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

- Impact are already there..
- --- affecting every region in the EU.
- And even in a best case scenario, these impacts are ‘baked in’
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
  - **2030 Climate Target Plan**
  - **EU Biodiversity** strategy
  - **Forest** strategy
  - … and more!
A new EU strategy on climate adaptation

“Forcing 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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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
Thank you