

Joint CIRCLE-2 and DG CLIMA project “Support to the development of the EU strategy for adaptation to climate change”

SHARE Workshop Supporting the development of the EU strategy for adaptation to climate change – Views and Challenges in Eastern Europe

Background and objectives: Adaptation is a dynamic process and requires multiple iterations, either in response to new or improved information (e.g. better climate modelling, improved decision-making frameworks) or as the result of learning from other regions or partners elsewhere in Europe and beyond. The European Commission is currently in the process of developing an EU Adaptation Strategy with the general aim to enhance the preparedness and capacity to respond to the impacts of climatic change of the EU, its Member States and regions, down to the local level. Stakeholder consultation will be a key element in order to support a strategic approach to the national implementation of climate change adaptation actions and to facilitate the exchange between Member States.

In this context, the **CIRCLE-2 Share Workshop** supports the development of the EU Adaptation Strategy and offers an arena for sharing knowledge and experience on adaptation policy and practice with the focus on Eastern Europe. More specific, the objectives of the workshop are:

- Share the current state of work on adaptation strategies and activities in Eastern European Countries;
- Collect and share good practice examples on adaptation;
- Discuss needs and expectations of potential European guidance to support the elaboration of national adaptation strategies and their action plans accompanying the EU Adaptation Strategy;
- Foster the exchange of experiences on various adaptation challenges (e.g. impact assessments; vulnerability studies, prioritizing adaptation options; monitoring and evaluation);
- Identify knowledge gaps and national needs in support of policy development on EU and national level;
- Identify specificities and challenges for adaptation in CEE countries.



Continuous Exchange: This WS will follow the format of the successful CIRCLE Workshop on “Supporting the exchange about and development of National Adaptation Strategies (NAS) across Europe”¹ held in Budapest, 2009 and the CIRCLE-2 Workshop “From National Adaptation Strategies to concrete Adaptation Actions”² held in Vienna, 2011.

Format: A 2-day international workshop on adaptation and knowledge sharing in support of the development of the EU Adaptation Strategy. This event is jointly organized with the DG CLIMA project “Support to the development of the EU strategy for adaptation to climate change” (CLIMA.C.3/SER/2011/0026).

Organizers: Markus Leitner (Environment Agency Austria; EAA), Carin Nilsson (SMHI), David Avelar (FFCUL)

Advisory Committee: Tiago Capela Lourenço (FFCUL/CIRCLE-2), Sabine McCallum (EAA), Stéphane Isoard (EEA).

Participants: Approximately 30 participants from the adaptation field working in Eastern European countries; EU and national level adaptation stakeholders and research funders and -managers. By invitation only.

Background material: CIRCLE-2 materials, background document and selected references.

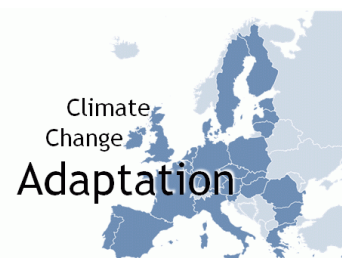
Outputs:

- ❖ Proceedings of the meeting,
- ❖ A Policy Brief with a set of recommendations for EU adaptation activities.

Venue: ZAMG - Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie und Geodynamik, Hohe Warte 38, 1190 Vienna

¹ [http://www.circle-era.eu/np4/%7B\\$clientServletPath%7D/?newsId=252&fileName=CIRCLE_NAS_Workshop_Outcomes.pdf](http://www.circle-era.eu/np4/%7B$clientServletPath%7D/?newsId=252&fileName=CIRCLE_NAS_Workshop_Outcomes.pdf)

² <http://www.circle-era.eu/np4/308.html>



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27 of June, 2012 - Day 1

08:30 – 09:00 **REGISTRATION**

MORNING_I: 09:00 – 10:30

Duration: 1,5h / Chair: Sabine McCALLUM (EAA)

09:00 – 09:15

WELCOME ADDRESSES

Michael STAUDINGER – Director Central Institute for Meteorology & Geodynamics, Austria (ZAMG)

Irene GABRIEL – Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research (BMWf)

Sabine McCALLUM – Head of Department Environment Agency Austria (EAA)

09:15 – 09:30

CIRCLE-2 AND DG CLIMA PROJECT - SCOPE OF THE DAYS AND OBJECTIVES

Markus LEITNER (EAA)

09:30 – 10:30

EUROPEAN ADAPTATION EFFORTS

Juan PÉREZ LORENZO – State of Development of the EU Adaptation Strategy – Brief Overview (DG CLIMA)

Stéphane ISOARD – Knowledge sharing through the new Climate-ADAPT platform – online demonstration and overview of 2012 Adaptation Report (European Environment Agency, EEA)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

MORNING_II: 11:00 – 12:30

Duration: 1,5h / Chair: Markus LEITNER (EAA)

11:00 – 12:30

STATE OF ACTION ON ADAPTATION IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES – ACTIVITIES AND NEEDS

Input from colleagues from Eastern European Countries (information from e.g. Czech Republic, Romania, Hungary) to the following guiding questions:

- ❖ *What is the current state in developing a national adaptation policy?*
- ❖ *What were/are the drivers and constraints for adaptation policies?*
- ❖ *What support from EU level would be helpful to foster adaptation on the national level (and also down to the regional and local)?*

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:00

WEATHER BALLOON DEMONSTRATION OUTDOOR – WORTH SEEING

AFTERNOON_I: 14:00 – 15:45

Duration: 1,75 h / Chair: Sabine McCALLUM (EAA)

14:00 – 15:00

CONTINUATION - STATE OF ACTION ON ADAPTATION IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES – ACTIVITIES AND NEEDS

15:00– 15:45

EU GUIDANCE FOR NATIONAL ADAPTATION POLICIES - DRAFT

Andrea PRUTSCH – *Outline for EU Guidance for National Adaptation Policies (Environment Agency Austria)*

Presentation and general discussion

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

AFTERNOON_II: 16:15 – 17:45

Duration: 1,5 h / Chair: Andrea PRUTSCH (EAA)

16:15 – 17:15

INTERACTIVE WORKINGS GROUP ON POTENTIAL KEY ISSUES FOR THE EU GUIDANCE

Working Group 1a: Interactive discussion on prepare the ground for Adaptation

17:15

WRAP UP AND CLOSURE OF DAY 1 (*Sabine McCallum*)

20:00 Social Event

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MORNING_III: 09:30 – 12:00

Duration: 2,5h / Chair: Thomas DWORAK (Fresh Thoughts)

09:30 – 10:00 INTERACTIVE WORKINGS GROUP ON POTENTIAL KEY ISSUES FOR THE EU GUIDANCE

Working Group 1b: Interactive discussion on prepare the ground for Adaptation – Specific focus on stakeholder involvement

10:00 – 10:45 INTERACTIVE WORKING GROUPS - SPLITTING UP IN TWO WORKING GROUPS

Working Group 2: Identify key concerns

Thomas DWORAK – Introduction to the topic (Fresh Thoughts)

Moderated Interview with **Cristina Raluca STANICA** (Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Romania) and **Tiago Capela LOURENCO** (FFCUL, Portugal)

Guiding questions:

- ❖ *What are the key issues to take into account?*
- ❖ *What are your experiences with identifying key concerns?*
- ❖ *How can the EC support these efforts?*

Chair: **Thomas DWORAK** (Fresh Thoughts)

Rapporteur: **Markus LEITNER** (EAA)

Working Group 3: Collect and assess adaptation options

Andrea PRUTSCH – Introduction to the topic (EAA and Austrian Experience)

Moderated Interview with **Sándor SZALAI** (Szent Istvan University, Hungary) and **Hans SANDERSON** (Coordination Unit for Research in Climate Change Adaptation, Aarhus University, Denmark)

Guiding questions:

- ❖ *What are the key issues to take into account?*
- ❖ *What are your experiences with collecting and assessing adaptation options?*
- ❖ *How can the EC support these efforts?*

Chair: **Stéphane ISOARD** (EEA)

Rapporteur: **Carin NILSSON** (SMHI)

10:45 – 11:30 **CHANGE TO THE OTHER WORKING GROUP YOU DID NOT JOIN IN THE PREVIOUS SESSION**

11:30 – 12:00 **REPORTING BACK OF THE WORKING GROUPS IN THE PLENARY BY RAPPORTEURS**

12:00 – 13:00 WALKING Lunch

AFTERNOON_II: 13:00– 15:30

Duration: 2,5 h / Chair: Carin NILSSON

13:00 – 13:45 **SPLITTING UP IN TWO WORKING GROUPS**

Working Group 4: Prepare an action plan and implement

Andrea PRUTSCH –Introduction to the topic (EAA and Austrian Experience)

Moderated Interview with **Clemens HASSE** (UBA, Germany) and **Hans SANDERSON** (Coordination Unit for Research in Climate Change Adaptation, Aarhus University, Denmark)

Guiding questions:

- ❖ *What are the key issues to take into account?*
- ❖ *What are your experiences with preparing an action plan and implementation?*
- ❖ *How can the EC support these efforts?*

Chair: **Markus LEITNER** (EAA)

Rapporteur: **Thomas DWORAK** (Fresh Thoughts)

Working Group 5: Monitoring and Evaluation

Patrick PRINGLE – Introduction to the topic (AEA, UK and UK Experience)

Guiding questions:

- ❖ *What are the key issues to take into account?*
- ❖ *What are your experiences with monitoring and evaluation?*
- ❖ *How can the EC support these efforts?*

Chair: **Sabine McCALLUM** (EAA)

Rapporteur: **Stéphane ISOARD** (EEA)

13:45 – 14:30 **CHANGE TO THE OTHER WORKING GROUP YOU DID NOT JOIN IN THE MORNING**

14:30 – 15:00 **REPORTING BACK OF THE WORKING GROUPS IN THE PLENARY BY RAPPORTEURS**

15:00 – 15:15 **OUTLOOK DISCUSSION AND FOLLOW-UP** (*Sabine McCallum*)

- ❖ *Future collaboration activities*

15:30 **WRAP UP AND CLOSURE** (*Sabine McCallum*)