



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:

- *Invitation:* The EPA is looking for Irish adaptation case studies at a local, regional, or sectoral scale to publish on Climate Ireland. If you have an adaptation or resilience case study, please send us a link or short summary for our database.
- *Job:* The EPA is looking for a Senior Manager in Climate Adaptation along with two other Senior Manager positions, find out more [here](#).
- *Sectoral Adaptation Plans:* The draft [Sectoral Adaptation Plans](#) were completed at the end of September 2025 for consideration by Government.
- *Scorecard:* The Climate Change Advisory Council published its [2025 Climate Change Adaptation Scorecard Report](#). The report reviews progress in the implementation of adaptation policy and increasing climate resilience across sectors during the period March 2024-April 2025.
- *Review:* The Climate Change Advisory Council published its [2025 Annual Review on Preparing for Ireland's Changing Climate](#) on preparing for Ireland's changing climate on 30th September 2025. The annual review provides recommendations to Government in a range of areas relating to climate resilience. These include preparedness and response to extreme weather events, aspects relating to funding and human resources, strengthening coordination between central and local government and showing greater leadership and accountability in the delivery of actions.

Upcoming events:

- *Seminar:* Save the date for the annual Climate Ireland Adaptation Network seminar which will be held on November 25th in the Hilton Kilmainham, Dublin. Email climateireland@epa.ie to sign up to the network.
- *Seminar:* Save the date for the annual National Framework for Climate Services seminar on AI and Climate Services which will be held on December 2nd in the Hilton Kilmainham, Dublin. See attached flyer for details.

- Ireland's 9th National #ClimateActionWeek running this week October 13th-19th 2025. Sponsored by DCEE, Climate Action Week is coordinated by An Taisce in collaboration with Local Authorities, community groups and businesses nationwide. See what is on at <https://climateactionweek.ie/>.

European:

- *Report:* The [9th Edition of the Copernicus Ocean State Report](#) highlights the deep and widespread links between ongoing ocean change and changes in marine ecosystems, human society, and the economy. The global ocean is affected by record-breaking temperatures, accelerating sea level rise, and continued acidification, with no part of the ocean untouched by what the UN has termed the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. The OSR 9 also highlights the importance of regional monitoring as a complement to global assessments and showcases new and improved monitoring systems and frameworks to help track the state of the ocean.
- *Report and briefings:* [EEA's flagship Europe's Environment 2025 Report](#), developed together with its member countries from the Environment Information and Observation network (Eionet), includes, among others, six thematic briefings with relation to resilience to climate change. They inform about past trends, outlook, prospects of meeting EU policy targets for 2030, and prospects of meeting EU policy targets for 2050.
- *Report:* The German Adaptation Strategy (DAS) provides the basis for climate adaptation concepts and measure developments in Germany. Its regular further development offers crucial opportunities to incorporate new scientific findings and to optimize approaches and procedures. A [report](#), issued by the German Environment Agency (UBA), presents the results of a research project that identified potential for further development of the DAS based on a methodological analyses of different research strands as well as the transfer of results of a comparative policy field analysis in Germany.
- *Case study:* A [case study in Barcelona](#) mapped high-risk hotspots for major flood events as climate change increases stormwater frequency. It highlighted social vulnerability as a major factor that must be addressed.
- *Projects:* As Europe recovers from its worst-ever summer of wildfires, [EU funded LIFE projects](#) across the EU are finding ways to protect us from the deadly blazes which destroy lives, homes and our precious natural heritage. The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) highlights three LIFE projects that are using nature to tackle wildfires.

- *Study:* Heat waves, droughts, and floods affected around a quarter of EU regions in the summer of 2025. A [new extended study](#) by Dr. Sehrish Usman from the University of Mannheim and economists from the European Central Bank shows estimated losses of 43 billion euros in 2025 alone and a total of 126 billion euros by 2029. The researchers call for increased investment in climate adaptation, such as heat protection in cities and improved water management.

International:

- *Call:* [UN Climate Change calls](#) on countries, institutions and climate actors to partner meaningfully with Indigenous Peoples, incorporate Indigenous worldviews and knowledge into national climate strategies, invest in Indigenous-led climate solutions with accessible, long-term support.
- *Report:* A new [report](#) by the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee highlights how developing countries are strengthening institutional arrangements and engaging stakeholders to advance national adaptation efforts.

Research & Education:

- *Research commissioned:* The Adaptation Committee of the Climate Change Advisory Council has recently commissioned research on (i) mental health and the impacts of climate change and (ii) managing risks associated with coastal change, with a focus on policy options for planned relocation. These pieces of research are expected to be published by Q2 of 2026. Further information on the research can be obtained by email to info@climatecouncil.ie.
- *Research programme:* The third iteration of the TRANSLATE programme began in September and will run for the next 4 years. As well as updating the national climate change scenarios to be in line with the current IPCC report, TRANSLATE 3 will also focus on developing a national high resolution annual to decadal dataset, offer insight into how extreme events are changing and could change in the future and develop risk-based climate services to help decision making with a particular focus on the energy sector. For more information, please contact enquiries@met.ie.
- *Climate communications:* A [climate communication needs and challenges assessment](#) was conducted with 60 stakeholders from four key sectors in Ireland: agriculture and land use, transport, renewable energy, and local authorities. The assessment was carried out through surveys and online sessions held between November 2024 and February 2025 and produced key outcomes organised by sector. These outcomes will be used to inform the design and development of climate communication strategies through a Community of

Practice undertaken as part of an EPA-funded research project, “Using Worldviews to Inspire and Scale Climate Action” (UWISCA).

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.