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Welcome to the first issue of the CLIMATE newsletter. Here we will share details of what has been happening across all partner regions along with any upcoming events and what will be happening next. You can subscribe to this quarterly newsletter and also keep up to date with project progress through our website, Facebook and Twitter.

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CLIMATE project partners and associate partners outside the Guildhall at the Steering Group Meeting in Derry-Londonderry November 2017.

About Us

The CLIMATE project brings together various stakeholders to deliver programmes across four different regions; Northern Ireland, Sweden, Republic of Ireland and the Faroe Islands, in addition Associate Partners from Finland, Scotland, Norway and Iceland will be involved to ensure information is widely shared.

The project partners have come together to analyse and evaluate climate change issues and to use best practice models to develop a method for development of a Climate Adaptation Plan and Preparedness Scale matrix for local authorities. CLIMATE provides an opportunity for significant delivery of change on a transnational basis by exploring adaptation possibilities and practical solutions across the regions. This includes opportunities to explore what works in one region and how this can be transferred - particularly from a policy and implementation point of view.

The CLIMATE Project will deliver:

- ▶ Climate Adaptation Plans for Local Authorities x 3
(Derry City & Strabane District Council, Harnosand Municipality, City of Sundsvall)
- ▶ Knowledge Hub to share information and learning
- ▶ Pilot cloudburst strategy (Sundsvall)
- ▶ Risk Register/Risk Assessment & Preparedness Scale for Local Authorities
- ▶ Production of a Scientific Research Publication
- ▶ International Conference Iceland 2020

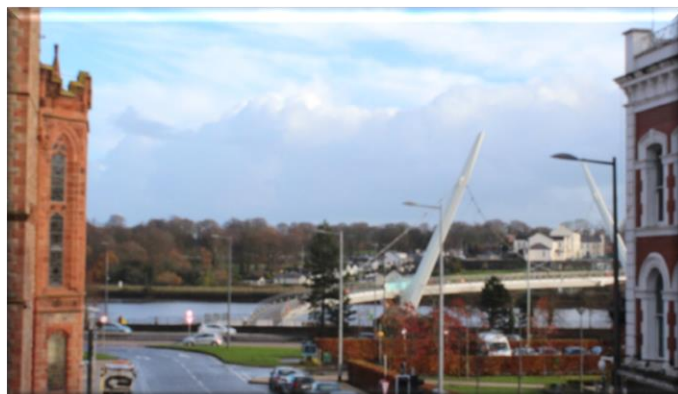


The project was launched in June 2017 in Glasgow as part of the 3rd Annual European Climate Change Adaptation conference.

News

Appointment of CLIMATE staff

At the start of 2018, CLIMATE Lead partner Derry City and Strabane District Council appointed Cathy Burns as Programme Manager and Leanne Thompson as Finance and Administration Officer. They will be working with all project and Associate partners throughout the life cycle of the project, overseeing project and financial management.



View of Peace Bridge in Derry-Londonderry from the City Walls.

Steering Group Meeting

Derry, Northern Ireland

27th-29th November 2017

Project partners and associate partners met in Derry, Northern Ireland for the second steering group meeting. Over the course of the three days, partners were updated with progress on each project work package, had informed discussions on moving the project forward and enjoyed an informative tour of the city. It was clear that the project is progressing well and is on course with meeting its targets.



Project and Associate Partners hearing about Lead Partner Derry City and Strabane District Council's Green Infrastructure Plans

Project Workshops

Climate NI, in association with Sustainable NI, held a climate adaptation workshop with Derry City and Strabane District Council representatives in November 2017. In the context of the extreme flooding which occurred across the council area earlier in the month the conversation was focused and engaged. The aims of CLIMATE were well received by participants, who were from backgrounds as diverse as Parks, Energy and Waste.

To support the initial stages of adaptation planning, the workshop introduced council representatives to how their work already addresses adaptation and resilience; creating an understanding on which to begin development of a full adaptation strategy. It also provided an opportunity to assess how Derry City and Strabane District Council can contribute the new Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme which will be released in early 2019.

News from Sweden

On October 17th it was time for this year's Science & Innovation Day in Sundsvall Sweden. Joakim Bergsten from Sundsvall municipality and Bengt-Gunnar Jonsson from Mid Sweden University were in place to present their work in C.L.I.M.A.T.E. The fair was visited by over 220 participants from academia industry and public sector.

Photographer Inger Axbrink, Mid Sweden University



Government presents Sweden's First Strategy for Climate Change

The Government in Sweden is now proposing a series of measures to strengthen society's adaptation to a changing climate in Sweden. The new climate adaptation strategy clarifies the authorities' responsibility and proposes that a national expert advice board on climate change to be established at Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute. The proposals are now being submitted to the Parliament.

In order to strengthen the climate adaptation work locally, it will now be required that the municipalities included in the masterplan give their views on the risk of damage to the built environment that may be caused by climate-related floods, rases, landslides and erosions. The municipalities will also give their views on how such damage can be reduced or prevented.

According to the new climate adaptation strategy, Boverket (National Board of Housing, Building and Planning) is to be the Co-ordinator of climate change in relation to new and existing buildings, which means that the Authority becomes the municipality's obvious contact area on these issues. "There has been criticism that Sweden lacks a coordinated work on climate adaptation at national level. The municipalities have also found it difficult to get the support they need from the state authorities. Now we strengthen the national coordination and clarify the mandate of the authorities." said Karolina Skog, Minister for The Environment, Ministry of the Environment and Energy.

In order to ensure effectiveness and continuity of the national climate adaptation efforts, the government proposes a five-year cycle that, in addition to implementation, also includes monitoring, evaluation and revision of the strategy. In the national climate adaptation strategy, an assignment is given to identify specific risk areas in Sweden regarding rases, slides, flooding and erosion.

Nordic Conference on Climate Change Adaptation

Climate change affects all the Nordic countries, and can make us more vulnerable. But there are many ways society can prepare for this. A Nordic conference will allow various stakeholders to get together, and be inspired by solutions to the problem of climate change 23 to 25 October.

<https://www.smhi.se/en/news-archive/nordic-conference-on-climate-change-adaptation-1.131895>

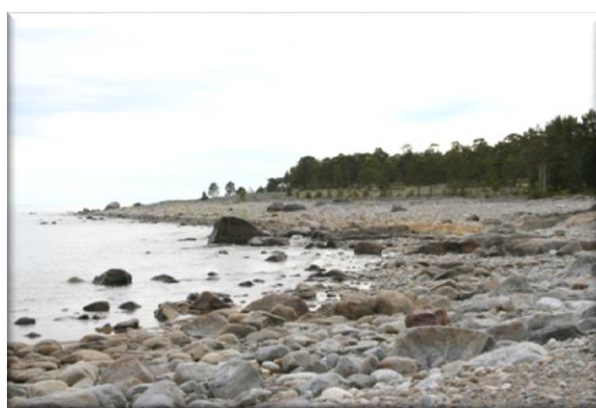


Harnosand

Road Map for Climate Change

CLIMATE associate partners – Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute has recently released a guide/tool that will help small municipalities develop Climate Adaptation Plans. Please follow the link below to find out more information.

<https://www.smhi.se/lathund-for-klimatanpassning>



Baltic Coast

UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017

The UK Government is required under the 2008 Climate Change Act to publish a UK-wide Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) every five years. The Act stipulates that the Government must assess 'the risks for the United Kingdom from the current and predicted impacts of climate change'.

As a result of the latest CCRA, CLIMATE project partners Climate NI and Department for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs are preparing the NI Adaptation Plan to be completed in 2019. This will provide a framework for adaptation across the region including government departments, business, and non-government agencies.

For more information, follow the link below;

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/tackling-climate-change/preparing-for-climate-change/uk-climate-change-risk-assessment-2017/introduction-to-the-ccra/>

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