



Dear colleague,

The European Environment Agency (EEA), supported by the European Topic Centre on Climate Change Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation (ETC/CCA), is organizing an

**Expert meeting on national climate change vulnerability and risk assessments.**

This expert meeting will take place at the premises of the EEA in Copenhagen (Denmark)

**from 5 June 2018, 13:30 to 6 June 2018, 12:30.**

This meeting will bring together experts from the European Commission and from national level authorities with experience or interest in developing national climate change vulnerability or risk assessments. It will reflect on the key results and lessons learned as presented in the **new EEA report 'National climate change vulnerability and risk assessments in Europe 2018'** (due to be published in late April 2018; final draft available [here](#)). Further information on the expert meeting, including a draft agenda, is provided below.

**We would like to invite you to nominate an expert from your country to this meeting.** The costs of participation will be covered by the EEA. Further information about the EEA reimbursement policy will be provided after registration.

This expert meeting is organised **back-to-back with the 2018 Eionet Meeting on Climate Change Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation** (6–7 June 2018). Participation in the expert meeting and the Eionet workshop can be by the same expert or by two different experts. Participation of two experts from one country is possible on request, subject to practical limitations. However, please be aware that EEA will only reimburse one person for each of the two meetings.

Please **register for this meeting at the [Eionet Forum](#) by 4 May 2018.** In case of questions regarding travel and practical arrangements, please contact **Corine Guma** ([Corine.Guma@eea.europa.eu](mailto:Corine.Guma@eea.europa.eu)).

In addition, please **provide feedback on the meeting scope** by filling out **this [pre-meeting survey](#)**. In case of questions regarding the content of the meeting, please contact **Hans-Martin Füssel** ([Martin.Fuessel@eea.europa.eu](mailto:Martin.Fuessel@eea.europa.eu)).

Yours sincerely,

André Jol



## Expert meeting on national climate change vulnerability and risk assessments – Draft outline and agenda

**Dates:** 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (from 13:30) and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (until 12:30)

**Venue:** European Environment Agency, Kongens Nytorv 6, DK-1050 Copenhagen (Conference Room)

**Objective:** To support experts involved in planning, developing or conducting climate change impact, vulnerability or risk (CCIV) assessments in support of climate change adaptation policy. A particular focus will be on learning from countries' experiences across Europe, on the links between CCIV assessments and national risk assessments for disaster risk reductions, and on identifying suggestions how the European Commission and the EEA can support CCIV assessments in European countries.

**Background material:** The expert meeting will make use of the main outcomes of the new EEA report '*National climate change vulnerability and risk assessments in Europe 2018*' (due to be published in late April 2018; final draft available [here](#)).

**Format:** Experts will introduce several topics that have been identified as relevant in the above-mentioned EEA report or by meeting participants. EEA member countries are invited to share their knowledge, experiences and lessons learned.

**Topics:** Below is a tentative list of topics and illustrative questions for discussions. This list will be adjusted based on the feedback from meeting participants before and during the workshop.

- Experiences and lessons learned in conducting CCIV assessments:
  - What have we learned from the methods, approaches and experiences so far?
  - What methods are useful to identify adaptation priorities across sectors and regions?
  - How can the co-operation of different institutions best be organized?
- Role of CCIV assessments in the adaptation policy process:
  - What information from CCIV assessments is most useful for the development of national adaptation strategies and action plans?
  - How can multi-sectoral national CCIV assessments, sub-national assessments and sectoral assessments best complement each other?
- Way forward for CCIV assessments:
  - How could national CCIV assessments better support the relevant policy process?
  - How can the synergies between CCIV assessments and national risk assessments (for disaster risk reduction) be better exploited?
  - What can be improved in CCIV assessments in the coming years?
  - What role can the EU play in improving CCIV assessments across Europe?

**Organizers:** Hans-Martin Füssel (EEA), Clare Downing, Markus Leitner, Tiago Capela Lourenco (all ETC/CCA)

**Output:** Meeting report, including suggestions/recommendations for countries and EU bodies



## Draft Workshop Agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday, 5 June 2018

13:30-14:00	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome and workshop objectives (EEA)</li> <li>- Tour de table</li> </ul>
14:00-15:45	<p><b>Plenary session 1: Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Highlights from the EEA report 'National climate change vulnerability and risk assessments in Europe 2018' (Hans-Martin Füssel, EEA)</li> <li>- Views from DG CLIMA (Jelena Milos, DG CLIMA)</li> <li>- Questions and answers</li> <li>- Experiences with national CCIV assessments             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hungary (Emese Judit Nyitrai)</li> <li>• Switzerland (Carla Gross)</li> <li>• United Kingdom (Andrew Russell)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- JRC activities supporting CCIV assessments (Paulo Barbosa, JRC)</li> <li>- Discussion</li> </ul>
15:45-16:00	Coffee/tea break
16:00-17:30	<p><b>Parallel session 1</b></p> <p><b>Group 1.A: Governance and process-related aspects of CCIV assessments</b> (Chair &amp; introductory presentation: Markus Leitner, ETC/CCA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What have you learned from past CCIV assessments in terms of the governance of the process?</li> <li>• What are success factors for institutional cooperation (e.g. between environmental administration, meteorological services, and other sectoral/thematic administrations)?</li> <li>• How were the results of CCIV assessments used in the adaptation policy process, by different actors?</li> <li>• Was support by the EU helpful, and what could be done further?</li> </ul> <p><b>Group 1.B: Methodological aspects of CCIV assessments</b> (Chair &amp; introductory presentation: Clare Downing, ETC/CCA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which assessment approaches and methods worked well?</li> <li>• How were the assessment results being used for defining sectoral or regional adaptation priorities, or further assessment needs?</li> <li>• What would you do differently in the next assessment?</li> <li>• Was support by the EU helpful, and what could be done further?</li> </ul>
17:30-17:45	Reporting back of highlights and key findings from the working groups
17:45	End of day 1

**19:00 Joint dinner (self-paid)**

[RizRaz, Kompagnistræde 20](#) (ca. 10 minutes walk from EEA)



## Day 2 – Wednesday, June 2018

09:00-09:30	<p><b>Plenary session 2:</b> <b>Links between climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlights of the EEA Report ‘Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Europe’ (Blaz Kurnik, EEA)</li> <li>• PLACARD project – ensuring coherence between DRR and adaptation (Markus Leitner, ETC/CCA)</li> <li>• <i>Views from DG CLIMA (Jelena Milos, DG CLIMA)</i></li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
09:30-11:00	<p><b>Parallel session 2</b></p> <p><b>Group 2.A: Coordinating national CCIV assessments and national risk assessments for disaster risk reduction</b> (Chair: Markus Leitner, ETC/CCA)</p> <p>Introductory presentation: Links between CCIV and national risk assessments in Finland (Jaana Sorvali)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What can CCIV assessments and national risk assessments learn from each other, and how can they be better coordinated?</li> <li>• What support could be provided by the EU?</li> </ul> <p><b>Group 2.B: Preparing for the next national CCIV assessment</b> (Chair &amp; introductory presentation: Clare Downing, ETC/CCA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can national and sub-national CCIV assessments, as well as multi-sectoral and sectoral assessments, inform and complement each other?</li> <li>• What are the benefits and limitations of using the same approach for consecutive national CCIV assessments?</li> <li>• What support could be provided by the EU?</li> </ul>
11:00-11:15	Coffee/tea break
11:15-11:30	Reporting back of highlights and key findings from working groups
11:30-12:15	<p><b>Plenary session 3:</b> <b>The way forward – where do we go from here?</b></p> <p>Interactive discussion around the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What might be the way forward and the future of national CCIV assessments and the adaptation policy process?</li> <li>• How can the EU best support national CCIV assessments in the future?</li> </ul>
12:15–12:30	Wrap-up and next steps