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EEA/Eionet in brief

The EEA aims to support sustainable development and to help achieve significant and measurable improvement in Europe's environment through the provision of timely, targeted, relevant and reliable information to policy-making agents and the public.

The EEA undertakes a comprehensive range of integrated environmental and thematic assessments to support implementation of environmental policies in Europe. These include five-yearly state and outlook of the environment reports; thematic and sectoral assessments; analyses of the effectiveness of policy measures; forward studies; and assessments of the impacts of globalisation on Europe's environment and resources. The EEA is an important source and custodian of environment-related data and indicators, and is a key provider of environmental knowledge and information services.

To achieve its aim, the EEA works closely with EU institutions, especially the European Commission, and in partnership with government departments and agencies, international conventions, UN bodies, the scientific community, the private sector and civil society.

Cooperation with government bodies and research institutions in the European Environment Information and Observation Network (Eionet), created together with the EEA itself in 1993 by the EEA/Eionet Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90, plays a key role in the Agency's work, representing two decades of investing in the creation and sharing of environmental information across Europe. Continued investment in Eionet, including the European Topic Centres, and with the EEA/Eionet cooperation model at its core, remains a central point for the work.

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SA1.4 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS, VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION

Multiannual objective

To support and inform policy development and implementation in the area of climate change impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation by means of data, information/indicators and assessments.

Multiannual performance indicators

- EEA member countries supported in an effective and timely manner in their development and implementation of national adaptation strategies;
- EEA member countries assisted effectively in their reporting to the EU, and capacity-building support provided as needed;
- EEA member countries and the European Commission supported in a timely manner with relevant analysis, compilations of reported information, and direct policy support;
- EEA information systems (Climate-ADAPT) adapted and improved to accommodate changes in reporting and user needs, increased user uptake;
- Sound, timely, and policy-relevant indicators and assessments, including assessments of policy preparedness/effectiveness and/or combined sets of policies and measures, in the fields of climate change impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation.

Highlights for 2016

- Publication of the EEA assessment report on ‘Climate change impacts and vulnerability in Europe’ (and with related and consistent indicators published on the web);
- Publication of the EEA assessment report on ‘Cities coping with climate change’;
- Updated and improved Climate-ADAPT platform (e.g. regular content updating, improved content on cities; various improved functionalities, migration to EEA content management system)
- Support to the EKC process: inputs to Knowledge Innovations projects (KIPs) when the time schedule is clarified.

Main ETC Partner

ETC/CCA

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Publication of the EEA assessment report on 'Climate change impacts and vulnerability in Europe' and related indicators (in close connection to and consistent with the report)	Reports and assessments	DG CLIMA, DG ENV, DG JRC, DG RTD, WHO, ECDC, ECMWF (European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts), Eionet/NRCs for climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication) 7 th EAP
Publication of the EEA assessment report on 'Cities coping with climate change'	Reports and assessments	DG CLIMA, DG ENV, DG RTD, DG ECHO, DG REGIO, ICLEI, ISDR, WHO, Eionet/ NRCs for climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication) EU Urban Agenda 7 th EAP
Updated and improved European Climate Change Adaptation Platform Climate-ADAPT (e.g. regular content updating and review, improved content on cities; various improved functionalities, migration to EEA content management system)	Information systems	DG CLIMA, DG ENV, DG JRC, DG RTD, DG ECHO, DG REGIO, WHO, ECDC, ISDR, Regional conventions, EPA Network, Mayors Adapt, Eionet/ NRCs for climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication) 7 th EAP, Europe 2020 Strategy European Commission / EEA Work plan on Climate-ADAPT
Developing an assessment report on disaster risk reduction and links to climate change adaptation (to be published in 2017)	Reports and assessments	DG CLIMA, DG ENV, DG ECHO, DG JRC, DG RTD, ISDR, Eionet/ NRCs for climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication) EU civil protection and disaster risk reduction policies (including the Civil Protection Mechanism)

Follow-up work on monitoring, reporting and evaluation of national adaptation policies (after technical report due in 2015)	Contributions and joint products	DG CLIMA, Eionet/ NRCs for climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication)
Eionet workshop on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation (and expert meetings)	Workshops and meetings	DG CLIMA, Eionet/ NRCs for climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Contribution to the Commission (DG CLIMA) Mayors Adapt initiative and the annual ICLEI conference on urban adaptation Contributions to other conferences and meetings Collaboration with ECMWF, including participation in expert meetings	Workshops and meetings	DG CLIMA, Mayors Adapt, ICLEI UNFCCC, IPCC, ISDR, WHO, UNEP-PROVIA (Global Programme of Research on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation), EPA network Copernicus climate change service	EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication) Copernicus regulation