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Project Information

CroAdapt1: Croatia moving towards its strategy for adaptation to climate change



Round Table plenary,
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Background

Within the scope of the EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change, the European Commission has requested all Member States to develop their own, national strategies and is considering whether corresponding reporting obligations should be introduced. Involving the regional level and key national actors is of great importance when developing a national climate change adaptation strategy. Croatia, who has been an EU member since 1 July 2013, therefore wished to prepare its regional and local authorities as well as other stakeholders for the coming challenge and gain initial feedback with regard to priority fields of action for its adaptation strategy.

Project

With support from the Baltic Environmental Forum Deutschland e.V. and the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe – Country Office Croatia, the Croatian Environment Ministry (MENP) invited regional and local authorities and other stakeholders to a Round Table. It took place on 23 January 2014 and brought together 52 persons, including representatives of several national ministries as well as experts from other European countries with similar problems and climatic conditions. To prepare the Round Table, the MENP first took stock of relevant actors in Croatia (list of stakeholders) and had a so-called “Country Brief” prepared. In addition to outlining the EU policy framework on adaptation to climate change, the Country Brief describes expected impacts of climate change in Croatia on the basis of existing sources and

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characterizes the vulnerability of different sectors and possible adaptation measures in a well-structured and readily understandable manner. The Country Brief was sent to the Round Table participants with the invitation and supplemented with recommendations for action after the meeting. After completion of the project, not only the regional and local authorities and stakeholders are better prepared for the coming challenges, but also the Croatian Environment Ministry itself. The further process towards the national climate change adaptation strategy can build on this important first step. Participatory elaboration is a key factor for successful future implementation of the strategy.

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