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# Reporting in plenary from breakout groups

## Urban and social aspects of adaptation



# (Q1) relevance, scope and timing of the EEA work on social inequalities and environmental hazards

## Discussions and outcomes

- The subject is of interest – need to raise awareness of social issues and push them up the agenda (for countries, cities and organisations)
- Talking about impacts on people is emotive and emphasises the need to adapt
- Case studies are useful in promoting focus on social issues in adaptation
- Interest in synergistic effects of air pollution and temperatures

## Suggestions and recommendations

- for EEA: Consider also impacts of low temperatures
- For countries: Participate in the review of the report (July-August 2018)

### Discussions and outcomes

- UAST has been used for development of national methodologies
- Cities tend to use the national methodologies and tools where available
- Small cities would not use UAST – language barrier

### Suggestions and recommendations

- for EEA / at European level:
  - Translation of the tool into national languages

### **Discussions and outcomes**

- Not user-friendly at the moment
- More useful as a European overview than for individual cities
- Can be used for awareness raising or as a starting point for cities
- Small cities would not know about this tool

### **Suggestions and recommendations for EEA :**

- Improved visibility of the Map Book on Climate-ADAPT
- Less information
- More interactive
- Develop factsheets for cities – they can be useful to identify cities in similar situation
- Data needs to be updated frequently to remain current

### Discussions and outcomes

- Little knowledge on economic costs of not adapting in urban settings – complex cause and effect chains
- Social aspects of climate impacts and adaptation should not be less important than the economic issues
- How could local communities be better engaged in adaptation planning?
- How can citizen science be used in analysing climate change impacts, vulnerability, exposure and adaptation?
- What are the interactions between climate change, tourism and city planning?



### Discussions and outcomes

- Urban Agenda Climate Adaptation Partnership:
  - Action Plan and impressions about the process
  - Greater involvement of cities is needed

### Suggestions and recommendations for countries:

- Participate and encourage cities and other stakeholders to take part in the consultation of the Action Plan (June-August 2018)