

# **‘National Adaptation Platforms’ Experts meeting**

**19 June 2013**

**EEA premises (Fontana room)  
(Kongens Nytorv 6, 1050 Copenhagen, Denmark)**

## **Final Agenda**

### **The overall objectives of the meeting are:**

- To exchange experiences about managing existing national web-based platforms on climate change adaptation,
- Learn lessons from these and discuss possible next steps for further developing these and the complementary European Climate Change Adaptation Platform (Climate-ADAPT).

The meeting is targeted at member countries which have an existing climate change adaptation platform, and is held in collaboration with the EU FP7 CIRCLE-2 ERA-NET project (<http://www.circle-era.eu/np4/home.html>).

### **The specific objectives of the meeting are as follows:**

- Opportunity for countries to present their platforms, the main challenges and the development plans.
- Opportunity for countries and the EEA to learn from each other (e.g. visibility, engaging with the audiences, evaluation of the platform) and explore relationships with each other and Climate-ADAPT
- Need to look at and explore synergies and associated challenges (horizontally and vertically)
- Understanding the adaptation platform landscape across Europe (e.g. scope and objectives, audiences, governance), sharing experiences and lessons learnt, and the main challenges.
- Identify follow-up activities by EEA and/or CIRCLE2.

**10.00 – 10.30: Welcome and objectives of the meeting** (Alfonso Gutierrez Teira, EC-DG CLIMA; André Jol, EEA; Roger Street, UKCIP)

**10.30 – 12.30: Presentations of National Adaptation Platforms** (Chair: Stéphane Isoard, EEA)

(7 min per presentation)

- Austria
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- UK

*12.30 – 13.30 Lunch*

**13.30 – 15.30: Lessons learned, sharing good practices and main challenges across countries** (Chair: André Jol, EEA; Roger Street, UKCIP)

*15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break*

**15.45 – 16.45: Next steps for the European Climate Change Adaptation Platform (Climate-ADAPT) in relation to national platforms** (Chairs: André Jol, EEA, Alfonso Gutierrez Teira, EC-DG CLIMA)

**16.45 – 17.00: Closing session - Wrap-up and next steps** (Alfonso Gutierrez Teira, EC-DG CLIMA; André Jol, EEA; Roger Street, UKCIP)

## Background information

The European Climate Adaptation platform Climate-ADAPT (managed and maintained by EEA in collaboration with the European Commission) was launched in March 2012 and has since then been updated with new information and several improvements are ongoing and planned.

The past years national climate change adaptation platforms have been continued or launched in many EEA member countries, with some common elements but also some differences regarding objectives, types of contents, governance and target audiences.

There is an increasing interest to exchange experiences about managing these existing national web-based platforms on climate change adaptation, to learn lessons from these and discuss possible next steps for further development. In addition there is an interest to explore how to ensure complementarity between national platforms and Climate-ADAPT. Hence EEA, together with CIRCLE2, is organizing an expert meeting on 19 June focusing on these objectives (see also the agenda for the meeting).

Furthermore there are various transnational adaptation platforms emerging (from EU Interreg projects and from various organisations) e.g. for the following regions: Baltic, Alps, Danube, Pyrenees and Carpathians. In addition several European organizations provide information on climate change adaptation on their web sites (e.g. ECDC, WHO, ISDR). However there are various differences between these platforms and national platforms regarding e.g. the objectives, content, target audience and language. Thus it is considered not to be useful to include these platforms in the meeting on 19 June. Instead it is seen as more effective to organise other processes for exchange of information across these transnational and EU-wide platforms, including bilateral discussions with EEA (regarding Climate-ADAPT) and possibly a further workshop in 2013.

The national platforms are asked to give a presentation in the meeting on 19 June on the following topics:

- Objectives, scope and perceived target audience;
- Governance; responsibilities and roles for delivery and management;
- Information on the use and the nature of users;
- Links to national climate (change) services, usually managed by other organisations (e.g. national meteorological institutes) and the perceived key difference between the national adaptation platform and these climate (change) services;
- Lessons learnt and challenges, e.g. on presentation of scenarios, guidance on adaptation actions, adaptation case studies, engagement with target audiences/stakeholders; evaluation of the platform; improvements needed.
- Challenges and development plans for the coming years;
- The relationship between the national platform and Climate-ADAPT;
- Ideas for key follow-up actions after the workshop for EEA and/or for the CIRCLE2 project.

These topics will form the basis for the discussion at the workshop. The outcomes can be used to better define follow-up activities by EEA and/or by the CIRCLE2 project.