

Urban responses to climate change: the case of Greece

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European cities are becoming more and more vulnerable to climate change impact as urban systems fail to adapt to risks. However, many European countries seem to set different priorities failing to mitigate impact or to adapt efficiently. The implementation of adaptation measures seems to be really difficult in the case of countries that are currently facing a downturn in the economy and have to deal with austerity measures, like Greece. This research deals with responses of Greek cities to their environmental challenges by using an assessment framework based upon multi-criteria analysis and evaluation of the responses towards a climate resilient city. The objective of this research is to provide key messages to local authorities regarding planning and implementation of policies and actions to adapt to a changing climate, to outline barriers to sustainable urban planning, to identify areas that need to be improved and to discuss issues for further research.