



Accelerating climate change adaptation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region

8-9 April 2025, Corfu (Greece)

EVENT DETAILS

Venue: Event Hall of the Region of Ionian Islands

K. Zavitsianou 1, Spilia, 49100, Corfu, Greece

Language: English

Format: Hybrid

(DRAFT) AGENDA OVERVIEW

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 8 APRIL 2025	
09.00 - 09.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration
Morning Sessions 09.30 - 13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and opening remarks The impacts of climate change in the Adriatic-Ionian Region <u>Session 1</u>: Climate change adaptation policies in the Adriatic and Ionian Region
Afternoon sessions 14.15 - 17.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Session 2</u>: Climate services and information for adaptation policy making <u>Session 3</u>: Finance tools to support climate change adaptation in the Adriatic and Ionian Region Wrap & Closing Remarks Day-1
Evening 20.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Concert</u> of Old Philharmonic of Corfu (TBC)



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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL 2025

Morning Sessions 09.30 - 13.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks <u>Session 4</u>: Adapting infrastructure to future climate <u>Session 5</u>: Climate change vulnerability and resilience of tourism
Afternoon sessions 14.30 - 17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Session 6</u>: Adaptive cities and communities <u>Panel Discussion</u>: Conclusion & Feedback to the Strategy and Action Plan for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR). Wrap-up and closing remarks End of the workshop
Evening 17.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Study visit</u>: Climate Vulnerability & Resilience of the Old Town of Corfu (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

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09.30 - 17.30 Eastern European Summer Time (EEST)

09.00 - 09.30	Registration
09.30 - 09.50	Welcome and opening remarks
09.50 - 10.10	The impacts of climate change in the Adriatic–Ionian Region <i>Representative of the National Observatory of Athens</i>



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Session 1: Climate change adaptation policies in the Adriatic and Ionian Region

Moderator: Chair of the EUSAIR Pillar 3 Thematic Steering Group

10.10 - 10.15	Introduction
10.15 - 10.30	Climate change adaptation and resilience policies in EU <i>Representative of the European Commission</i>
10.30 - 10.45	Barcelona Convention: Climate Change adaptation policy and Regional Framework for the Mediterranean <i>Representative of UNEP-MAP</i>
10.45 - 11.00	The EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region – Addressing common climate challenges <i>Representative of the EUSAIR Pillar 3 Thematic Steering Group</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 - 12.30	Adaptation policies in the countries of the Adriatic and Ionian Region <i>Representatives of the EUSAIR countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia)</i>
12.30 - 13.00	Discussion and closing remarks
13.00 - 14.15	Lunch Break

Session 2: Climate services and information for adaptation policy making

Moderator: Representative of the European Environment Agency

14.15 - 14.20	Introduction
14.20 - 14.40	Sharing adaptation knowledge across Europe – The European Climate Adaptation Platform and other EU level knowledge resources <i>Representative of the European Environment Agency</i>



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14.40 – 15.00	Tools for supporting climate resilience of cities
15.00– 15.20	Services and information for designing climate change adaptation in coastal areas
15.20 – 15.50	Panel Discussion: More and better climate services and information in the Adriatic and Ionian Region <i>Discussion on the results of the survey with the session speakers</i>
15.50 – 16.10	Coffee Break
Session 3: Finance tools to support climate change adaptation in the Adriatic and Ionian Region	
Moderator: EUSAIR National Coordinator of Greece	
16.10 - 16.15	Introduction
16.15 - 16.30	Programme INTERREG IPA ADRION 2021-2027 <i>Representative of the Managing Authority</i>
16.30 - 16.45	Opportunities for adaptation in EU regional development funds <i>Representative of the Hellenic Ministry of Economy and Finance</i>
16.45– 17.00	Supporting acceleration of adaptation investments in Europe <i>Representative of the European Investment Bank</i>
17.00 – 17.15	EUSAIR projects funding opportunities in Western Balkans
17.15 - 17.30	Supporting adaptation solutions in cities
17.30 - 17.45	Q&As
17.45	Wrap & Closing Remarks Day-1
20.30	Concert of Old Philharmonic of Corfu (TBC)



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09.30 - 09.40 **Opening remarks**

Session 4: Adapting infrastructure to future climate

Moderator: Representative of JASPERS

09.40 - 10.00 **Methodologies and tools for climate proofing infrastructure projects**

Representative of JASPERS

10.00 - 10.45 **Sharing experience from the countries of the Adriatic and Ionian Region and other EU countries**

*Good practice examples of adapting infrastructure
Focus areas: port/marinas, energy system, coastal zone*

10.45 - 11.15 **Discussion and Conclusions**

11.15 - 11.45 **Coffee Break**

Session 5: Climate change vulnerability and resilience of tourism

Moderator: Vice coordinator of the EUSAIR Pillar 4 Thematic Steering Group

11.45 - 12.00 **Climate change impacts and adaptation solutions for tourism**

Representative of LIFE-IP AdaptInGR project

12.00 - 12.45 **Sharing experience from the countries of the Adriatic and Ionian Region and other EU countries**

*Good practice examples of tourism adaptation
Focus areas: adaptive destinations, accommodation buildings,
alternative tourism models, cultural heritage sites*

12.45 - 13.15 **Discussion and Conclusions**

13.15 - 14.30 **Lunch Break**



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Session 6: Adaptive cities and communities	
14.30 – 14.45	Climate change impacts and adaptation solutions in cities and communities
14.45 – 15.30	<p>Sharing experience from the countries of the Adriatic and Ionian Region and other EU countries</p> <p><i>Good practice examples of cities adaptation</i></p> <p><i>Focus areas: NbS, innovative material for urban regeneration, green/resilient buildings, recycle rainwater</i></p>
15.30 - 16.00	Discussion and Conclusions
16.00 - 16.45	Panel Discussion: Conclusion & Feedback to the Strategy and Action Plan for the Adriatic and Ionian Region
16.45 – 17.00	Wrap-up and closing remarks
17.00	End of the workshop
17.30	<p>Study visit: Climate Vulnerability & Resilience of the Old Town of Corfu (UNESCO World Heritage Site)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Giacomo Theatre and Town Hall: “Assessing climate change vulnerability of cultural heritage – The case study of the Old Town of Corfu” • Guiding tour in the Old Town of Corfu



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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 also builds capacities of decision makers and other key stakeholders to design for adaptation, while enables 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 LIFE-IP AdaptInGR - LIFE17 IPC/GR/000006

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