



# The role of water management, sanitation and health & transboundary cooperation in the EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

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# Climate change



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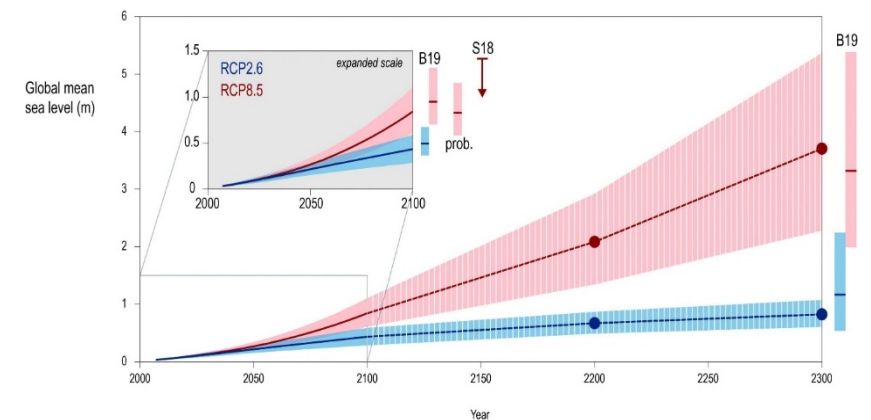
- Impact are already there ..
- --- affecting every region in the EU.
- And even in a best case scenario, these impacts are 'baked in'



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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
  - Soil strategy
  - ... and more!
  - 2030 Climate Target Plan
  - EU Biodiversity strategy
  - Forest strategy



# A new EU strategy on climate adaptation

## “Forging a climate-resilient Europe - The new EU strategy on adaptation to climate change”

Adopted by European Commission on 24 February 2021

- Blueprint, open public consultation, and expert reviews (2020)
- Evaluation of the first strategy (2018)

# Vision & Objectives

- 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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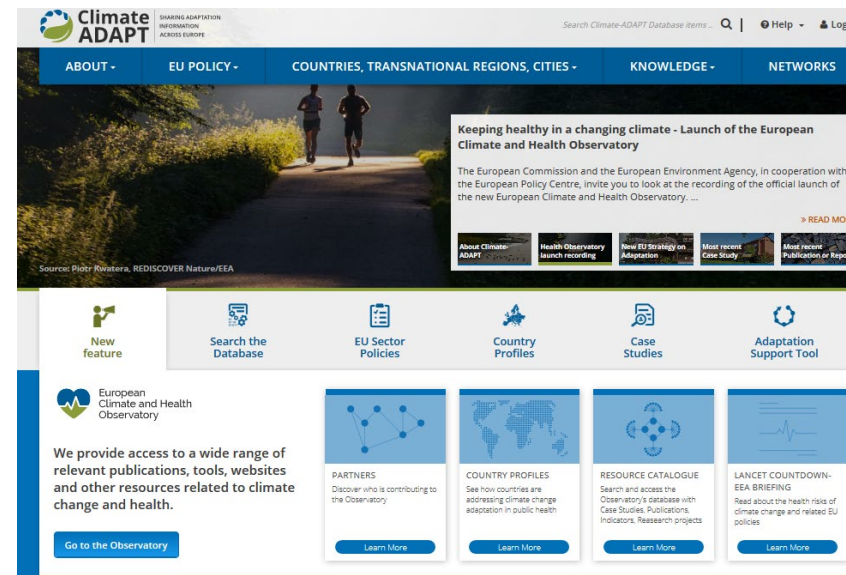
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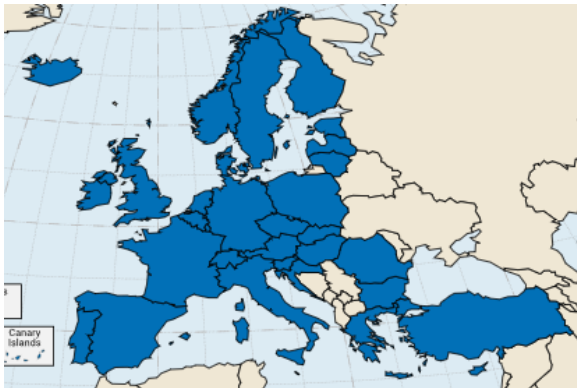


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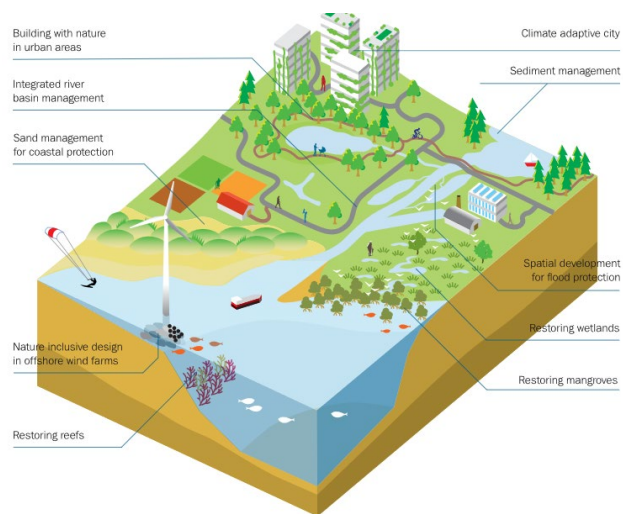
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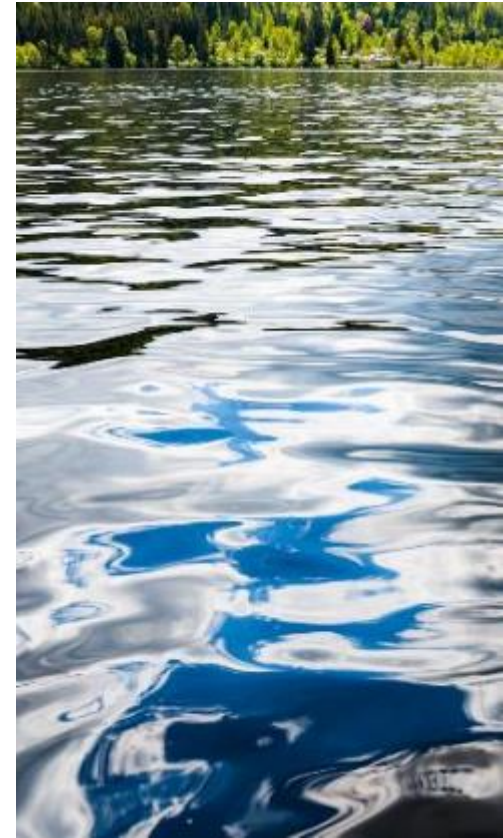
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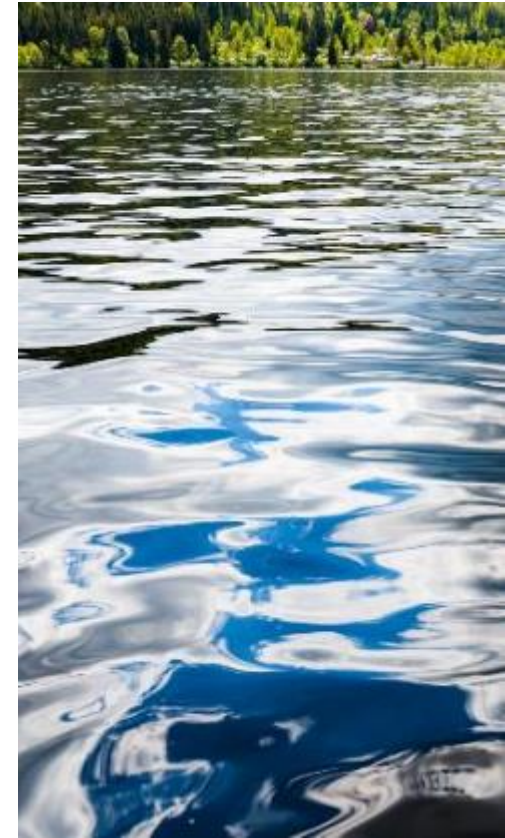
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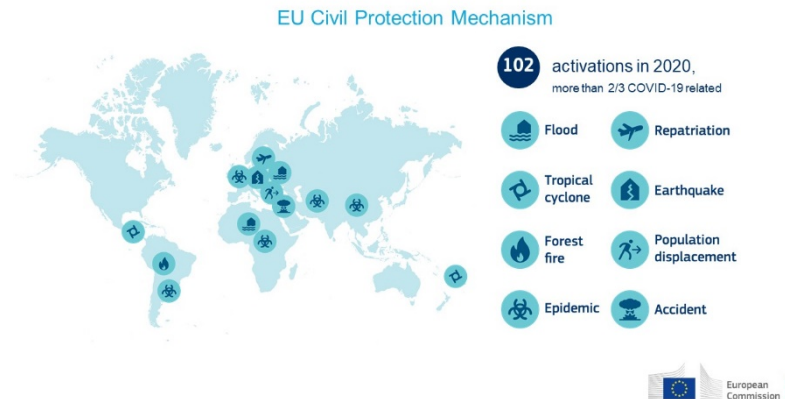
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# Engagement with Member States

- Based on subsidiarity and local nature of adaptation
- Support MS, subnational authorities, business & individuals
- Financially, with knowledge & tools
- Invitation to work together
  
- ‘Window show’
  
- Environmental Council, conclusions on the EU adaptation strategy



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