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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.

Headline:

- Save the date: The annual CIAN Seminar will be held in the Spencer Hotel, Dublin on **1st October**.
- Reports: The Climate Ireland Adaptation Network (CIAN) [working group reports](#) have been published. Four working groups were established to enable participants to share their views, practices, and perspectives around key challenges for adaptation in Ireland. The working groups produced four reports which explored technical definitions underpinning resilience, just resilience, resilient decision-making and resilience indicator development.

National & Regional:

- Event: [Meath's DZ Family Fun Climate Action Days](#). Meath County Council is hosting a series of nine Family Fun Climate Action Days across the county. Activities include sustainable gardening workshops, clothing swaps and a toy library, showcasing sustainable way we can help the climate, through climate adaptation and mitigation.
- Event: The Climate Change Advisory Council (CCAC) Adaptation Committee's 2026 Workshop on [Pathways to Climate Resilience](#) took place on 15 April 2026 in Dublin. Presentations focused on resilience thresholds and adaptive pathways, while break-out sessions engaged participants in the development of Dynamic Adaptive Policy Pathways (DAPP) using a serious game approach. The workshop report is available on the Climate Change Advisory Council website.
- Report: The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE) and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) have published [A Living Land](#), the Phase 2 report of Ireland's Land Use Review. The report provides an evidence base to support future land-use decision-making, balancing environmental, social and economic priorities, and highlights the role of land use in climate mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity and water quality. Key recommendations include establishing a Land Use Taskforce, improving land-use mapping and data, and strengthening collaboration between government, communities and landowners.
- Article: [Why the human side of coastal erosion and adaptation matters](#). Climate + Co-Centre PhD candidate Rory Moore has published an article exploring why the human side of coastal erosion and adaptation matters, highlighting the social and mental health dimensions of climate impacts and adaptation decisions. The Climate + Co-Centre is also seeking guest writers ([contact details](#)) to contribute to articles/blogs to website. This could be a research finding, project update, response to a policy

development or methodological reflection that an individual feels that others may find valuable.

- Funding: The Northern & Western Regional Assembly has [announced €2.5 million in funding](#) under the Decarbonising Zones (DZ) Scheme to support local climate action and innovation initiatives across the region. One action area covered under the funding is Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk and Resilience.
- Funding: Minister O’Sullivan has announced on Wednesday June 10th announced [€5 million in funding](#) through the LAWPRO Nature-based Solutions programme to support urban nature-based solutions projects by local authorities.
- Programme: [The Lloyd’s Lab Accelerator](#) - Cohort 16 is a strategic collaboration between Lloyd’s, the Department of Finance, Enterprise Ireland, and IDA Ireland. This programme connects innovative companies with market experts to co-develop solutions that shape the future of insurance. The programme commenced in April and is looking for innovative solutions to tackling property level flood resilience.

European:

- Event: The EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change will host its [Fifth Forum](#) in Dublin on 24 November 2026, with pre-forum activities on 23 November. The Forum will be available both in-person and online and is the only Mission Forum taking place this year. More information is available through the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change.
- Event: [The European Insurance Forum 2026](#) will take place in Dublin on 22 October 2026. This year’s programme includes a focus on resilience and climate adaptation financing. Further information will be available at the website [Welcome - European Insurance Forum 2026](#).
- Report: A record 37 countries presented their first [Biennial Transparency Reports \(BTRs\)](#) during the June 2026 UN Climate Change Conference in Bonn, marking the largest participation in the transparency process to date.
- Report: [Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health: Call to Action](#). Published by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, this report highlights climate change as a growing public health threat and calls for stronger climate-resilient health systems, improved adaptation planning, and greater support for vulnerable communities. *Published 1 June 2026 on Climate-ADAPT.*
- Report: [Overheated and underprepared: Europeans' experience of living with climate change](#). Developed by the European Environment Agency (EEA) and Eurofound, this report examines Europeans’ experiences of climate impacts, household resilience actions, perceptions of local adaptation measures and concerns about future climate risks.
- Report: [EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change: Activity Report 2025/26](#). The report highlights growing engagement across Europe, with over 400 regional and local authorities participating in Mission activities, supported by 65 Horizon Europe projects and an adaptation community of over 700 participants. It demonstrates continued progress in strengthening climate resilience across European regions and communities.
- Report: [Climate resilience in Europe, 2025 - Progress and Challenges](#). Published by the European Environment Agency (EEA), this report finds that while all EEA member countries have adaptation policies in place, progress remains uneven. The report

highlights gaps in climate risk assessments, implementation, financing and monitoring, and calls for stronger coordination and action to advance climate resilience across Europe. Published 10 June 2026.

- Report: [Small but mighty - climate resilience in Europe's small municipalities](#). Published by the European Environment Agency (EEA), this briefing highlights how small municipalities across Europe are building climate resilience despite challenges such as limited resources and capacity. The report identifies good practices and emphasises the need for continued support to strengthen local adaptation efforts. Published 10 June 2026.
- Funding: New funding opportunities are available under the [Horizon Europe 2026–2027 Work Programme](#) through the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change. The calls support projects on adaptation governance, implementation of adaptation solutions, climate services, disaster risk management, cultural heritage resilience, inland waterways, adaptation finance, and soil resilience to extreme weather events. Applications close on 23 September 2026.

International:

- Strategy: [The Union for the Mediterranean \(UfM\)](#) has launched the development of the region's first Climate Action Plan, bringing together 43 countries to strengthen coordinated action in one of the world's most climate-vulnerable regions. Announced during the 3rd UfM Mediterranean Green Week, the initiative aims to accelerate regional climate resilience and adaptation efforts.

Research & Education:

- Research: [Climate Resilient Places](#). Led by the University of Galway, this EPA-funded research examines how increasing flood risk from climate change could affect Irish communities. Using flood modelling, economic analysis and stakeholder engagement, the study provides evidence to support planning, infrastructure investment and policies that build climate-resilient places in Ireland.
- Education: [Introduction to Climate Psychology](#) (UCC Micro credential). Enrolment is now open for this new 10-credit micro credential, with 80% subsidised fees available. Participants will gain an understanding of how psychological processes shape responses to climate-related challenges and how psychology can be leveraged to support positive climate action. Applications close on 31 July 2026 for the programme commencing in September 2026.
- Report: [Managing Coastal Risks in Ireland: Towards strategies that integrate planned coastal relocations](#). Published by the Climate Change Advisory Council, this report outlines a roadmap for a national Coastal Change Adaptation Framework and examines the legal, planning and funding measures needed to support adaptation to increasing coastal erosion risks. Published 10 June 2026.
- Report: [Integrating Climate Change Risks and Uncertainty in Infrastructure Development to Ensure a Climate Resilient Ireland](#). Commissioned by the Climate Change Advisory Council and led by Climate Matters, this report examines how climate risks and uncertainty can be better integrated into the planning, development and management of critical infrastructure. The research identifies opportunities to

strengthen climate resilience across infrastructure planning, regulation and investment decisions. Published May 2026.

- Report: Desk-based Study on [*Nature-based Solutions in Coastal and Transitional Waters*](#). Commissioned under Ireland's Marine Strategy Programme of Measures, this report examines the role of Nature-based Solutions in managing nutrients, enhancing biodiversity and supporting implementation of the Nature Restoration Regulation. Published 9 June 2026.

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