

Sharing Results

Knowledge Platform: Tools – Measures – Experts

The *SIC adapt!* knowledge platform provides a compilation of good practice climate adaptation tools and measures that were developed, tested and implemented by the Cluster projects and categorised by attributes such as purpose, spatial scope, target group and many more. The compilation is supplemented by a list of the experts involved in the Cluster activities.



Policy Recommendations: Capacity for climate change as yardstick for sustainable policy

Based on the experiences made while implementing their local and regional projects the participating organisations formulated lessons learned and developed policy recommendations. The recommendations were developed with the motto „Tempus Fugit“ (Latin for „time flies“) and compiled according to five main aspects represented by the five letters of **FUGIT**:



In addition, some conclusions were drawn that could be interesting for the drafting process of the new INTERREG Programmes 2014–2020.

Exchange, guidance and feedback in an international context

Delegates from the Cluster discussed and reviewed within two Expert Board Meetings the tools and measures (June 2011 in Dortmund) as well as their drafted Policy Recommendations (June 2012 in Brussels) with representatives of the EU Commission, the Member States involved, regional and local authorities as well as other organisations. The network handed over their final Policy Recommendations to the EU Commissioner Connie Hedegaard at the occasion of the Final Conference (January 2013 in Lille).

Cross-project exchanges

Four themes were discussed in depth in cross-project exchanges:

- Heat and bioclimatic stress in urban areas
- Vulnerability assessment
- Flash floods
- Multifunctional land-use

These topics reflect the specific challenges and opportunities encountered by the Cluster organisations.

RegioStars 2012 finalist

The Cluster was nominated finalist in DG Regio's annual competition. The Jury acknowledged “effective cooperation and information sharing in the area of climate change adaptation. There are many examples of best practices, tools, and measures employed in order to achieve efficient adaptation in different locations and sectors.”

Visit sic-adapt.eu to get more information and download:

- Knowledge Platform
- Tools and Measures – Findings and Conclusions (full paper and executive summary)
- Policy Recommendations (full paper and executive summary)
- Programme Recommendations
- Info Cards 1– 3
- Video

SIC adapt! is the Strategic Initiative Cluster (SIC) of the INTERREG IV B North-West Europe (NWE) Programme dealing with adaptation to the impacts of climate change in seven Member States. Eight transnational projects with around 100 partner organisations are involved including representatives from all levels of public authorities, academic institutions, non-profit and private sector organisations. The Cluster is managed by the German Water Board Lippeverband, Essen.

In addition to the aims of each project, the Cluster:

- illustrates how existing management instruments can be tailored to facilitate adaptation across a range of sectors and locations,
- fosters implementation of adaptation measures by showcasing widely tested, effective good practice examples throughout NWE and beyond,
- encourages the development of policy frameworks that will support local, regional and national adaptation initiatives across NEW and
- strengthens the impact of each project, especially at higher policy levels.

The Cluster looks for sustainable, cost-efficient, adaptation strategies and solutions in four action fields:

- Built environment (urban and regional)
- Water environment (rivers, urban water management, coastal/marine)
- Natural environment (forest/nature/agriculture)
- Social environment (society/behaviour change)



The complex partnership:

- 1 Adaptive Land Use for Flood Alleviation (ALFA), Lead Partner (LP): Rijkswaterstaat, NL, www.alfa-project.eu
- 2 Adaptation of the Meuse to the Impacts of Climate Evolutions (AMICE), LP: EPAMA, FR, www.amice-project.eu
- 3 Changing Climate - Changing Lives (C-CHANGE), LP: Groundwork London, UK, www.cchangeproject.org
- 4 FloodResilienCity (FRC), LP: Rijkswaterstaat, NL, www.floodresiliency.eu
- 5 Transnational Forestry Management Strategies in Response to Regional Climate Change Impacts (ForeStClim), LP: Landesforsten RP, DE, www.forestclim.eu
- 6 Future Cities - urban networks to face climate change, LP: Lippeverband, DE, www.future-cities.eu
- 7 Innovative Management for Europe's Changing Coastal Resource (IMCORE), LP: National University of Ireland, IE, www.imcore.eu and www.coastaladaptation.eu
- 8 Water Adaptation is Valuable for Everybody (WAVE), LP: Waterschap R en D, NL, www.waveproject.eu

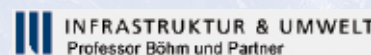
With approx. 100 project partners from 7 Member States

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