

Governance of Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Europe

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In Europe there is a growing need to focus on the flow of information from researchers to policy makers to improve governance of climate-related risks. In other words, it is essential to profile how the decision-making process in climate adaptation and risk reduction is commonly managed by national and local authorities.

UNISDR and the Council of Europe (EUR-OPA) investigated specific projects and initiatives that in Europe are addressing Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and portrayed the current regional climate governance structures while formulating practical recommendations for mainstreaming climate risk management and DRR into regional and national policies.

Given the growing importance of climate risk management and its governance at national and regional level, UNISDR Europe and the Council of Europe EUR-OPA engaged in a collaboration to provide a solid knowledge basis on the issue of governance of climate risks. The first product of this collaboration is the review "Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Europe: a review of risk governance" which presents an overview of the current actions undertaken by European governments and institutions to tackle the challenges posed by climate change in the context of climate adaptation and DRR.