



Accelerating climate change adaptation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region

8-9 April 2025, Corfu (Greece)

EVENT DETAILS

When: 8 & 9 April 2025

Where: Island of Corfu, Greece

Language: English

Format: Hybrid

BACKGROUND

A thriving sustainable economy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region relies on healthy ecosystems, vibrant communities, and efficient infrastructure, but those appear to be hugely exposed to the adverse impacts of climate change.

The scientific evidence is overwhelming. The 6th IPCC assessment report on climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability, the 1st MedECC assessment report on climate and environmental change in the Mediterranean Basin and the 1st European Climate Risk Assessment warn that Mediterranean and Southern Europe are climate hotspots, being imperilled by the increase in extreme events and the increasing climate-induced sea level rise and coastal degradation. They also alert that we are “underprepared” to face the climate challenge, and we need to take urgent and decisive action.



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SCOPE

This event aims to trigger action to improve climate resilience in the Adriatic-Ionian Region. It will allow for an in-depth exchange of views of the EUSAIR countries, as well as EU and UN institutions and financial actors. Emphasis will be placed on sharing challenges, experiences and good practices for climate-proofing infrastructure, support sustainable tourism and improve climate resilience of cities and communities.

It will also offer the opportunity to identify joint climate challenges, shape solutions and leverage funding to boost adaptation action through the implementation of the European Strategy and Action Plan for the Adriatic-Ionian Region.

PARTICIPANTS

The Hellenic Presidency of the Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR) for 2024–2025 is inviting all key climate adaptation stakeholders:

- Decision makers and government officials
- Officers in national, regional and local government
- Academia, education and research institutions
- Financial institutions
- Climate, environment and urban planning experts
- Tourism businesses
- Construction companies
- NGOs
- Etc.



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The LIFE-IP AdaptInGR project

The event is initiated by the integrated project «LIFE-IP AdaptInGR - Boosting the implementation of adaptation policy across Greece». The project is coordinated by the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy and implemented together with 18 key adaptation stakeholders, including the Region of Ionian Islands. The project is funded by the LIFE Programme of the European Union and the Green Fund of Greece.

The project aims to accelerate the implementation of the national adaptation strategy and regional adaptation action plans. It develops openly accessible and reliable climate services to inform policymaking, supports government departments to mainstream adaptation across sectoral policies, and guides regional and local governments to plan for adaptation. It builds capacities of decision makers and other key stakeholders to design for adaptation, while explores adaptation solutions and creates a pool of replicable “good practices” to ramp up adaptation in the priority sectors of water resources, cities, coastal areas, floods, forest fires, cultural heritage and landscape. It also identifies and leverages suitable EU, national and private funding to upscale successful adaptation solutions.

The project supports adaptation at the Adriatic-Ionian Region through pilot applications to prevent coastal erosion, manage flood and forest fire risks, and protect culture heritage and landscape in the Greek Regions of Ionian Islands and Western Greece. It engages regional key stakeholders in adaptation planning and implementation through capacity building and awareness raising activities, while guides the preparation of the next cycle of regional adaptation action plans.

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