

From words to deeds - a long and winding road

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All the surveys show that in Slovenia climate change is recognized as one of the most serious threats to the modern society. The awareness seems to be even higher than the European average. In spite of high awareness, mitigation action plans produced poor results in the past. Adaptation strategy for agricultural and forestry sectors was adopted; yet we recognize that results in implementation phase are limited. Climate change law is in procedure to be adopted; yet many stakeholders are unsatisfied, because it is biased towards mitigation, addressing adaptation only marginally. Most of the proposed actions are already included in our legislation, so the main novelty introduced by law would be the obligation to calculate a carbon footprint. The question is: do we need more legislation or do we need to pay more attention on concrete action based on solid science. The answer is clear, but exposure, impacts and vulnerability studies are fragmented and lacking cross-sectoral approach and resources.