

# DANUBE-ADAPT PROJECT

# NEWSLETTER

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## Introducing the Danube-ADAPT

The Danube-ADAPT project's overall aim is to create harmonised data availability and knowledge in the Danube Region to support evidence-based climate adaptation policy making, and thus improve and balance the adaptive capacities of settlements, regions and countries across the macro region. Partners contribute extensive data, knowledge, and experience on climate change and adaptation, representing all levels of governance.

The Danube-ADAPT project was officially launched on April 1, 2025. This project is supported by the Interreg Danube Region Programme project co-funded by the European Union. The initiative unites 16 partner organizations and 7 associated partners from 10 countries (furthermore currently 2 follower organisations, one from a non-project partner country) across the Danube Region. With a total budget of €2,641,914, the project brings together a diverse consortium of meteorological services, research institutes, municipal authorities, development agencies, and academic institutions.

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## PROJECT DETAILS

**Period:** 01 April 2025 –  
31 March 2028

**Budget:** €2,641,914

**Interreg Funds:** 80%

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# PROJECT PARTNERS

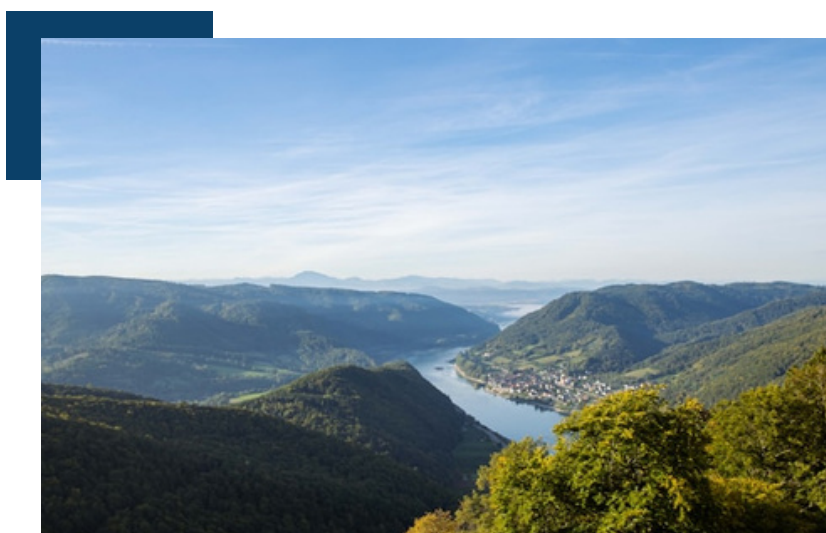


# ASSOCIATED PARTNERS



## CONTEXT

The Danube Region is home to 115 million people. The impacts of climate change in the region transcend national borders and differ according to biogeographical and hydrological characteristics, as well as socioeconomic and environmental factors. Adaptation efforts are fragmented and uneven due to imbalances in knowledge and adaptive capacity, and because adaptation research findings are integrated into policies only slowly and insufficiently. Furthermore, differences in data availability and quality among Danube Region countries, along with the absence of common, region-wide methodological guidelines for vulnerability assessment, create additional obstacles to achieving effective macroregional climate adaptation responses.



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# PROJECT BACKGROUND

## CHALLENGES

*Connected to climate trends due to their geographical, social, or economic characteristics*

- Rising temperatures, heatwaves, dry spells, storms, heavy rainfall on local, regional and macroregional levels.
- Fragmented and unequally distributed adaptation responses.
- Disparities in data availability and quality.

## THE SOLUTIONS PROVIDED BY THE PROJECT

*Go beyond the national frameworks, but also offer optimal responses for each specific subregion*

- Improving adaptive capacities by facilitating evidence-based policy making and developing common solutions.
- Strengthening the information and knowledge bases with crossregional, high-quality, current climate data and a territorially integrated approach on climate vulnerability assessments.
- Facilitating policy integration and support decision-makers in effectively responding to climate change challenges at local, regional, national and macro-regional levels.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

- **DR-wide baseline climate database of observed and climate model-based projected data, providing better resolution and more up-to-date data than the currently available open access ones.**
- **Vulnerability assessment framework (VAF)**  
Jointly developed, common methodological framework for the Danube Region, which combines climatic and non-climatic factors. Identification of DR-relevant vulnerability topics.
- **Danube Region Adaptation Policy Support Platform.**  
to facilitate the policy integration of project outcomes and knowledge and to help policy makers to access and apply the data-based solutions in policy planning.  
It will raise awareness at various levels about data-driven policy making, offer e-learning material for capacity building and provide national roadmaps on climate adaptation policy enhancement.

# KICK OFF MEETING



**Danube-ADAPT held its official offline Kick-off meeting in the Slovak capital, Bratislava. On June 19–20, the Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute hosted the first Transnational Partner Meeting and official Kick-off Event.**

Partners delivered detailed presentations on the project's goals and activities, and started to work together on the climatological database, inventory and mapping of Danube-region-relevant climate vulnerability topics and vulnerability assessment methodologies. Several discussions founded the next steps.



**Two days of collaboration to strengthen the adaptive capacity of the Danube Region to climate change impacts.**



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