## **EEA Webinar**

## 19 June 2019, 11:00-12:00 CEST

#### AGENDA

# Climate-ADAPT case studies



Welcome address and introduction José Ramon Picatoste, EEA

How Europe is adapting to climate change: the Climate-ADAPT collection of case studies Emiliano Ramieri, ETC-CCA

Sand Motor – building with nature solution to improve coastal protection along Delfland coast Chiara Castellani, ETC-CCA

Feedback, questions and answers



# How Europe is adapting to climate change: the Climate-ADAPT collection of case studies



Climate-ADAPT case studies showcase measures that are already being carried out in Europe to increase resilience to extreme weather and slow-onset events, and in particular to improve adaptation to climate change



Show that adaptation is occurring in Europe

Increase awareness on what is possible to do

Inspire new adaptation activities



Stuttgart: combating the heat island effect and poor air quality with green ventilation corridors



Implementation of the integrated Master Plan for Coastal Safety in Flanders

#### Criteria for case study selection

- ✓ Clear relevance for climate change adaptation
- ✓ Actual implementation
- Accessibility to more detailed information
- $\checkmark\,$  Recent and alive case studies
- Represent good practice, leaving out cases of maladaptation
- ✓ Ensure proper coverage of all European regions and EEA member states
- Cover all adaptation sectors and climate change impacts in a balanced way



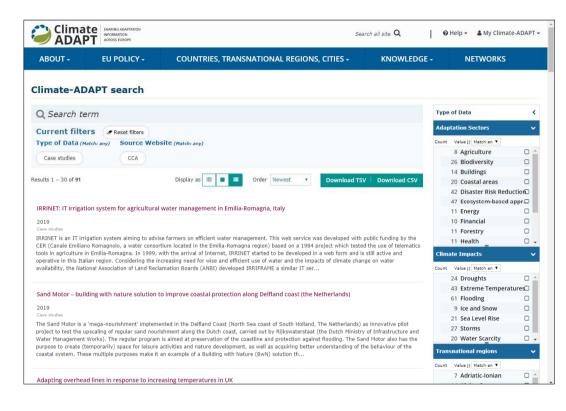
Replacing overhead lines with underground cables in Finland

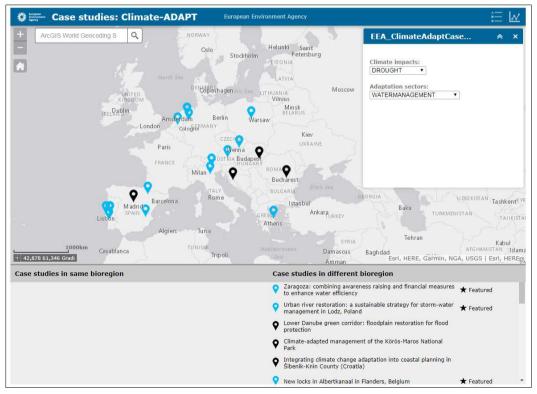
Moor protection in the Allgäu region (Germany) through a stakeholder-based approach

Social vulnerability to heatwaves – from assessment to implementation of adaptation measures in Košice and Trnava, Slovakia



#### How to find case studies







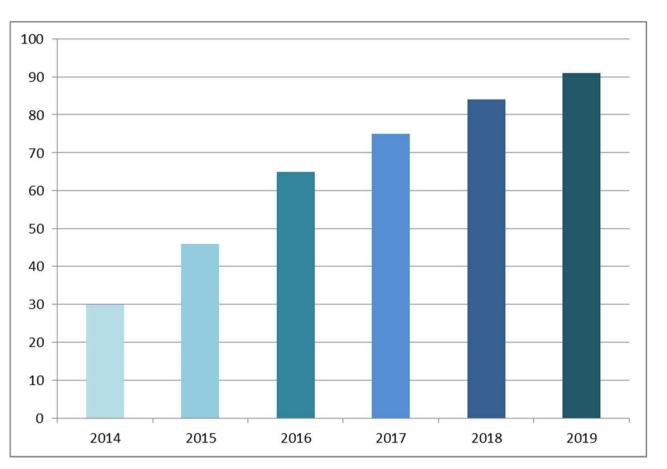
#### The current collection of CA case studies



IRRINET: IT irrigation system for agricultural water management in Emilia-Romagna



Flood risk management for hydropower plants in France





#### Example 1



#### **Catchment management approach to flash flood risks in Glasgow**

**Objective**: mitigate the flooding of residential and business properties in several areas of suburban Glasgow by the White Cart Water and the Auldhouse Burn

Adaptation measures: flood storage areas upstream the city, flow control devices into the dams at each storage area, and low walls and embankments in selected parts of the river corridor through the city





Stuttgart: combating the heat island effect and poor air quality with green ventilation corridors

**Objective**: facilitate air exchange in the city, thereby enhancing the potential for cool air flow from the hills towards the urban areas on the valley floor.

Adaptation measures: urban planning and prohibition of new construction to preserve existing ventilation corridors, limitation of the urban sprawl, expansion of green areas, green roofs



#### Example 3



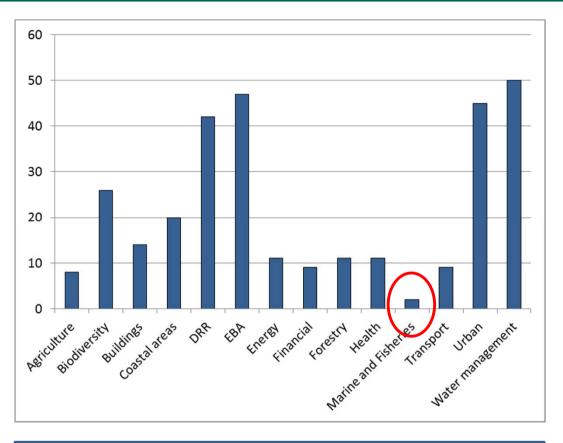
#### **Bosco Limite - A participatory strategy of water saving and aquifer artificial recharge in Northern Italy**

**Objective**: restore the natural dynamics of the aquifer recharge, also to cope with the increase in water demand and the variation in rainfall regimes

**Adaptation measures**: Forested Infiltration Area system: network of canals bringing water from the Brenta river – when available in excess - to a forested area consisting of native species of trees and shrubs



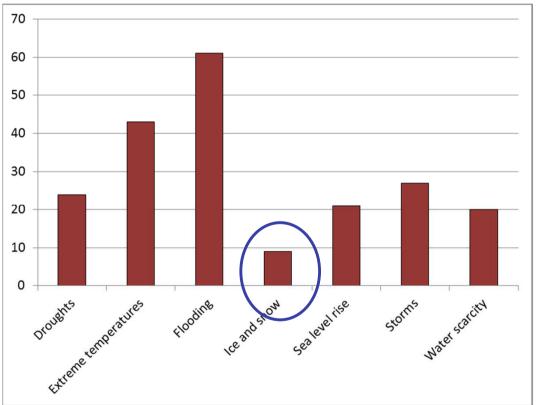
#### **Coverage and gaps**



**Gap category 1** - Missing scientific/practical evidence

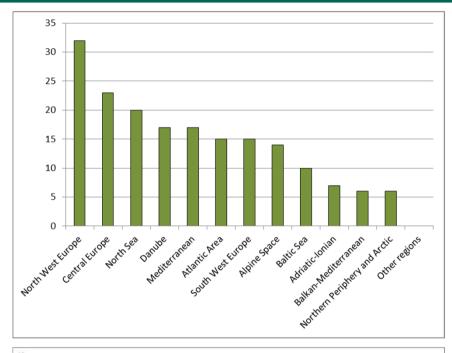
Gap category 2 - Incomplete information gathering

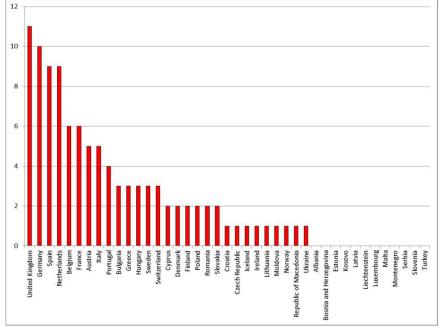
**Gap category 3** - Information is not eligible according to the CA database criteria

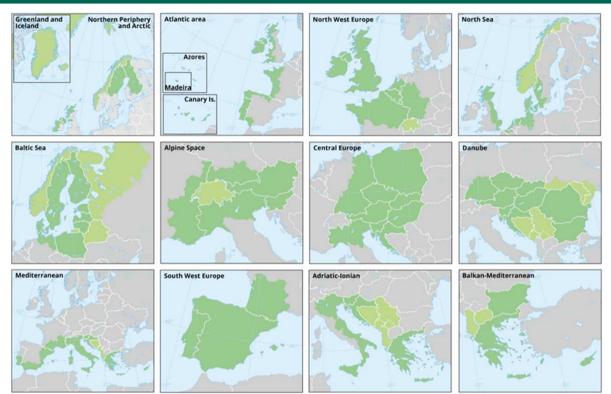




#### **Geographic distribution**







Local	53	58%
Regional	27	30%
National	12	13%
Transnational	3	3%



#### **Case study development**

Case studies can be directly submitted to Climate-ADAPT through the on-line function "Share your information" that is accessible on the home-page

However, case study elaboration is not straightforward; ETC-CCA develops most of the case studies and provides its support to external submitters:

- An user provides a short abstract to the ETC-CCA case study coordinator (<u>emiliano.ramieri@thetis.it</u>)
- Based on the feedback, the user develop the case study description through an offline template
- The case study coordinator reviews the case study description
- The user finalize the case study description
- EEA approves the off-line version of the case study and publish it on Climate-ADAPT

#### Case studies

#### Rainwater saving and use in households, Bremen (2018)



Case Study Description

Adaptation Options Implemented In This Case

Importance and Relevance of Adaptatio

Challenges

Objectives

Solutions

Additional Details

Life Time

<u>Contact</u>

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Websites

<u>Stakeholder Participation</u>
Success and Limiting Factor

<u>Costs and Benefits</u>
Legal Aspects

**Reference Information** 

Implementation Time

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In Germany, for a long time a single fee for both rainwater and wastewater was levied in all communities. After some German court decisions the fee for rainwater was separated from wastewater one and is now based on the extension of impervious property surface (m<sup>2</sup>), which directs water into the public sewage system. Collecting rainwater on private property with e.g. rain barrel or infiltration system (as for example green space) is then likely to reduce sewage costs due to lower loads to be treated by the treatment plant. According to the court decision these cost savings have to be passed to the property owners resulting in lower rainwater fees per m<sup>2</sup>. For several reasons (including saving of natural resources, reduction of the natural water cycles and adpatiation to climate change). Bremen has decided to take new approaches in rainwater management. On one hand Bremen is also applying this split fees and gives a refund if properties are less sealed and rainwater can filtrate into the soil or rainwater is used. In addition the city is subsidising investments into rainwater use in toilets, garden irrigation. collection tarks up to 12.000 Euro or a maximum of 1/3 of the total investment costs per household.



Keywords: Green building, fee, rainwater, soil sealing, subsidy

Case Study Illustrations (2)

Sectors: Financial, Urban, Water management

Climate impacts: Flooding, Water Scarcity

Governance level: Local (e.g. city or municipal level) Sub National Regions

Geographic characterization: Europe

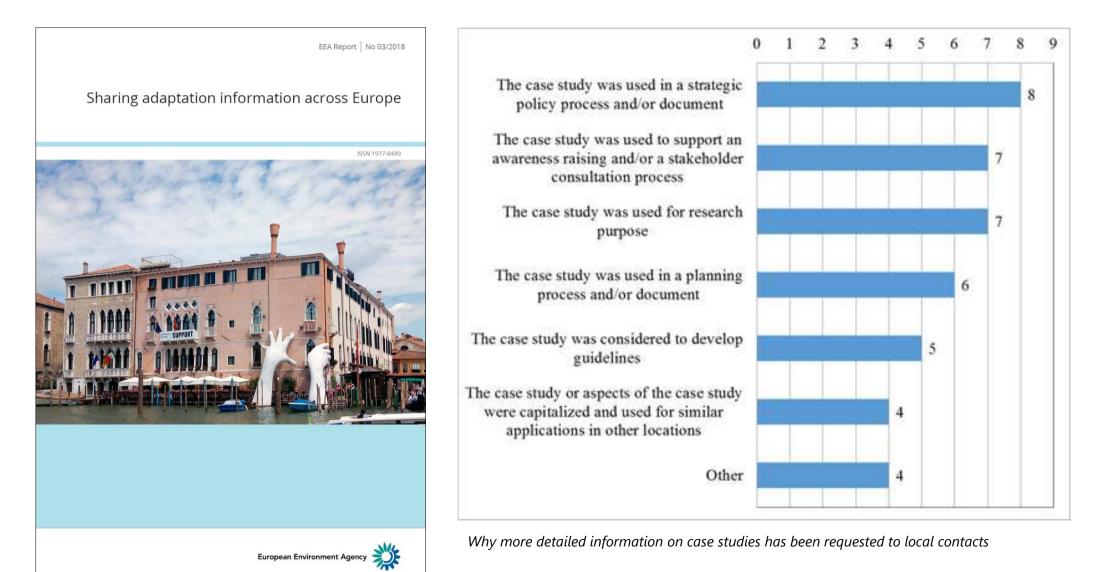
Macro-Transnational region:

Biographical regions: Atlantic

Countries:



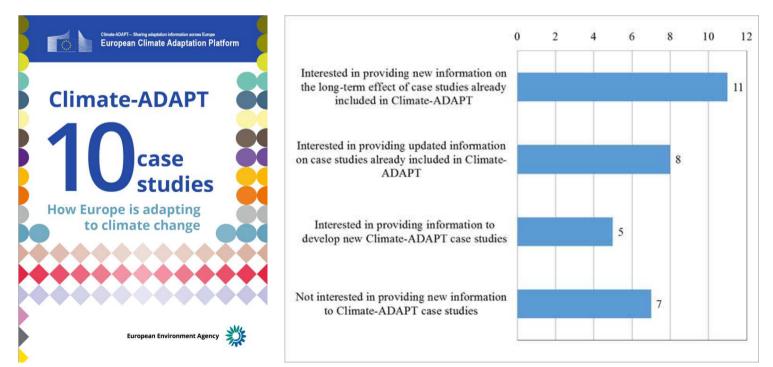
#### Case study use





#### Looking forward

- ✓ Improve case study dissemination
- ✓ Close remaining gaps
- ✓ Update older case studies (e.g. 2014-2015)
- Collect structured information on long-term effects of implemented measures
- ✓ Develop a closer cooperation with potential external submitters





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# Sand Motor case study

# Building with nature solution to improve coastal protection along Delfland coast (the Netherlands)



https://www.dezandmotor.nl/en/home/ https://www.deltares.nl/en/projects/sand-engine/



It is a 'Mega-nourishment', implemented as a pilot project to test an innovative solution alternative to traditional sand nourishment interventions.

It was carried out in 2011 by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management Works (Rijkswaterstaat) mainly to:

- preserve the coastline and protect against flooding,
- and also creating space for leisure activities and for nature.



Sand Motor is an example of a Building with Nature (BwN) solution that uses natural processes to fulfil multi-functional purposes in coastal management.



# Challenges

- 350 km long coastline in the Netherlands
- nine million residents living in the coastal areas of the Netherlands
- vast regions located below the mean sea level
- coastal erosion

#### **Climate Impacts**

- Sea level rise
- Flooding
- Storms

Regular sand nourishment interventions started since 90s to preserve the coastline at its reference position

Increasing volumes of sand needed considering past trend and regional future projections of sea level rise



# The idea of Sand Motor

Ideas of a "mega-nourishment", instead of traditional and regular nourishments, emerged since 2006 to investigate a more efficient way of maintaining the coast.

A plan survey started in 2009, focused on a deposit of a **huge volume of sand in a single operation, allowing that wind, waves and currents progressively spread the sand along the coast** over a longer period of time compared to traditional nourishment initiatives.

After the Environmental Impact Assessment procedure, the intervention was carried out between April and November 2011.

#### **Objectives**

- Preservation of a wide beach along the Delfland Coast between Hook of Holland and Scheveningen (Province of Holland)
- Nature conservation
- Appealing space for leisure activities
- Knowledge development and innovation





# **Solutions implemented**

The intervention involved :

- Sand extraction about 10 kilometres offshore
- 21.5 million cubic metres of sand deposited along the coast
- New hook-shaped peninsula of about 128 ha
- 2 foreshore nourishment operations conducted on either side of the peninsula to complement the intervention
- In its original shape, protruded 1 km into the sea and stretched along 2 km of coast



Aerial image, 2011



Continuous changes in the shape of the Sand Motor, with the strongest evolution in the first year after construction.

New morphological shapes and landscapes

An intense monitoring effort has been realised



Aerial image, August 2016

# **Success and limiting factors**

 Long-term protection of the coast combined with nature expansion and new space for recreation, meeting multiple targets of different actors and creating national and international interest





Temporary dangerous situations, especially for bathing created by new currents.

 Special control needed by a combination of information to the public, extra attention of coastal guards provided with new tools



# **Cost and benefits**

- The project was funded by the Province of South Holland and Rijkswaterstaat.
- The cost of the intervention was 70 million euros
- The first complete assessment of the intervention effects (2016) indicates success in coastal protection, with new habitat for local flora and fauna and new opportunities for recreational activities.
- Acquired knowledge on the coastal system functioning
- About 20 years is the projected lifetime of the Sand Motor, a clear advantage of the intervention compared to traditional sand nourishment
- A complete economic evaluation of the innovative intervention compared to conventional maintenance solutions is expected in the upcoming years









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## Feedback, questions and answers

- Are Climate-ADAPT case studies useful? For what purposes?
- What shall be the focus on next actions on Climate-ADAPT case studies: more cases, updating old ones, focused activities on existing gaps?
- Would you like to contribute to Climate-ADAPT case studies development?
- How could you contribute to case study dissemination?





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