

Policy and Programme Recommendations

SIC adapt! is a Strategic Initiative Cluster (SIC) of eight projects concerned with adaptation to the spatial impacts of climate change under the INTERREG IV B North-West Europe Programme (see backside).

This fact sheet provides an overview of the final Cluster results. The policy and programme recommendations are the final outcomes of the fruitful work of the organisations involved in the Cluster.

The Cluster experts from seven European countries have introduced their recommendations to the EU Commissioner Connie Hedegaard in January 2013 in Lille. Politicians were asked not to dwell on the uncertainties of climate change, but to act quickly in favour of adaptation.

The **Policy Recommendations** were adopted under the slogan "Tempus Fugit" (Latin for "time flies") and compiled according to five main aspects represented by the five letters FUGIT:

F for Flexibility: Flexibility in planning of infrastructure is needed in order to allow decision-making under uncertain conditions.

U for Understanding: The economic consequences of climate change have to be better understood by the general public, professionals and political decision makers. Therefore, they have to be communicated in a more accessible manner. Visualizing climate risks and challenges in cross-border river catchment management can act as an important example for such an approach.

G for Galvanise: Coordinated action across all sectors is needed instead of sector-specific responses to climate change challenges. For example, one key factor in flood risk prevention is co-operation across the water management, urban and regional planning and agricultural sectors. Joint adaptation responses can then also facilitate better coordination on other topics.



I for Integration: Climate change monitoring and management plans for different sectors have to be further integrated.

T for Tools: There is already a substantial body of knowledge and expertise on climate change adaptation available in Europe. It is essential to make this available now to those who take critical adaptation decisions.

In addition, **Programme Recommendations** were formulated, to contribute to the development of the INTERREG 2014-2020 programme period. They emphasise on:

- adaptation to climate change as a cross-cutting as well as single priority,
- adaptation to climate change as selection criteria for new projects,
- the experiences of the Cluster projects as a basis for the development of new projects,
- the need to support adaptation investment measures including communication, consultation and participation activities,
- the importance of considering public relations activities,
- sector-specific recommendations and
- feedback on and experience with the „cluster“ approach.

The complete documents can be downloaded under www.sic-adapt.eu/outputs/policyrecommendations.html



CLUSTER SUMMARY

The INTERREG IV B North-West Europe (NWE) Programme acknowledges adapting to the impacts of climate change as one of the most fundamental challenges for territorial development in the programme area.

Through the Strategic Initiatives Cluster, "Adaptation to the spatial impacts of climate change", eight transnational approved projects with almost 100 project partners combine their efforts for promoting and achieving effective climate adaptation throughout NWE.

The aim of the cluster is to:

- share knowledge,
 - establish and promote measures and to
 - call for action
- for efficient adaptation to the expected spatial impacts of climate change in NWE.

In addition to the transnational cooperation inherent the cluster will:

- strengthen the impact of each project, especially at higher policy levels;
- foster implementation of adaptation measures by widely tested and known good practice examples for regions with similar impacts;
- encourage policy recommendations for a stimulating policy framework especially for the NWE regions;
- ensure that the outputs from the projects illustrate how existing management instruments can be tailored to facilitate adaptation across a range of sectors and locations;
- enhance projects' results;
- avoid duplication beyond national boundaries;
- increase promotion of the adoption of adaptation measures.

Selected outputs

- Review of different strategies and tools for assessing the spatial impacts of climate change ([available](#))
- Catalogue of measures/actions to adapt to climate change in NWE ([available](#))
- Enhanced individual projects' outcomes by cluster partnership networking ([in process](#))
- Common policy recommendations and messages from the eight projects involved ([available](#))
- Presentation of joint results on a web-based network knowledge platform ([available](#))

	The 4 Action Fields			
	1 Built environment	2 Water environment	3 Nature environment	4 Social environment
ALFA				
AMICE				
C-Change				
FRC				
ForeStClim				
Future Cities				
IMCORE				
WAVE				

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 FloodResilientCity (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

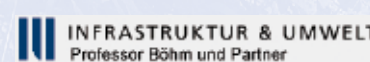
With approx. 100 project partners from 7 Member States

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