

Development of a national strategy for adaptation to climate change adverse impacts in Cyprus

CYPADAPT

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After-LIFE Communication Plan

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Background

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Project beneficiaries



Department of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus (MANRE)



National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)



National Observatory of Athens (NOA)

After-LIFE Communication Plan

This After-LIFE Communication Plan of the CYPADAPT project constitutes a very important part of the project, as it includes all the activities that need to be performed in order to ensure the continuation of the dissemination of the project and its findings after its completion to the relevant stakeholders and target groups and to maximize its impact. Following, a detailed description of the activities foreseen in the After-LIFE communication plan of the CYPADAPT project is provided.

- ❖ **Development of a platform on adaptation**
- ❖ **Implementation of the National Adaptation Plan**
- ❖ **Implementation of the Monitoring Strategy**
- ❖ **Project website**
- ❖ **Notice boards**
- ❖ **Distribution of informative material**
- ❖ **Presentation of project findings**
- ❖ **ADAPTtoCLIMATE conference**

❖ **Development of a platform on adaptation**

A national web-based platform on adaptation will be created and uploaded by MANRE for the continuous dissemination and sharing of knowledge, data and experiences related to climate change, impacts and adaptation at both research and practice level. In particular, aim of this platform is (i) to support decision makers in adaptation planning, (ii) to promote public dialogue, communication and cooperation among all stakeholders, (iii) to enhance coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of adaptation measures and actions and (iv) to provide up-to-date information on the scientific/technological/policy developments on adaptation as well as on research/funding/investing opportunities through links with other platforms and databases.

Deadline: 2015 (uploading of the platform)

Partner responsible: MANRE

Funding sources: MANRE

❖ Implementation of the National Adaptation Plan

The coordinating beneficiary of the project (MANRE) will continue undertaking the necessary actions for promoting the implementation of the measures included in the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) of Cyprus to Climate Change (developed under Action 5 of the project). In particular:

(i) MANRE will plan the implementation of the adaptation measures included in the NAP within its foreseen 5-year duration (1/9/2014 - 31/8/2019). The necessary actions for promoting the implementation of the adaptation measures included in the NAP, have already been initiated through the inclusion of these measures under the funding priorities foreseen in the Partnership Agreement (PA) 2014-2020 of the Republic of Cyprus (approved by the EC), a comprehensive strategic document for the utilisation of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). The Cyprus PA sets out its funding priorities under the ESIF for the 2014-2020 period, as derived from the analysis of the country's development needs and perspectives, as well as the thematic objectives that Cyprus intends to invest into during the 2014-2020 period. In this document, dealing with climate change impacts in Cyprus (as these have been identified in the framework of the CYPADAPT project) is considered to be among the major challenges that Cyprus faces. The PA also foresees that in the framework of sustainable development, the mainstreaming of climate change adaptation to other national policies will be promoted.

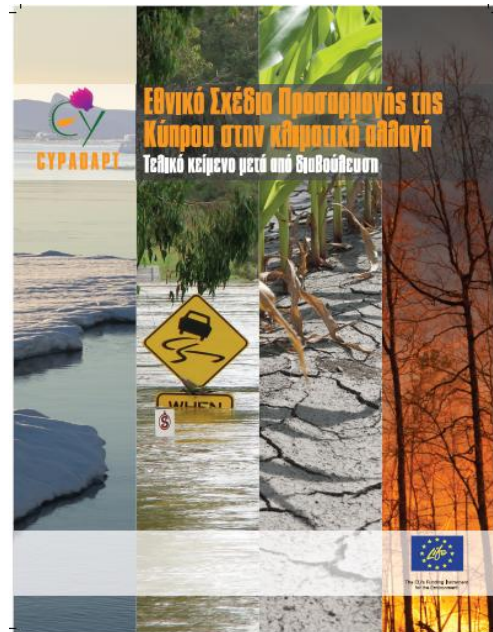
(ii) The NAP is scheduled to be submitted to the Ministers' Council for approval following the formal procedure, along with a relevant study on the cost assessment of the proposed adaptation measures, which is foreseen to take place in 2015 in the framework of the project "Climate Change Risk Assessment for Cyprus" (co-financed by the EU Cohesion Fund and national resources).

(iii) As soon as the national Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) is delivered, the Government will produce the revised National Adaptation Plan that will set out the policies and proposals to address the risks identified by the CCRA. The competent authorities will also set out their respective policies in response to the CCRA.

Deadline: 2015 (completion of the cost assessment study), early 2016 (completion of the CCRA study), 2019 (completion of the 1st National Adaptation Plan)

Partner responsible: MANRE

Funding sources: National resources in conjunction with European funds



❖ Implementation of the Monitoring Strategy

The progress of Cyprus adaptation to climate change will be monitored and periodically evaluated according to the Monitoring Strategy (produced under Action 5 of the project) by a specifically assigned Monitoring Team, composed of a number of concerned institutions and stakeholders under the jurisdiction of MANRE.

The results of the Monitoring Strategy will also provide the basis for the preparation of the 2nd National Adaptation Plan. The preparation of four Monitoring Reports is foreseen, where the monitoring and evaluation results will be recorded. The reporting periods is presented to the timetable presented in the right column.

T₁: 01/09/2014 – 30/11/2015

T₂: 01/12/2015 – 28/02/2017

T₃: 01/03/2017 – 31/05/2018

T₄: 01/06/2018 – 31/08/2019

The implementation of the Monitoring Strategy will require action by both the project beneficiary and the project stakeholders for the evaluation of the progress from their implementation.

Deadline: 12/2019 (submission of the 4th Monitoring Report)

Partner responsible: MANRE

Funding sources: MANRE

❖ Project website

The project's website and interactive blog will be maintained for at least 10 years after the project's completion, providing information on the project (objectives, actions, deliverables, findings and outputs) as well as links for downloading the MCA tool and the National Adaptation Plan of Cyprus. On the contact web-page the user shall also be able to communicate with the CYPADAPT team in order to enquire more information on the project.



Deadline: 2024

Partner responsible: NTUA

Funding sources: no funding sources are required

❖ Notice boards

The fourteen notice boards providing information on the project and its objectives and actions will remain erected at the premises of the project beneficiaries (MANRE, NTUA, NOA) as well as at the town halls of the nine municipalities for at least 5 years after the end of the project, in order for the public awareness to continue to take place after the end of the project.



Deadline: 2019

Partner responsible: MANRE, NTUA, NOA

Funding sources: no funding sources are required.

❖ Distribution of informative material

The developed informative material will continue being distributed at relevant events organized by the project partners or others (if possible).



Partner responsible: MANRE, NTUA, NOA

Funding sources: no funding sources are required.

❖ Presentation of project findings

The project findings will continue being presented in conferences, workshops, scientific journals, radio and TV interviews as well as in the national and local press.

Partner responsible: MANRE, NTUA, NOA

Funding sources: MANRE, NTUA, NOA

❖ ADAPTtoCLIMATE conference

During the international project conference ADAPTtoCLIMATE, it was expressed by many stakeholders and the public that the conference was very fruitful and that it should be repeated on an annual or biannual basis. The project partners took into consideration their suggestions and committed to seriously examine the possibility for realizing it.



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