

Session 5a: Understanding adaptation progress at national level (50 minutes)

You should now be familiar with the stages of the Climate-ADAPT Adaptation Support Tool. In this session we would like you to consider the progress that has been made in your country in relation to each stage. The purpose is to help to identify where further support might be needed and to enable successes and stories of progress to be shared between nations.

All countries will be at different stages and may have considered climate adaptation in different ways; there is not a right or wrong answer!

For each AST stage please discuss then record in the table:

- 1) **The evidence of progress for each stage.** For example for Stage 2 'Assessing risks and vulnerability to climate change' has a vulnerability assessment been undertaken or planned? What stage is this assessment at? What is the sectorial or geographical coverage of the assessment? When will it be completed?
- 2) **The stakeholders who have been involved in each Stage to date** (this might include Government departments, local authorities, NGOs, Universities etc)
- 3) **The stakeholders who need to be involved in each stage** (there may be organisations who can play an important role but have not yet been involved)

You may find that for some stages there is limited information as little has been done so far. Please record in the relevant box where this is the case.

- 4) Once you have completed the table for all stages **please discuss the QUALITY of the evidence and stakeholder engagement to date.** Using a different coloured pen please comment on the quality of the evidence and identify where you think there are gaps in the work completed to date (add smiley or sad faces, stars or ticks to indicate where you think strengths and weaknesses exist in the evidence)



Stage 1 Getting Started/Planning to develop a strategy

High level support: Which Ministry has lead responsibility for developing climate change adaptation strategy/policy? Is there a dedicated team for adaptation strategy development?

Co-ordination of roles and responsibilities: What are the relationships between different ministries that are key to adaptation e.g. those with responsibility for water, waste, health, energy, local government, transport, emergency response, education?

Which ministries are currently involved?

How often do they meet to discuss adaptation issues?

How well is adaptation embedded in policy development processes? Not considered yet/Beginning to be considered/occasionally considered/regularly considered.

Have dedicated resources been allocated (people and finance)? Is funding an issue – have all international/EU options been reviewed?

Stage 2 Assessing risks and vulnerability to climate change

What information on trends in South Eastern European climate is available?

What is the status of the assessment of risks, vulnerabilities and opportunities (links to DRR)?

What is the status of the assessment of Adaptive capacity?

How is uncertainty dealt with?

Stage 3 Identifying adaptation options

For which impacts/sectors have different types of adaptation: 'building adaptive capacity' and 'delivering adaptation actions' been identified?

How is information gathered and knowledge exchanged with stakeholders?

What case studies are available for shared learning?

Stage 4: Assessing adaptation options

Do options assess dependencies, trade-offs and synergies?

Which tools have been selected to prioritise and select options (urgency/acceptability/cost benefit analysis/other)?

Stage 5: Implementation

What is the status of the development of the implementation plan to convert adaptation options into action?

Is it clear from the implementation plan what needs to be done, by whom and by when?

Does the implementation plan link to existing policies and procedures and key resources or Is there a need for a new approach/policies?

What are the barriers, knowledge and research gaps?

Stage 6: Monitoring and Evaluation

Where in the process is progress measured?

What indicators have been chosen to demonstrate progress? And how have they been chosen (complicated, still in development)?

How are results communicated internally (in government) externally (public)?

AST Stage	Evidence (Reference/Report/website/individual: publically available/draft/in preparation)	Stakeholders who <u>have</u> been involved	Stakeholders who <u>need</u> to be involved
1 - Getting started (adaptation planning)			
2 - Assessing risks and vulnerability to climate change			
3 - Identifying adaptation options			
4 - Assessing adaptation options			
5 - Implementation			
6 - Monitoring & Evaluation			