



# Adaptation to Climate change

<b>Title</b>	<b>Adaptation to Climate change</b>
<b>Content/ Keywords</b>	What does “Adaptation to climate change” mean? Adaptation, resilience, prevent and minimise damage
<b>Description</b>	<p>1) To better understand <b>what Adaptation to Climate change means</b>, you can refer to the EU commission website which provides simple explanation in all the EU languages  <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/adaptation_en">https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/adaptation_en</a></p> <p><i>“Adaptation means anticipating the adverse effects of climate change and taking appropriate action to prevent or minimise the damage they can cause, or taking advantage of opportunities that may arise.”</i></p> <p><i>“It has been shown that well planned, early adaptation action saves money and lives later. Examples of adaptation measures include: using scarce water resources more efficiently; adapting building codes to future climate conditions and extreme weather events; building flood defences and raising the levels of dykes; developing drought-tolerant crops; choosing tree species and forestry practices less vulnerable to storms and fires; and setting aside land corridors to help species migrate.”</i></p> <p><b>“Adaptation”</b> is different from <b>‘Mitigation’</b>.          According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  <i>“Adaptation is defined as adjustments in human and natural systems, in response to actual or expected climate stimuli or their effects, that moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities”</i>  <i>“Whereas mitigation deals with the causes of climate change, adaptation tackles the consequences.”</i>  <i>“Mitigation consists of activities that aim to reduce GHG [Greenhouse Gas] emissions directly or indirectly (e.g., by changing behavioural patterns, or by developing and diffusing relevant</i></p>





	<p>technologies), by capturing GHGs before they are emitted to the atmosphere or sequestering GHGs already in the atmosphere by enhancing their sinks.</p> <p>2) For more information on the <b>strategy developed in your country</b>, you can access the interactive map of the European Environmental Agency and learn how your country is trying to adapt to Climate change</p> <p><a href="https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/countries-regions/countries">https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/countries-regions/countries</a></p> <p>You can choose a country, select one of the tools developed for adaptation (National strategy, Action plan, website portal, etc.) and find a lot of information about what is developed in your country.</p>
<p><b>Link to a national support by country#</b></p>	<p>You can find illustrations of adaptations in:</p> <p><b>Greek:</b> Strategy and material <a href="https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/countries-regions/countries/greece">https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/countries-regions/countries/greece</a></p> <p><b>French</b> – Video « Un bon climat pour le changement » <a href="https://vimeo.com/106824837">https://vimeo.com/106824837</a> (2014) or « Comprendre le réchauffement climatique en 4 minutes » <a href="https://youtu.be/T4LVXCCmIKA">https://youtu.be/T4LVXCCmIKA</a> Le Monde )</p> <p><b>Spanish</b> - video of WWF <a href="https://youtu.be/HWrJUbxpNRw">https://youtu.be/HWrJUbxpNRw</a></p> <p><b>English</b> – Are we ready for climate change? <a href="https://youtu.be/yX9UqBGjCkQ">https://youtu.be/yX9UqBGjCkQ</a> (EEAgency EU)</p>
<p><b>Links to activity/project sheets</b></p>	





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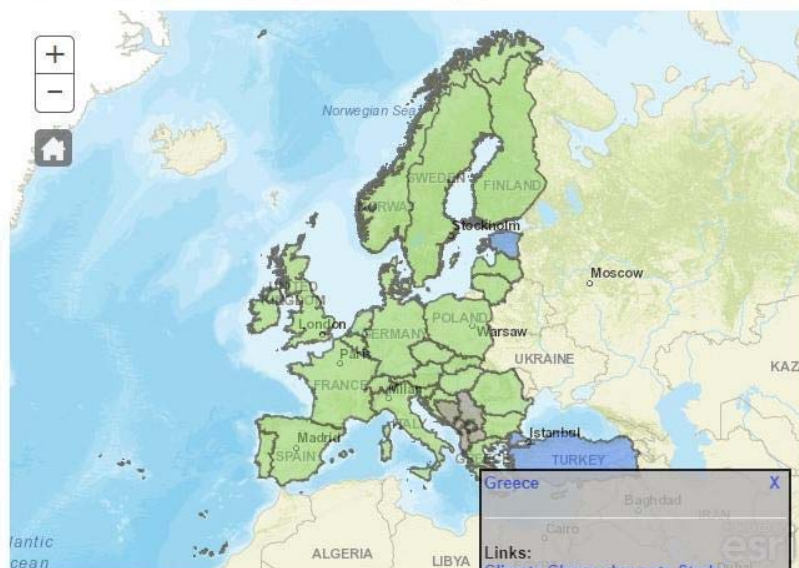
EEA Member countries are at different stages of preparing, developing and implementing national [adaptation](#) strategies and plans.

See in the map below the information provided by each Member State of the European Union under the European mechanism for monitoring and reporting information relevant to climate change (Regulation (EU) No 525/2013).

For other EEA Member countries, the information provided is based on voluntary submissions to EEA.

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