

Background document **Break-out group discussions – part 2 (13 June): Climate-ADAPT**

Recent policy and knowledge developments

The European Climate Adaptation Platform [Climate-ADAPT](#) is a partnership between the European Commission and the European Environment Agency (EEA). Climate-ADAPT is maintained by the EEA with the support of the European Topic Centre on Climate Change Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation (ETC/CCA).

Climate-ADAPT is acknowledged in the [EU Adaptation Strategy](#) as a key element for improving decision-making and as the “one-stop shop” for adaptation information in Europe. The objectives of Climate-ADAPT are (i) sharing the knowledge across Europe, (ii) assisting the uptake of information and (iii) supporting cooperation among sectors and across governance levels, for better-informed decision making.

According to the [2018 evaluations of the EU Strategy](#) and [EEA evaluation of the platform](#), Climate-ADAPT has become the Strategy’s vehicle to disseminate information on adaptation to decision-makers at various governance levels and organisations supporting them for developing adaptation strategies and actions. Other findings from the Climate-ADAPT evaluation conclude that the platform succeeds in reaching its intended target audience, the growth of knowledge (from EU funded research and other projects, countries, cities and sources) is captured, and the knowledge is presented in a useful policy context.

Challenges for Climate-ADAPT, aiming to continue being policy relevant, include incorporating the continuous increase in knowledge and practical experiences coming from countries, cities and European projects and initiatives, the evolving information needs in the different stages of the adaptation policy cycle, and the increasing landscape of adaptation knowledge platforms (and related areas) across Europe at all governance levels (e.g. [C3S](#); [BISE](#); [DRMKC](#); [Covenant of Mayor on climate and energy](#)). This requires that EEA increasingly focuses on enhancing the complementarity of Climate-ADAPT to other knowledge platforms and on connections with these other platforms.

Background information EEA and ETC/CCA activities

Based on results from the 2018 Climate-ADAPT evaluation, the platform has been upgraded and totally updated, resulting in a renewed platform with stronger structural coherence and a new user-friendly layout. The new Climate-ADAPT was launched in January 2019. Also in early 2019, a new [Climate-ADAPT Strategy 2019-2021](#) was adopted as the strategic planning instrument that identifies the mission/vision and objectives of the platform, and defines the governance (including collaboration with the Commission and the EEA member countries) and main activities to be developed and implemented.

The EEA, supported by ETC/CCA, is responsible for the regular management of Climate-ADAPT in a continuous way, with activities such as updating and uploading appropriate content and quality control, promoting communication with users and facilitating collaboration with a wide variety of information providers. Besides these regular activities, during 2019 some specific actions and components of Climate-ADAPT are being further developed, among them:

- Revision of the [Adaptation Support Tool](#) (AST). In this process, members of the Commission led Working Group on Adaptation have been also consulted to collect their views and priorities.

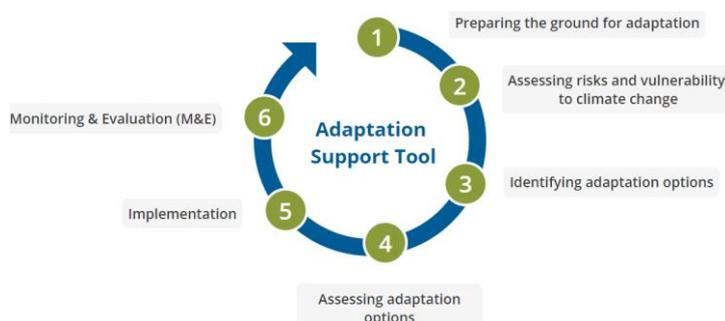
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- Links with Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) to include in Climate-ADAPT a specific tool that will allow users to get easy access to tailor-made climate services products from a set of quality controlled key climate variables and indicators.
- Country pages, updating based on the formal reporting process under the Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (see for more information the background paper on monitoring, reporting and evaluation).
- Complementarity with and links to other EU knowledge platforms (in particular DRMKC).
- Webinar on case studies (planned for 19 June 2019).

Following up on these activities, the EEA would like to discuss with the NRC's and other participants of the Eionet workshop the experiences with the renewed Climate-ADAPT and the 2019 and possible future actions to improve the platform.

Questions for the discussion

1. What are your experiences with the renewed Climate ADAPT and its strategic planning instrument (including outreach e.g. by the newsletter and/or webinars)?
2. Regarding the process of revising the AST:



- Is the tool still needed by NRC and other EIONET members, and why?
 - Who is using the AST actively?
 - Which parts (steps 1-6) of the AST are mostly used?
 - Which elements of the AST should be improved, to better support your work?
3. What are your views about the integration of a climate service component to offer users to access climate information from C3S in Climate-ADAPT?
 4. What options do you see to enhance the complementarity between Climate-ADAPT and other EU and national adaptation platforms (and related areas), and what is the best way to collaborate with Eionet to achieve this?
 5. What are your main further needs for Climate-ADAPT in future?