



Implementation of the German Climate Adaptation Strategy - Two years of experience

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The German Federal Government resolved in its 2005 Climate Protection Programme to initiate the necessary steps for development and implementation of a comprehensive national concept on adaptation to climate change in Germany. Allocating responsibilities in the shaping of federal policy and carrying out adaptation measures require close cooperation between the federal government and federal states. For this reason the Conference of the German Federal and State Environment Ministers decided in spring 2007 to support the federal government in its efforts to identify and implement a German adaptation strategy.

The road to this decision as well as the current and future process to identify this national adaptation strategy can be considered as a governance process. A lot of actors on different levels and from different sectors participate in this process, among them the German Environment Protection Agency represented by its Competence Centre on Climate Impacts and Adaptation (KomPass).

As the German adaptation strategy should help make adaptation management an integral part of all fields of policy and action the challenging work for the current and further phases will be to combine the ongoing formal processes with informal meetings, workshops and expert discussions, preferably focussed on intersectoral or crosscutting issues of relevance.

In our contribution we sum up the national experience in implementing the German adaptation strategy and highlight

1. the development of the Adaptation Action Plan (spring 2011) and
2. the role of the Competence Centre on Climate Impacts and Adaptation as the science-policy-interface.