

Adaptation Platforms in Europe: Addressing challenges and sharing lessons

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Objective: To engage platform managers and developers of national and regional web-based platforms within Europe (including Climate-ADAPT) to explore lessons learnt, experiences and challenges associated with developing and delivery of adaptation platforms.

Aims: The intention is to provide an opportunity for these managers and developers to learn from the experiences and lessons of others and to identify and consider means of addressing the challenges they are facing. This would include consideration of what do managers and developers need, how to address user needs and what are the challenges and opportunities they want to see addressed.

Adaptation web-based platforms can be seen as means of sharing information including experiences and the results of adaptation research and practice undertaken within a country or a region across countries. Through this workshop, CIRCLE-2 would also like to explore specifically the knowledge gaps and challenges related to using web-based platforms for disseminating research results, and communicating findings and knowledge related to adaptation. This exploration is also intended to identify where and how it will be important to prioritize related research funding.

Format: Two day international workshop

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Participants: Approximately 50 participants: those who manage and actively deliver an adaptation web-based platform (Climate-ADAPT and at the national and regional

levels), as well as those who are beginning to develop or considering developing such platforms in Europe. Participation is by invitation only.

Background material: This workshop is integral part of the CIRCLE-2 programme and will build on previous CIRCLE-2 initiatives and the deliberations at, and outputs of, the EIONET expert meeting on national climate change adaptation platforms (19th June 2013). Background document and selected references related to developing and maintaining adaptation web-based platforms in Europe will be prepared and provided in advance of the workshop.

Outputs:

- ❖ Proceedings of the workshop.
- ❖ Summary of lessons learnt and challenges associated with developing and delivering information to support climate change adaptation in the European landscape through web-based platforms. This would include: examples of what worked and challenges; and perspectives on the decisions and rationale behind how and why these platforms were developed and now operate. This will also recognise that these platforms often have different objectives and the scope, and what they deliver will often be different as will the context under which they operate.
- ❖ Towards 'guidance' on good practice for management and delivery of adaptation web-based platforms.
- ❖ A Policy Brief identifying research and knowledge gaps, and a set of recommendations as how these could be addressed, including potentially through EU and national (impacts, vulnerability and adaptation) research programmes. The research and knowledge gaps will include those related to how to present information, including case studies; how to work as an adaptation platform community; and engagement of users to support the development and delivery of the platform (as well as its evaluation).
- ❖ Identification of other outputs and next steps dependent on deliberations and needs as identified during the workshop.

Potential Follow-up: An informal adaptation platform community/network? Addressing the identified challenges – research and other actions?