



Climate Ireland: Supporting Decision-making for Climate Adaptation

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As adaptation policy progresses, it is important that decision makers have access to relevant and high quality information that can be used to support development and implementation of adaptation plans. Web-based climate change adaptation platforms are considered an effective means of servicing this requirement by collecting, assimilating and communicating relevant evidence, experience and knowledge to stakeholders including policymakers, practitioners and the general public.

In Ireland, the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act (2015) puts the development of National Adaptation Frameworks (NAF), sectoral and local adaptation plans on a statutory basis. The EPA-funded project 'A Climate Information Platform for Ireland' (ICIP) has been developed in tandem with the development of adaptation policy in Ireland. ICIP has adopted a phased and stakeholder-led approach to development. The first phase of development assessed available information and developed a prototype climate information platform for Ireland. The second phase of development further developed this prototype with a specific focus on supporting decision-making for climate adaptation at the local level while the third and current phase development extends this support to sectoral decision-making.

Drawing on experiences of supporting adaptation planning in Ireland through the development of ICIP, this presentation will outline the challenges and the potential role of Climate Information Platforms in supporting adaptation decision-making at the local and sectoral levels in Ireland and with a specific focus on the information requirements for adaptation decision-making.