



## 9<sup>th</sup> Climate-ADAPT Webinar

### ‘Aligning Climate-ADAPT with the 2021 EU Adaptation Policy Context’

17 June 2021, 10.00 - 11.30 CEST, online

#### Background paper

Climate-ADAPT aims to support Europe in adapting to climate change by helping users to access and share data and information on expected climate change in Europe, current and future vulnerability of regions and sectors, EU, national and transnational adaptation strategies and actions, adaptation case studies and potential adaptation options as well as tools that support adaptation planning. The [European Climate Adaptation Platform Climate-ADAPT](#) is a partnership between the European Commission and the European Environment Agency (EEA). Climate-ADAPT is maintained by the EEA with the support of the European Topic Centre on Climate Change Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation (ETC/CCA).

Climate-ADAPT includes five main sections consisting of around 400 pages. The key feature of the platform is its database with currently around 2300 items, which includes metadata and links to all relevant sources of adaptation knowledge in Europe. The database items are searchable by an advanced search function and can be filtered according to user search requirements. The database items are also linked to various other sections of the platform.

The new [EU Adaptation Strategy](#), launched under the [European Green Deal](#), acknowledges that the platform is already an established reference tool and knowledge resource. In the new EU Adaptation Strategy, Climate-ADAPT is given even more prominence, notably to become ‘the authoritative European platform for adaptation’. Therefore, Climate-ADAPT is currently being restructured to follow the structure of the new EU Adaptation Strategy which is more complex than the previous one and covers various cross-cutting topics (such as integrating climate resilience in national fiscal frameworks, promoting nature-based solutions for adaptation, speeding up adaptation across the board, stepping up climate action for climate resilience). The [Climate-ADAPT country profiles](#) are being updated based on the [information reported by countries](#) under the [EU Governance Regulation on the Energy Union and Climate Action](#). Moreover, Climate-ADAPT is being regularly updated and upgraded to capture the growing amount and diversity of the adaptation knowledge at the European level. For example, the future Climate-ADAPT will also need to be aligned with EU policy initiatives such as the [EU Mission on adaptation to climate change including societal transformation](#) and [Destination Earth](#).

Considering the limited resources available, the further development of Climate-ADAPT will be done in a stepwise approach focusing on specific priorities in each period. The EEA will further specify the stepwise approach in the 2022-2024 Climate-ADAPT Strategy and implement it mainly through the Annual Action Plans of the European Topic Centres.

#### About the Eionet Expert Meeting

In this Expert meeting, we would like to do the following:

1. Introduce the ongoing work and the priorities of the planned activities in 2021 and beyond on the alignment of Climate-ADAPT with the new EU Adaptation Policy framework
2. Gather feedback on those envisaged priorities from the perspective of EEA Member countries on how Climate-ADAPT should be developed further.

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