



To: Participants of the workshop

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10 September 2013

Invitation to a second workshop on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, 8 October 2013 in Belgrade, Serbia

Dear participant,

The European Environment Agency would like to invite you to a second workshop on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation on **8 October 2013 (9:00-16:30), Belgrade, Serbia**. You receive this invitation since you have been nominated by the NFP of your country to participate.

A draft agenda to the project is attached and workshop documents are available here: <http://forum.eionet.europa.eu/nrc-climate-change-adaptation/library/workshops-meetings/second-workshop-cc-adaptation-wb-countries>

A previous workshop held in Belgrade in April began the process of enabling EEA cooperating West Balkan countries and Croatia to learn from experiences in other countries and regions, and to share their own experiences and needs by using and contributing to the Climate-ADAPT platform. Both workshops form part of the project to 'Support work on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation (CCIVA) in the West Balkan (WB) countries', supported via a service contract between the European Environment Agency (EEA) and European Topic Centre on Climate Change Adaptation (ETC/CCA) and carried out by CMCC (Italy) and UKCIP (UK).

The main aim of the second workshop is to exchange, analyse and discuss further information from countries, in particular regarding approaches on national climate change risk and vulnerability assessments and adaptation policies. The workshop will also focus on a few examples of case studies, which may be included in Climate-ADAPT.

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ETC CCA experts will compile the available information in country profiles, which will form part of a draft technical paper to be finalised by end Nov 2013, according to the following time schedule:

- 27 September: ETC CCA will send a first draft country profile to each country
- 8 October, workshop: discussion of the first draft (round table, session 2)
- 25 October: countries are asked to provide written comments on the country profile
- 8 November: ETC CCA will send to each country a second draft country profile and a draft version of the technical paper
- 22 November: countries are asked to provide written comments on the country profile
- 29 November: ETC CCA will send the final draft technical paper (including country profiles) to countries and EEA

The country profiles will follow closely the structure, content and length of the country pages available on Climate-ADAPT (<http://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/web/guest/countries>). The information will be compiled and presented according to the following categories: Policy and legal framework; Impact, vulnerability and adaptation information and assessments; Priority sectors for adaptation action; Local action; Summary table and contact details. The aim is for short descriptions, which should refer, where relevant and available, to other web sites (also in national languages). The total length should be max about 1400-1500 words. Note that the ETC CCA experts will contact the countries bilaterally asking for specific information to improve the draft country profiles.

EEA proposes to include the country profiles in Climate-ADAPT after the ETC CCA work has been finalised and after the appropriate country representatives have provided comments and approved the final version of the country profiles.

In addition the second workshop will be an opportunity to learn more about a new project 'Environment and Climate Regional Accession Network ' (ECRAN), funded by the European Commission. It is aimed at strengthening the regional cooperation between the candidate countries and potential candidates in the fields of environment and climate change. The project includes climate change adaptation as one of the work areas. The results of the EEA project (finalising end Nov 2013) can provide background information relevant for the implementation of the ECRAN project.

The EEA is in a position to cover the related travel costs for the participation of one expert per country, accommodation and per diem.

Please refer your correspondence regarding the participation to Felicidade Manica by email (Felicidade.Manica@eea.europa.eu).

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For any questions related to the content of the workshop please contact me at EEA (andre.jol@eea.europa.eu) or the ETC/CCA expert supporting the project (Valentina Giannini, CMCC, valentina.giannini@cmcc.it).

We thank you in advance for your participation and contribution.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure(s): Draft Agenda

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