



The European Climate Adaptation Platform (Climate-ADAPT)

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The abstract presents the background of Climate-ADAPT, its content, the policy relevance, the use of the platform and further planned developments.

In March 2012 the European Commission launched the web-based European Climate Adaptation Platform (Climate-ADAPT, <http://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/>), hosted and maintained afterwards by the European Environment Agency, supported by the European Topic Centre on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, <http://cca.eionet.europa.eu/>). It is designed to support policy-makers at the EU, (trans-) national and local levels to develop and implement adaptation strategies and actions. In 2013 an 'EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change' (http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/adaptation/what/index_en.htm) was adopted, supporting actions in countries, mainstreaming adaptation in EU policies, providing funding and enhancing research and information-sharing. It mentions the further development of Climate-ADAPT supporting the strategy objectives.

Climate-ADAPT presents comprehensive information on adaptation for the EEA 33 member countries. It contains information from a range of sources including research projects, Interreg and LIFE projects, international organisations, countries and cities. The information includes observed and expected climate change in Europe; vulnerability of regions and sectors at present and in the future; transnational, national and city level adaptation strategies and actions; cases of adaptation and adaptation options; tools that support adaptation planning and implementation and an overview of EU policy frameworks and processes. Metadata is included in the Climate-ADAPT database in a comparable way while the quality assurance of the underlying information is done by the relevant information source, e.g. through peer review processes. Countries provide information on their legal framework, assessments, priority sectors and local action regularly on a voluntary basis to EEA.

The platform has already supported (sub-) national adaptation policy and action. 3600 unique visitors per month use the platform and it is one of the most visited thematic EEA websites. The most visited pages are the countries pages and the adaptation support tool, which delivers guidance on impacts of climate change, adaptation planning/implementation and monitoring/evaluation.