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Climate Change Adaptation in Europe

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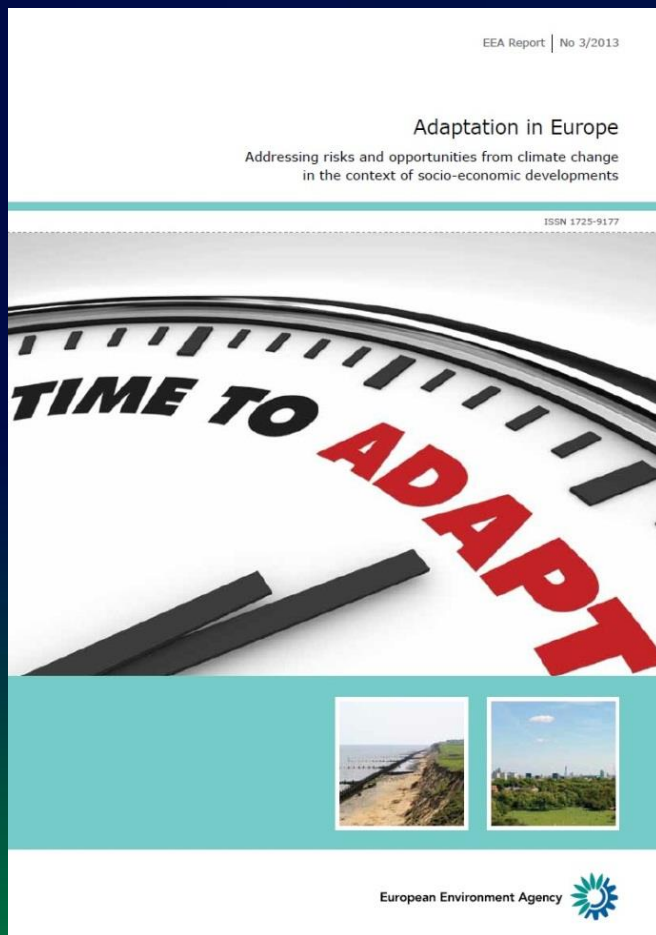


Adaptation can save Europe lives and money – Failure to adapt will cost Europe billions

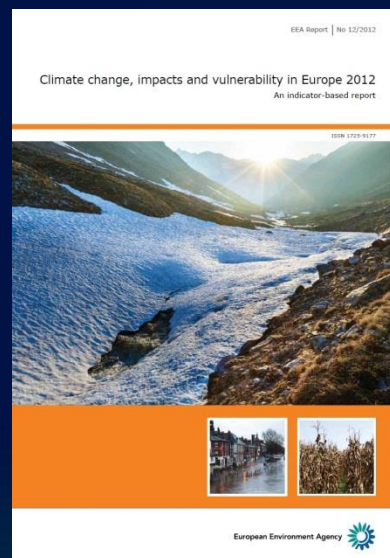
- The latest information from EU research estimates that failure to adapt to climate change will cost €100bn a year in 2020, increasing to €250bn in 2050
- Each euro spent on flood protection could save six euros in damage costs. Floods caused direct economic losses of more than €90 billion between 1980 and 2011.



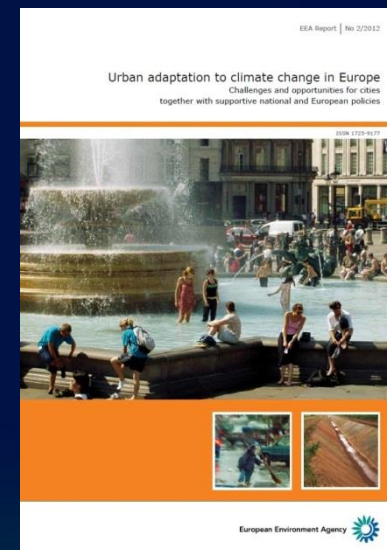
We have the information we need to act



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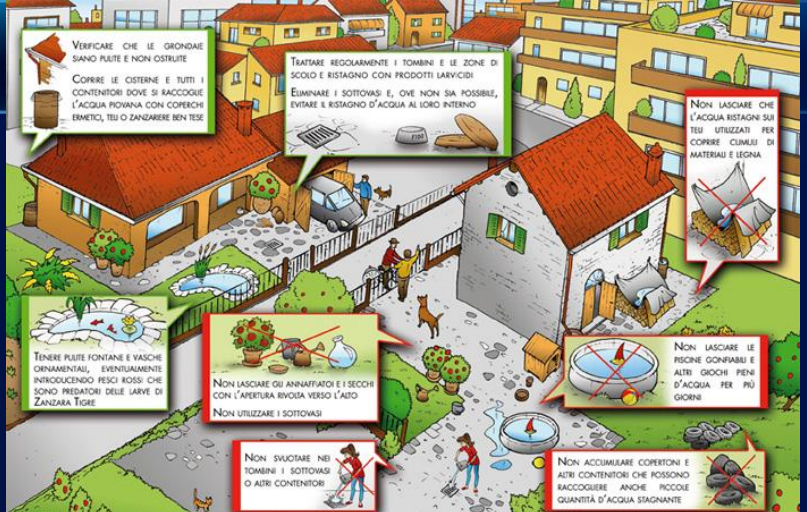


EEA report :
'Urban adaptation
to climate change
in Europe',
May 2012

Adaptation is already happening...



'Sand motor' beach replenishment, Ter Heijde, Netherlands



Campaign to prevent insect-borne diseases, Emilia-Romagna, Italy



New grape variety research, Spain



Restoration of the Danube, Kalimok marsh, Bulgaria



Peatland restoration, Lough Boora, Ireland

Cantonal Insurance Monopolies, Switzerland



The role of the EEA in future adaptation policy

- Providing up-to-date information on adaptation in Europe at our adaptation web portal, the European Climate Adaptation Platform (Climate-ADAPT)
- Assessing information and providing policymakers with analytical work that helps them plan and implement adaptation actions
- Strengthening the knowledge base in areas that suffer from a deficit of information e.g. costs and benefits of adaptation, reviews of actions implemented by the private sector, and monitoring and evaluation of adaptation actions

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Climate Change Adaptation in Europe

The European Climate Adaptation Platform (CLIMATE-ADAPT) aims to support Europe in adapting to climate change. It is an initiative of the European Commission and helps users to access and share information on:

- Expected climate change in Europe
- Current and future vulnerability of regions and sectors
- National and transnational adaptation strategies
- Adaptation case studies and potential adaptation options
- Tools that support adaptation planning

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Climate ADAPT website: a joint project of the EEA and the European Commission, containing adaptation advice and examples of adaptation measures

Precautionary principle shows the need for continued monitoring



Behavioural and societal change: one of the greatest challenges of adaptation

- Behavioural and societal change: implementing 'soft' adaptation
- Changing our own behaviour: policy-makers and scientists must work in new ways: with people they don't know and with people they may not like!

