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Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to circulate our quarterly Climate Ireland Adaptation Network (CIAN) news update with a roundup of recent national and international adaptation-related items which may be of interest to you.

National & Regional:

- Hub: The Climate + Co-Centre has launched a [central hub](#) for GIS and remotely sensed peatland data, bringing together datasets from multiple organisations into a single, accessible geoportal to support integrated understanding of peatlands across the island of Ireland
- Event: An [event](#) with the SeaCCHange research team providing an update on the project's work to co-develop adaptation strategies for Kilmore, Kilshannig and Abbey Island, alongside findings from the 2023 Climate Change Risk Assessment of Kerry's at-risk historic coastal graveyards. Date: Thursday, 4 June, 6.30–8.00 pm
- Plan: [Transport Infrastructure Ireland has published its Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan](#) for National Roads 2026–2030, outlining 20 targeted measures to strengthen the resilience of the national roads network to climate impacts, aligned with TII's Climate Adaptation Strategy and the Transport Sectoral Adaptation Plan
- Funding: The [EPA Research Call 2026](#) is now open for proposals addressing areas including climate change, healthy environments, the circular economy, nature protection and governance. This year, there are specific themes on bringing mitigation and adaptation together and improving cross-sectoral governance in climate adaptation. The closing date for proposals is 28 May 2026
- Review: Climate Change Advisory Council [Annual Review 2026: Our Changing Climate in 2025](#), submitted to the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment on 27 March 2026
- Event: As part of the TALX2 transboundary workshop series on a community of practice for climate adaptation practitioners, the second workshop will be held. This full-day interactive session will focus on the resilience of our infrastructure on the Island of Ireland, mapping cross-sector and transboundary interdependencies, and strengthening the Transboundary Community of Practice for Ireland and Northern Ireland. It will take place in Guildhall, Derry on 14 May, [sign up here](#)
- Report: [EPA Focus on Adaptation 2025](#). A summary report from the Environmental Protection Agency published 2026, reviewing progress in climate adaptation policy, governance, planning, climate services and risk assessment in Ireland through 2025
- Report: [What does Ireland think about climate change and how can this inform your communications strategy?](#) The 'Climate Change in the Irish Mind' project (CCIM) is a nationally representative study of the Irish people's beliefs, attitudes, policy preferences and behaviours regarding climate change, undertaken by the Irish Environmental

Protection Agency and the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication. The CCIM Engagement Guidance translates these insights into practical advice for anyone communicating or engaging with the public on climate change

- Event: The [EPA Climate Change Conference](#) returns on 27 May 2026 at the Aviva Stadium, bringing together policymakers, researchers and the public for a one-day national forum on climate action. This year's theme, "Ireland's Climate Ambition: Taking stock and looking to the future," marks the halfway point to Ireland's 2030 emissions reduction targets. The conference will examine progress to date, the growing impacts of extreme weather, and pathways toward climate neutrality and resilience beyond 2030
- Vacancy: [Scientific Officer I \(Level 3\) Climate Adaptation Scientist](#). This is an exciting opportunity to join the EPA's Climate Adaptation and Behavioural Insights Team in the position of Scientific Officer I (Level 3) Climate Adaptation Scientist. The successful candidate will provide expertise, analysis and insight on climate change risk, adaptation and resilience in Ireland. Closing date for applications is 14th May 2026

European:

- Funding: [EUJ – Innovative Actions: Fourth Call for Proposals is now open](#) with a provisional €60 million ERDF budget, offering up to €2 million per project for cities over 25,000 inhabitants to deliver ready-to-implement projects across themes including climate action, mobility, housing, digitalisation and social inclusion. Deadline: 15 June 2026 (14:00 CET)
- Funding: [Horizon Europe: A new Horizon Europe call is open](#) with €10 million for Innovation Actions supporting the EU Missions on Soil Health & Food and Adaptation to Climate Change, focusing on translating research into practical, deployable solutions. Deadline: 23 September 2026
- Report: [Overheated and underprepared](#): Europeans' experience of living with climate change is a joint EEA–Eurofound report based on an online survey, examining Europeans' experiences of climate impacts, household-level resilience actions, perceptions of local adaptation measures, and concerns about future climate risks
- Report: [Third Assessment Report on Climate Change and cities. Elements in Climate Change and Cities](#), published in collaboration with the Urban Climate Change Research Network (UCCRN) - provides readers with cutting-edge knowledge, practical tools, and in-depth case studies to advance sustainability and resilience in cities worldwide
- Report: European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change calls for urgent, [coordinated adaptation across the EU](#). A new report from the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change, 'Strengthening resilience to climate change – Recommendations for an effective EU adaptation policy framework', sets out how the EU can strengthen its approach to climate adaptation in the face of escalating and increasingly systemic climate risks
- Report: [Climate Stress and EU Cohesion: Strengthening European Resilience through Climate Adaptation](#). A new report from The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies shows that climate hazards such as heat, drought and wildfires disproportionately affect Southern and Southeastern Europe, while flooding increasingly impacts Central and Northern regions
- Report: [REGIANCE+ study](#) results: What do climate adaptation stakeholders in Europe really need? The EU-funded REGIANCE+ project has published the results of a needs

assessment conducted with 139 stakeholders from 27 countries on the implementation of adaptation projects

- Strategy: [European Commission launches new strategy](#) to tackle rising wildfire threat. The strategy covers prevention, preparedness, response and recovery

International:

- Report: [Promoting, measuring, and evaluating progress in local governments' climate change adaptation in Germany](#). This report compiles the results of the project "Municipal Survey: Where Do Municipalities Stand in Adapting to Climate Change and How Do They Arrive at Multifunctional and Transformative Adaptation Solutions?", provides guidance on how to strengthen municipal adaptation in Germany, and identifies future research needs
- Report: COP30 Presidency releases Executive Report and outlines next steps to accelerate global climate implementation. The COP30 Presidency released the [Executive Report](#) of the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Belém, last November, outlining the key political, normative, and implementation outcomes and the commitments that will guide the Presidency's work in the months ahead to sustain momentum for global climate action

Research & Education:

- Research: [Flooding and mental health](#): Lessons for Ireland's adaptation and recovery planning. Published on 12th March by the CCAC, the research, led by Trinity College Dublin in collaboration with Dublin City University and the National College of Ireland, analyses the mental health impacts of flooding and identifies practical actions that could help reduce it
- Report: [Climate change adaptation laws and policies](#): A review of trends, gaps and opportunities in 35 countries. A new report from the Grantham Research Institute (LSE), supported by the Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance, analysing national adaptation legislation and governance arrangements across 35 countries

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