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Open Public Consultation: New EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

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Current context

The European Green Deal (https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/communication-european-green-deal_en) announces that the European Commission will adopt a new, more ambitious EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change, as climate change will continue to create significant stress in Europe despite mitigation efforts. Recent analysis by the European Commission through the PESETA project (https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/peseta-iv) refines the projected impacts of climate change on the Union and beyond, as well as some of the benefits of adaptation measures. This analysis highlights the need for more ambitious action on adaptation. In order to support the development of the new EU Adaptation Strategy, the European Commission is seeking stakeholder views and feedback, in line with the Better Regulation Guidelines (https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-making-process/planning-and-proposing-law/better-regulation-why-and-how/better-regulation-guidelines-and-toolbox_en), including this open public consultation. Your responses to this questionnaire will be analysed and feed into the policy design process.

In parallel to this consultation, two other consultations are relevant to EU adaptation action: for the European Climate Pact (https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12219-European-Climate-Pact/public-consultation) and the Renewed Sustainable Finance Strategy (https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/finance-2020-sustainable-finance-strategy_en).

Objective of this stakeholder consultation

The aims of the consultation are:

- To give all relevant stakeholders the opportunity to inform policy development
- · To gather stakeholder opinions on policy options and their possible impacts
- To identify triggers of behavioural and institutional changes to support the take-up of adaptation measures and practices.

Before answering the questionnaire, please read the background document

(https://ec.europa.eu/clima/sites/clima/files/consultations/docs/0037/blueprint_en.pdf) indicating the broad context and possible directions of development.

Guidance on the questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire – your inputs will feed into the development of the new EU Adaptation Strategy and are much valued. The questionnaire is divided into five sections:

- · Introductory questions about you, including information on data processing and privacy
- · General questions about your familiarity with the current policy context
- Specific questions related to the potential actions of the new EU Adaptation Strategy

- · In-depth questions on a set of thematic areas
- A final closing question giving you the opportunity to provide any supporting information.

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*Organisation size

Micro (1 to 9 employees)

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Check if your organisation is on the transparency register (http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/homePage.do? redir=false&locale=en). It's a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.

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*Country of origin

Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.

Finland

*Publication privacy settings

The Commission will publish the responses to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would like your details to be made public or to remain anonymous.

Anonymous

Only your type of respondent, country of origin and contribution will be published. All other personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number) will not be published.

Public
Your personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number, country of origin)
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Questions about climate change, the 2013 EU Adaptation Strategy, and recent policy developments

This section seeks to gather information on your awareness of climate change impacts, general knowledge of the 2013 EU Adaptation Strategy (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52013DC0216) and recent policy developments.

Climate change impacts

Climate change manifests itself in various types of weather that disrupts whole countries, regions, and the lives of citizens in many different ways socially, environmentally and economically. Therefore, it is important to reflect throughout this survey on your experiences with, and knowledge of, climate change impacts and be as illustrative as possible.

In your place of residence, have you experienced unusually frequent or severe events that could be attributed to climate change?

	Ye s	N o	Do not know
Abnormally warm overall temperatures/droughts during one or more seasons			0
Heat waves causing health problems and death among the vulnerable (elderly, sick)	0	0	
Restrictions on water availability due to prolonged drought			
Disappearance of glaciers or long-lasting snowfields	0		0
Forest disturbance (e.g. forest fires, pest outbreaks)			0
River and coastal floods			0
Flash floods or landslides from extremely heavy rain			
Seaside storm surges			
Coastal erosion	0		0
Intrusion of seawater in freshwater aquifers	0		0
Extreme wind (100 km/h or more)	0		0
Appearance/gradual shift of species (insects, plants, fish etc.) associated with changing climates	•	0	0
Seasonal shifts (e.g. less snow, early spring)			0

Severe crop losses caused by extreme weather conditions (drought, heavy rains, storms, etc.)		
Emergence of tropical diseases that are otherwise not present in your area		
Other	0	

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Forest disturbance has occured in larger scale than previously, mainly insects. New species from east and south found. Some other species are suffering from climate change and moving north.

In your place of living, are you aware of any of the following actions which have been implemented recently with the intention to prepare for the likely effects of climate change?

	Y e s	N o	D o n ot k n o w
Reinforcement of infrastructure (transport, energy, communication networks) to better withstand natural disasters like floods, heatwaves etc.	0	0	
Preparation for floods (e.g. dykes, designated flood plains, restrictions in flood risk areas etc.)	0	0	
Adaptation of agriculture to the changing climate (e.g. water efficient irrigation, drought-resistant crops)	0	0	
Heat wave action plans (e.g. early warning systems, late opening of parks, water dispensers in public area)			
Increase of green areas in towns to cope with heatwaves / floods			
Encouragement of water saving and reuse	0		0
Efforts to prevent forest damage from heatwaves, drought, pests, fires, or storms (e.g. awareness raising campaigns, forest management, preventive infrastructure)		0	0
Reinforcement and protection of the seacoast (e.g. seawalls, sand replenishment)			
Early warning systems for natural disasters			
Communication to the public about the need to adapt to climate change		0	0
Awareness raising on the availability of insurance options against climate change damage			
Other			

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Finland the first country to have an adaptation strategy

The 2013 EU Adaptation Strategy and recent policy developments EU policies

The current EU Adaptation Strategy was adopted in 2013 and was evaluated in 2018 to assess its effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, EU added value and coherence.

To what extent are you familiar with the following?

– Not familiar at all / 5 – Very familiar							
	0	1	2	3	4	5	D o n ot k n o w
*The 2013 EU Adaptation Strategy (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52013DC0216)	0		0	0	0	0	0
*The results of the evaluation (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=SWD:2018:461:FIN) of the Strategy, completed in 2018	0	•	0	0	0	0	0

Please rate the following as how important is it for the new EU Adaptation Strategy to be aligned with the following EU and international policies?

0 - Not important at all / 5 - Very important D 0 n ot 0 1 2 3 4 5 k n 0 W Paris Agreement (https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement) Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (https://www.undrr.org/implementing-sendai-framework/what-sf) **UN Sustainable Development Goals** (https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainabledevelopment-goals/) UN Convention on Biological Diversity (https://www.cbd.int/convention/text/) European Green Deal (https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en#documents) EU Civil Protection Mechanism (https://ec.europa.eu/echo/what/civil-protection/mechanism en)

Specific questions on potential actions of the new Strategy

Climate change is evident across and beyond European regions, and in many sectors important to our society. It is also increasingly complex and affecting all citizens' quality of life in far-reaching ways, including the recovery from the Covid-19 crisis, which is an opportunity to "build back better". Therefore, the European Commission seeks to gather insight into the challenges, objectives, and priorities for the new Strategy. The following section gathers feedback on these elements.

Challenges

The following questions will support the problem definition of the EU Adaptation strategy and its relevance for the design of initiatives with EU added value for society.

To what extent do you agree that the following drivers are important for a new EU adaptation strategy?

0 - Not important at all / 5 - Very important

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*Growing speed of climate change impacts	0	0	0	0	0		0
*Unclear distribution of responsibilities between levels of governance	0	0	0	0	0	0	
*Insufficient public awareness of the need to adapt to climate change	0	0	0	0	0	0	
*Lack of cost-effective solutions and skills to adapt to climate change	0	0	0	0	0		
*Slow adoption of local adaptation strategies				0			
*Insufficient private sector investment and action on adaptation							
*Insufficient public finance for adaptation to climate change	0						
*Lack of interest in climate impacts in some Member States or regions	0	0	0	0	0	0	•
*Insufficient science/knowledge on climate risk assessment for adaptation	0	0	0	0	0		0
Other							

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To what extent do you agree that the following problems are important in preventing adaptation action in the EU?

0: Not at all / 5: Completely agree

	0	1	2	3	4	5	D o n ot k n o w
*The 2013 EU Adaptation Strategy is predominantly focused on the EU.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
*The alignment between the EU Adaptation Strategy and international policy developments is unclear.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
*The implications of climate impacts in third countries on the EU are not taken into consideration.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
*Agreement on principles, measurable targets, and requirements for adaptation is limited and affected by uncertainty at decision-making levels.		0	0	0	0	0	
*Implementation of adaptation strategies and plans is weak.	0						
*Mechanisms and indicators to monitor and report on the implementation of adaptation strategies and action should be strengthened.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
*Knowledge of climate impacts and potential responses is not sufficiently adjusted to a local scale (nor sufficiently known or available).	0	0	0	0	0	0	
*Appropriate methodologies, indicators and other links integrating disaster risk reduction and adaptation are lacking.	0	0	0	0	0	0	•
*Financial support for adaptation to climate change is insufficient.							
*Businesses and the financial sector (in particular, but not limited to, the insurance sector) are not appropriately involved in adaptation efforts.	0	0	0	0	0		
Other							
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Objectives, actions and potential impacts for the new EU Adaptation Strategy

The questions below address the objectives setting which will link the analysis of the adverse effects from climate change to the options for the policy response. The objectives will set the level of policy ambition, fix the yardsticks for comparing policy options and determine the criteria for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the new EU Adaptation Strategy.

To what extent do you agree with the proposed new objectives of an EU Adaptation Strategy, as stated below? 0 - Not at all / 5 - Completely

	0	1	2	3	4	5	D o n ot k n o w
*To help make the EU a climate-resilient society, adapted to the unavoidable impacts of climate change, with reinforced adaptive capacity and minimal vulnerability.		0	0	0	0		
*Increase focus on Solutions (in addition to understanding)							0
*Increase focus on Innovation (in addition to research)							
*Increase focus on Implementation (in addition to planning)				0		0	
*Increase focus on Prevention (in addition to ex-post action)		0	0	0		0	
Other							

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Member States to define country-specific solutions and decide on implementation

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

0 - Not at all / 5 - Completely

	0	1	2	3	4	5	Do not know
*The EU should support Member State level action on adaptation	0	0	0	0	0	•	0
*The EU should support regional level action on adaptation							
*The EU should support local level action on adaptation.							
*The EU should support private sector action on adaptation.							
*The EU should support citizen action on adaptation.	0	0		0	0		0
*The EU should support international action on adaptation.	0	0					0
*The EU should support non-state actors ' action on adaptation.	0	0		0	0	0	0

To what extent do you agree that the actions of the 2013 EU Adaptation Strategy (https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/adaptation/what_en), as stated below, should be expanded?

	Agree, action should be retained in current form	Agree, action should be retained and reinforced	Disagree, action should be discontinue d	D o n ot kn o w
Action 1: Encourage all Member States to adopt comprehensive adaptation strategies	•	0		
Action 2: Provide LIFE funding to support capacity building and step up adaptation action in Europe.	0	•	0	
Action 3: Introduce adaptation in the Covenant of Mayors (https://www.covenantofmayors.eu/en/) framework and support climate resilience of cities	0	0	0	
Action 4: Bridge climate change adaptation knowledge gaps	0			
Action 5: Further develop Climate-ADAPT (https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/) as the 'one-stop shop' for adaptation information in Europe	0		0	0
Action 6: Facilitate the climate-proofing of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the Cohesion Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)	0	0	0	
Action 7: Ensuring more resilient infrastructure	•	0	0	
Action 8: Promote insurance and other financial products for resilient investment and business decisions	0	0	0	

To what extent do you agree that further action for sustainable adaptation to climate change is needed within the new Strategy to address the following sectors?

0: Not at all / 5: Completely agree

Not at all / 5: Completely agree							
	0	1	2	3	4	5	Do not know
*Agriculture	0	0		0	0		0
*Ecosystems (e.g. forests, marine and coastal ecosystems, wetlands)		0	0	0	0	0	
∗Health (human and plant health)							
*Inclusion and cohesion							
*Energy		0	0		0		0
*Water	0		0	0			
*Insurance and finance							
*Construction							

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	Other				
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How would you rate the following potential actions for a new EU Adaptation Strategy?

*Transport

0 - Not important at all / 5 - Very important D 0 n ot 2 0 1 3 4 5 k n O W *Supporting resilience investments and natural disaster insurance penetration through EU and Member State policies *Helping to identify health and/or social risks linked to climate change at an early stage by developing an observatory of social/health vulnerability. *Increasing infrastructure resilience through an extended use of EU climate proofing guidance based on the latest IPCC reports and scientific findings. *Supporting a more open access to climate loss and disaster risk data from private and public sources, to allow all actors to take an active role in adaptation action and to help integrate climate risks in decision-making. *A greater focus on innovative adaptation solutions, including through the Horizon Europe mission (https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizon-europe-next-research-and-innovation-frameworkprogramme/missions-horizon-europe_en) on Adaptation to Climate Change, including Societal Transformation. *Supporting the resilience of agriculture and forest ecosystems e.g. through monitoring of ecosystem vegetation changes, plant health and emerging pests and diseases, and better exploitation of existing EU plant and forest genetic resources. *Providing tailored adaptation guidance and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange to public authorities and non-state actors. *Strengthening the climate risk and vulnerability assessment at EU level, including on the EU outermost regions. *Increase private investment in adaptation via increased public-private investment opportunities or incentives through e.g. the EU Taxonomy or the EU Green Bond Standard. Other

v important is it for a new EU Adaptation Strategy to achieve the f	ollowin	g imp	acts?				
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*Increased financial and economic resilience		0	0	0	0		0
*Closing the climate protection gap (e.g. increasing insurance coverage)		0	0	0	0	0	
*A just adaptation and just transition (access to essential services)	0	0	0	0		0	0
*Climate and risk proofing of infrastructure and investments	0			0			0
*Incorporating climate risk management into fiscal frameworks	0	0		0			0
*Preventing climate risks			0		0		
*Improved health, social cohesion and resilience		0					
*Avert, minimise and address population displacement	0						
*Enhancing the resilience of the agri-food system to climate change	0	0	0	0	0		0
*Healthier ecosystems with improved resilience to climate impacts		0	0	0			0
*Enabling climate-informed decisions by citizens							
Other							
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Agriculture and forests

In your opinion	, how important are	the following elements fo	r climate resilient agriculture / forests?
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- Not important at all / 5 – very important							
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*Agro-Biodiversity (diversity of cultivated crops, plant varieties, tree species)	0	0	0	0	0		
*Diversified systems (e.g. mixed farming, agro-forestry, different forest systems and management, age structure)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
*Natural resource efficiency (e.g. water)							
*Management practices	0						C
*Economic diversification (e.g. processing, rural tourism)	0						C
*Precision technologies and decision-support systems	0						
*Investments and infrastructure	0			0			C
*Nature-based solutions	0						
Other	0	0	0		0	0	
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Research and innovation		0	0	0	0		C
Awareness raising / information about climate impacts on future vegetation change (changes in ecological zones)	0	0		0	0	0	

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	Information / guidance about adaptation options							
	Information / guidance about management practices and nature- based solutions that enhance climate resilience		0		0	0	0	0
	Information / guidance to better use existing plant/forest genetic diversity (varieties, species) to build resilience		0	0	0		0	0
	Support in managing financial risks related to climate impacts (e.g. insurance)		0	0	0	0	0	•
F	Payments for ecosystem services	0						
(Climate resilient land use planning	0						0
ſ	Exchange of good practices and experience	0						
ı	Monitoring of climate impacts on agriculture and forests				0			
	Embedding climate adaptation in product labelling and certification schemes		0	0	0	0	0	0
ſ	Partnerships with upstream or downstream industry		0	0	0	0		
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