



EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

Forging a climate-resilient Europe

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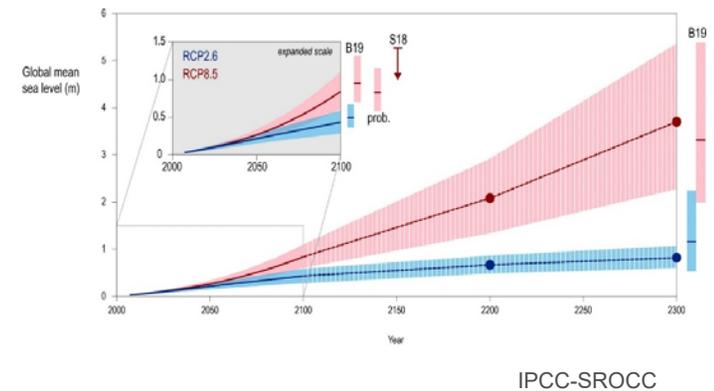
- Impact are already here...
- ...affecting every region in the Europe.
- And even in a best case scenario, these impacts are 'baked in'



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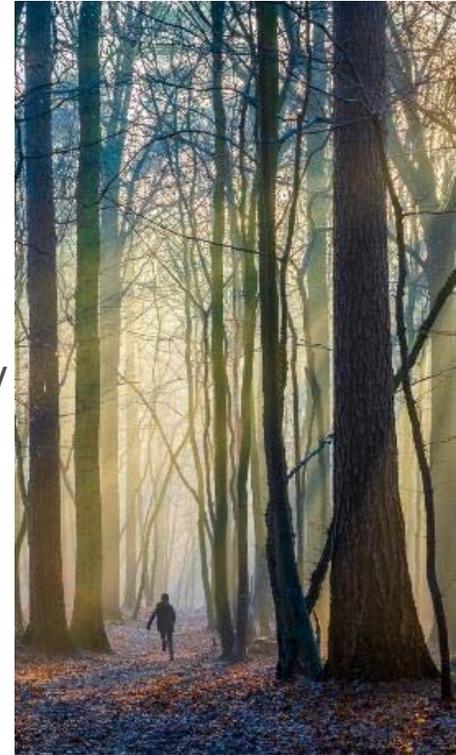
Policy context

- The **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
- the **Paris Agreement**
- The **European Green Deal**:
 - European **Climate Law**,
 - European **Climate Pact**
 - **Farm to fork** strategy
 - Renewed **sustainable finance** strategy
 - ... and more!
 - **2030 Climate** Target Plan
 - EU **Biodiversity** strategy
 - **Forest** strategy



A new EU strategy on climate adaptation

- Vision: by 2050 the EU will be a climate-resilient society, fully adapted to the unavoidable impacts of climate change
- Objectives:
 - **Smarter adaptation** – improving knowledge and managing uncertainty
 - **More systemic adaptation** – support policy development at all levels and sectors
 - **Faster adaptation** – speeding up adaptation across the board
 - **Stepping up international action** for climate resilience



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Smarter adaptation

improving knowledge and managing uncertainty, by

- Pushing the frontiers of **knowledge** on adaptation
- More and better climate-related **risk and losses data**
- Making **Climate-ADAPT** the authoritative European platform for adaptation knowledge



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Faster adaptation

speeding up adaptation across the board, by:

- Accelerating **the rollout** of adaptation solutions
- Reducing **climate-related risk**
- Closing the **climate protection gap**
- Ensuring the **availability** and **sustainability** of **freshwater**



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Stepping up international action

For climate resilience, by:

- Increasing support for **international climate resilience and preparedness**
- Scaling up **international finance** to build climate resilience
- Strengthen **global engagement and exchanges** on adaptation



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Fostering local, individual, and just resilience

Actions:

- Step up **support to planning and implementation of local adaptation** and launch an adaptation support facility under the EU Covenant of Mayors.
- Support the **reskilling and requalification of workers for a just and fair resilience** with education and training through European Social Fund+, Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps.
- Continue to ensure the enforcement of existing employment and social legislation, and, where relevant, consider proposing **new initiatives** that **increase workers' protection from climate impacts**.



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- Support and encourage **regional and local public authorities and employer's organisations to work together with trade unions in mapping and assessing the negative impacts climate change may have on the regional economic environment and workers.** And to promote the adoption of long-term economic diversification strategies and policies that will allow for a requalification and relocation of workers in growth sectors.
- Consider **new instruments** that recognise and aim to **protect workers from the adverse effects of climate change**, including exposure to high temperatures.



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Engagement with Member States, other states, IGO's and NGO's

- Council conclusions, June 2021
- Based on subsidiarity and local nature of adaptation
- Support MS, subnational authorities, business & individuals
- Financially, with knowledge & tools
- Invitation to work together



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Thank you



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