal climate change adaptation plans using the ex-ante method: A case study of Poland"**

**Original Submission**

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**Comments to Author:**

Dear author(s),

This is a very interesting and relevant topic that involved a systematic evaluation of 44 Policy municipal adaptation plans (2015-2019) . You used Olazabal and Ruiz De Gopegui (2021) framework to generate 57 indicators that helped to assess local plan credibility (APC). You found the plans were reasonably credible but with considerable variability (fragmentation). However, few plans adequately addressed the risks climate change imposes on vulnerable citizens. You also recommended the need for ex-ante assessments to be followed up with ex-post evaluations of plan action realisation.

I detected a few issues that you might want to consider to improve your work.

p16, 2-18 unclear - perhaps needs some editing?

p19, 36-7, it seems that the final verification of a plan's

<correctness> may occur only after .... I suggest alternative word to <correct> - perhaps <robustness>?

p19, 54 evaluation on a bigger scale would help to ultimately verify the performed credibility

assessment of municipal adaptation plans... I would replace <bigger> wit another adjective

<wider>/<broader>?

p20, Conclusion seems weak needs:

1) clearer explanation of global significance of results (too much focus on Poland),

2) include issues plan deficiencies w.r.t. adequately addressing adaption for vulnerable groups

3)general editing & tightening so conclusion is

crisp & impactful.

I hope this is useful feedback and helps tighten your work.

Kind regards,

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