

Enhance Climate Change Adaptation and Coastal Resilience

Capitalisation on EU project results and regional initiatives

Hosted by **MEP Catherine Chabaud**, SEArice Vice-Chair for Climate & Governance

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Despite the international and European efforts to address climate change and mitigate the negative effects on our planet and human livelihood, extreme weather events, sea-level rise, coastal erosion, floods and many other consequences are a reality to face, in particular for coastal areas and their communities. The EU needs to quickly modify its policies and actions to respond to the already occurring environmental calamities and put in place adaptation measures, considering both the short-term emergency situations and the long-term objective of building a climate resilient Europe, as stated in the [European Climate Law](#) and in the new [EU Climate Adaptation Strategy](#).

Maritime regions play an important role in this context as they experience the effects of climate change on their territory and contribute to the design and implementation of both place-based and evidence-based strategies.

In 2023, the European Commission should assess the collective progress made by all member states towards the achievement of the climate neutrality objective and on adaptation and submit its conclusions to the co-legislators. Thus, this event organised by the [SEArice Intergroup](#) of the European Parliament, represents a timely opportunity to discuss about the comprehensiveness of the National Adaptation Strategies and Plans with respect to the needs identified by territorial stakeholders and showcase with concrete examples from different sea-basins the added value of regional authorities and territorial cooperation dynamics.

AGENDA

Opening by MEP **Catherine Chabaud**, SEARica Vice-Chair for Climate & Governance

14:05-15:25 | SESSION I: Regional contributions to climate change adaptation in the Mediterranean

Setting the scene: “The information we need for the coastal resilience we want: the AdriaCLIM perspective” by **Nadia Pinardi**, Professor of Oceanography at Bologna University

Mediterranean Sea regional good practices:

- **Dunja Mazzocco Drvar**, Head of the Directorate for Climate Activities at the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Croatia - *Climate change adaptation measures in coastal areas of Croatia*
- **Stella Arneri**, Director-General, Directorate for European Territorial Cooperation, Ministry of Regional Development and EU funds of the Republic of Croatia - *Interreg programs as tools in climate mitigation in the coastal regions of Croatia*
- **Paolo Ferrecchi**, Director General of Territory and Environment Care, Emilia-Romagna Region - *Climate change adaptation and integrated management of the Emilia-Romagna coast, GIDAC: a participated Strategy*
- **David Piccinini**, Head of Environment and water resources Department, Marche Region - *Marche Region Climate Adaptation Plan: the path towards the sustainability*
- **Judith Estol**, Green Transition Officer, Catalan Delegation to the EU, *Catalan adaptation strategy and related projects*

Reaction round:

Johannes Klumpers, Lead of the Horizon Europe Mission on Adaptation Secretariat and Senior expert, Unit E.1 “Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change”, **DG CLIMA**

Short break: 10 min

15:35-16:55 | SESSION II: Broadening the perspective – Challenges and solutions for climate change adaptation in other sea basins

Atlantic perspective

Setting the scene by Théophile Bongart, [Sea'ties](#) Project Director, [Ocean & Climate platform](#)

- **Renaud Layadi**, Senior Adviser, Brittany Region

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North Sea perspective:

Setting the scene by **Bernard Baerends**, Executive Secretary, [Common Wadden Sea Secretariat](#)

- **Arjan van de Lindeloof**, Senior Policy Officer, Province of Zuid-Holland

MEP reaction

Debate

17:00 Concluding remarks by MEP Catherine Chabaud

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