



The European adaptation platform Climate-ADAPT

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Climate-ADAPT, the European adaptation platform, is acknowledged in the EU Adaptation Strategy as a key element for improving decision-making and as the 'one-stop shop' for adaptation information in Europe. The objectives of Climate-ADAPT are (i) sharing the knowledge across Europe, (ii) assisting the uptake of information and (iii) supporting cooperation among sectors and across governance levels, for better informed decision making.

According with the recent evaluations of the EU Strategy and the platform itself, Climate-ADAPT has become the Strategy's vehicle to disseminate information on adaptation to decision-makers at various governance levels and organisations supporting them for developing adaptation strategies and actions. Other findings from the Climate-ADAPT evaluation conclude that the platform succeeds in reaching its intended target audience, the growth of knowledge (from EU funded research and other projects, countries, cities and others) was captured, and the knowledge is presented in an useful policy context.

During 2018 Climate-ADAPT has been upgraded and updated, resulting in a renovated platform with stronger structural coherence and a new user-friendly layout. Also in 2018 a new Climate-ADAPT Strategy 2019-2021 was adopted as the strategic planning instrument that identifies the objectives and mission / vision of the platform, as well as it defines the governance and lines of activities to be developed during its period of validity.

Future challenges for Climate-ADAPT to continue being policy relevant include the continuous increase in knowledge generation and practical experiences coming from European projects and initiatives, the evolving information needs in the different stages in the adaptation policy cycle, or the increasing landscape of adaptation platforms (and related areas) across Europe at all levels that requires to enhance the complementary and connections between them.