



Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to circulate the third Climate Ireland Adaptation Network (CIAN) news update with a quick round up of recent national and international adaptation-related items which may be of interest to you.

Headlines: Save the date: The 2nd annual CIAN Seminar will be held in the Hyatt Centric, Dublin on **9th October**. New National Adaptation Framework published in June, and updated Sectoral Adaptation Planning guidelines published on **28th August**. EPA Climate Fellowship call open until **3rd October**.

National & Regional:

- *Framework:* The Government approved Ireland's second statutory [National Adaptation Framework](#) (NAF) on 5th June 2024. Two new adaptation sectors are included with a Sectoral Adaptation Plan required for Tourism and a scoping exercise to be undertaken for Built Environment/Planning. New key principles included in the NAF include avoiding maladaptation, Nature-based Solutions, greater consideration of socio-economic vulnerability and Just Resilience, and improved cooperation between Sectors.
- *Guidance:* [Sectoral Adaptation Plan guidance](#) for Ireland has been published following the NAF approval.
- *Guidance:* [Heritage and Climate Adaptation Guidance for Local Authorities](#): guidance and case studies on increasing the resilience of heritage resources to current and future climate conditions.
- *Approval:* The [Water Supply Project](#) has been given Cabinet approval and can progress to the planning permission stage.
- *Seminar:* The annual Climate Ireland Adaptation Network seminar will be held on October 9th in the Hyatt Centric Dublin. Email climateireland@epa.ie to sign up to the network.

- *Conference:* EPA Annual Water Conference 2024 was held on 12th and 13th June with Session 2 focused on water and climate: adaption and resilience and [videos of the conference are now available](#).
- *Course:* Leave No Trace Ireland, CARO, Clean Coasts, the University of Galway, and MSLETB held a 'Beaches & Dunes for Climate Adaptation' course from April to June with a final coming together of community on June 25th at the National Surf Centre in Sligo to share learnings. The event featured presentations, an exhibition, and a field trip focused on addressing threats to coastal dunes along with agreement on the top priorities for coastal action. Arising from the project is [dunes.ie](#) which contains resources for coastal communities.
- *Social enterprise:* [ACT Studio](#) were also involved in facilitating and delivering the Beaches and Dunes for Climate Adaptation course in line with their mission of accelerating the green transition on the island of Ireland.
- *Programme:* Uisce Éireann is running a [water stewardship training programme](#) in partnership with Water Stewardship Ireland and the Sustainable Enterprise Skillnet. The programme supports business customers with training on how to lower water consumption and reduce operating costs while also protecting the environment.
- *Strategy:* Adaptation strategies developed for six historic coastal graveyards in County Kerry [see attached].
- *Meeting:* The first National Mirror Group meeting took place to support Dublin, Cork, and Galway cities on the EU Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission on 22nd May 2024. Find out more about the [EU Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission](#).
- *Update:* Update attached from Climate Matters - the Member State Facilitator for Ireland under the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change's Implementation Platform (MIP4Adapt), which supports European regional and local authorities to prepare and plan their adaptation pathways to climate resilience.
- *Conference:* An Fóram Uisce is holding their Water & Climate conference on 20th November in Tullamore on "Climate change impacts on water resources and a catchment-based approach to climate change adaptation" [see attached].

European:

- *Newsletter:* The latest news on the European Climate and Health Observatory and on climate-health policy and action in Europe is now delivered every 3 to 4 months via a [dedicated newsletter](#). Subscription is open.

- *Website:* How can community [Empowerment Tools \(ET\) and Nature-Based Solutions \(NBS\)](#) contribute to addressing coastal challenges and building resilient communities?
- *Finance hub:* New Commission [finance hub](#) to support ambitions of pioneering cities in climate mitigation and adaptation.
- *Article:* [How can a system change approach help accelerate Climate Change Adaptation?](#)

International:

- *Meeting:* The June [UN Climate Meetings](#) in Bonn brought together experts to discuss how innovative technologies can boost risk-informed adaptation and climate resilience supporting the UN Secretary-General's Early Warnings for All initiative.
- *Article:* [2024 could be world's hottest year as June breaks records](#)
- *Article:* [New Report Examines both Opportunities and Risks for Vulnerable Populations; Highlights Importance of More Inclusive Climate Policy-Making](#)
- *Warning:* [Warning](#) from Copernicus Climate Change Service as hottest May on record spurs call for climate action

Research & Education:

- *Project:* HCI Pillar 3 Project [Building Change](#): Designing a Sustainable Future Through Architecture Education
- *Report:* [Implementation of climate adaptation indicators](#): lessons learned from the transport sector
- *Report:* [Climate risk assessment](#) approaches in the financial and commercial sectors
- *Fellowships:* The [EPA Climate Fellowship Call 2024](#) is open for applications until 3rd October. Funding is available for four Fellows to be seconded to the EPA to work collaboratively with our Climate Programme.

We would encourage you to circulate this newsletter to your contacts and don't forget to let us know about upcoming events, or other items that might be of interest to CIAN members. Also, please encourage your peers to join the CIAN by emailing us at climateireland@epa.ie.