

Background document
Break-out group 1 (21 June): Climate-ADAPT

Recent policy and knowledge developments

The EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change, adopted in 2013, promotes action at national and city level, integrates adaptation in EU policies and funds, and enhances research and sharing of knowledge, including the European Climate Adaptation Platform [Climate-ADAPT](#).

Climate ADAPT is co-managed by the European Commission and the European Environment Agency with the aim to facilitate the sharing and uptake of a common knowledge base on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation and to help all the actors involved to exchange experiences and to learn from each other.

The European Commission is evaluating the EU Adaptation Strategy during 2017-2018, including stakeholder events in April and autumn 2017 and a public consultation to start in autumn 2017. As a contribution to this evaluation, the EEA, supported by the ETC CCA, is carrying out an evaluation of Climate-ADAPT.

Background information EEA and ETC CCA activities

Regular management of the platform has been developed in a continuous way with activities of uploading appropriate content and quality control, promoting communication with users and facilitating collaboration across governance scales and among sectors.

The EEA, supported by the ETC CCA, is currently developing the evaluation report of Climate-ADAPT, which will provide evidence on how the growing knowledge on adaptation in Europe has been captured, presented on the platform and shared across Europe. The evaluation report analyses all the contents and functionalities of Climate ADAPT, the governance of the platform and the way of dissemination and promotion, as well as the users' interactions, demands and expectations, providing valuable information to assess the progress of Climate ADAPT to its objectives and elements for future developments and improvements.

The evaluation report is taking place with a wide participatory approach that includes the webinar "Towards an evaluation of Climate-ADAPT"¹, (organized by EEA last 18 January 2017) and a user/information provider survey that has been answered by 503 persons (out of them 60 belong to the national level, including National Focal Point / National Reference Centre). In autumn 2017 an EIONET consultation is going to be held.

The final evaluation report of Climate-ADAPT is scheduled to be published in first quarter of 2018, timely to contribute to the evaluation of the EU Adaptation Strategy and to guide future developments of the platform.

Following up on this activity the EEA would like to inform the NRC's and other partners on the progress of this evaluation and ask for further feedback (in addition to feedback already provided at the webinar and/or during the survey).

Questions for the discussion

- What are your general view on the relevance, scope and timing of the EEA work on the evaluation of Climate ADAPT?

¹ <https://forum.eionet.europa.eu/nrc-climate-change-adaptation/library/workshops-meetings/climate-adapt-development-webinars/third-climate-adapt-webinar>

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- The evaluation of Climate ADAPT includes results of selected self-assessment tools, such as the analysis of the coverage of the Climate-ADAPT database, as well as results of external feedback mechanisms, like the Climate-ADAPT user/information provider survey. These elements will feed into the evaluation of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, coherence and EU added value of Climate-ADAPT, but cannot cover all criteria to the full extent. We would like to carry out some interviews with NRC's who participated in the survey in order to get some evidence to cover these criteria. Would you be willing to serve as volunteers for the interview (e.g. back to back with the breakout-group or workshop)?
- Are you currently carrying out / planning an evaluation of your national/regional/thematic adaptation platform? If this is the case, how the EEA work on the evaluation of Climate ADAPT can support you and your own evaluation?
- The evaluation of Climate ADAPT will provide key insights and outcomes to pose the mid-and long-term development of the platform. Which aspects of Climate ADAPT do you feel could be the EEA focus in future? (in addition and taking into account your previous feedback already provided at the webinar and/or during the survey)
- How best to collaborate with Eionet on the complementarity of EU/national/regional/thematic adaptation platforms (e.g. webinar, expert meeting)?