



Austrian Adaptation policy approach: from development to implementation

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In Austria, a national adaptation strategy with an action plan was adopted in 2012 by the Council of Ministers and taken into consideration by the Provincial Governors' Conference in May 2013. As a nationwide framework for the alignment of necessary adaptation measures, the strategy aims to bring together relevant actors, support cooperative action, and facilitate the use of synergies through cooperation wherever possible. The Austrian Adaptation Strategy is divided into two parts: a Strategic Framework (NAS) and an Action Plan (NAP). The framework addresses fundamental issues and explains the embedding of the strategy in the overall context while the Action Plan focuses on the vulnerability of the respective areas for actions and presents concrete recommendations for adaptation.

The presentation will focus on the participatory development process of the NAS/NAP, the content of the policy documents as well as on follow-up activities for implementation. This includes communication activities to transfer relevant information to decision makers such as the Austrian Assessment Report 2014 (AAR14; Link: <https://www.ccca.ac.at/de/apcc/>) and studies to examine the cost of inaction (COIN; Link: <http://coin.ccca.ac.at/>).