



European Research Area  
for Climate Services



## ERA-NET Cofund for Climate Services

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**Recently funded 26 projects will launch their activities in autumn to advance Climate Services in Europe.**

Follow the progress of the implementation of projects on our [website](#).

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### New coordinator for ERA4CS



Since the start of ERA4CS project, **Patrick Monfray** worked as Coordinator of ERA4CS, involving 45 research organizations from 18 countries, which recently launched 26 projects for 63 M€ to enhance climate services efficiency and usefulness. Patrick Monfray has stepped down from this position on July 1st. He has recently moved from ANR (*Agence Nationale de Recherche*, France) to the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation as Deputy Director of the Research and Innovation Strategy Department, where he will continue to represent France as a member of GPC (*Groupe de Programmation Conjointe*), a body of the Council of the European Union dealing with joint programming.



**Philippe Bougeault** has taken over the coordination for ERA4CS. Philippe Bougeault was a former representative of Météo-France within ERA4CS and an international senior in the field of climate change research. Philippe, who will now work for ANR (*Agence Nationale de la Recherche France*) which is coordinating ERA4CS, will lead the next phase of this large scale ERA-NET with the launch of the 26 projects in September 2017 and their follow-up, as well as their link to JPI Climate activities, especially in the context of the first JPI Climate Scoping Forum in the first half of 2018.

Congratulations on your assignments! We wish you success in your new duties and ensure our full support and look forward to a productive cooperation.

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*All relevant information can be found on the ERA4CS website  
[www.ERA4CS.eu](http://www.ERA4CS.eu).*

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## **The Kick-off meeting of ERA4CS funded projects is announced**

We invite the projects which have been selected within the ERA4CS Joint Call, to the Kick-off meeting, which will be held on the 30th November - 1st December 2017 at the BELSPO premises in Brussels. All coordinators of the projects or representatives are expected to participate in this kick-off meeting.

A networking event jointly organised with the European Commission to foster synergies between the ERA4CS projects and recently funded Horizon 2020 projects on climate services is currently under preparation and will be announced soon.



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## The webinar - ERA4CS Task 7.4 - 1st June 2017

**A Participatory webinar for researchers, practitioners and climate service providers and purveyors working on disaster risk reduction**

The purpose of this ESPREssO-PLACARD-ERA4CS webinar was to engage researchers and practitioners working on climate services related to disaster risk management to seek views and perspectives on research and innovation directed at climate services (see definition below) in support of disaster risk management. This initiative will feed into the development within the ERA4CS of a vision for a common implementation strategy for research supporting climate services, as well as relevant activities within ESPREssO and PLACARD.

16 participants took part in this participatory webinar that started with an introduction to ERA4CS Task 7.4 and its activities. This was followed by a short presentation of the Global Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction. Specific questions were addressed to the audience to steer the discussion: what research are you involved in that is addressing climate services for disaster risk management decision making? What do you believe are the priority research and knowledge gaps related to climate service research to support disaster risk management decision making?

More information will be provided later [here](#)

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## The 3rd European Climate Change Adaptation Conference (ECCA 2017)

5-9 June 2017, Glasgow, Scotland

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# ECCA 2017 - 3rd European Climate Change Adaptation Conference

## JPI Climate welcomed visitors at the conference booth

The vision of [ECCA 2017](#) was to inspire and enable people to work together to discover and deliver positive climate adaptation solutions that can strengthen society, revitalise local economies and enhance the environment. Over 850 people attended the conference which was held on 5-9 of June 2017 in Glasgow, Scotland. The conference brought together the academic community with the people who will deliver action on the ground – from business, industry, NGOs, local governments and communities – to share knowledge, ideas and experience. Delegates were welcomed with a speech by the deputy Lord Provost that set out Glasgow's strong commitment to tackling both the causes and the effects of climate change.

The packed programme of the Conference featured three plenary sessions, 82 parallel sessions, a poster drinks reception, a Ceilidh and a film screening. For the first time, a special Business and Innovation programme was run in parallel with the first two days of the conference. ECCA 2017 also offered ten excursions to visit innovative local adaptation projects and share experience of how climate adaptation can work in practice.

All three plenary sessions included strong contributions from young speakers, from Glasgow Youth Council, the Scottish Young Planners Network and the 2050 Climate Group, at which they stressed the need for much deeper involvement of young people in climate action and policymaking at all levels. One of the highlights of the conference was the exhibition by local school children of their imaginative solutions to Glasgow's flooding problems.

The Central Secretariat (CS) represented JPI Climate with a booth promoting the activities of JPI Climate and, in particular, information on the projects recently funded by ERA4CS. Several contacts were established and the CS received good feedback on the importance of being visible and physically present in such an event.

Check out some photos from the conference [here](#)



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## Join the ERA4CS network of climate services providers

Is your organisation offering climate services? We invite you to join our network of climate services providers and share your expertise and experiences with us.



The demand for climate services - information about climate and climate change in a user-friendly format - is increasing and leads to more and more organisations offering climate services. It is our goal to assess this development at the European scale and to foster the interactions among climate service providers as well as between providers and users.

For this purpose a survey has been launched recently to map and analyse the European climate services providers landscape. Furthermore, the European funders landscape and their respective funding programmes will be mapped.

Joining the network is easy and will only take you 10 minutes. Please go to [www.climate-knowledge-hub.org](http://www.climate-knowledge-hub.org) and click on the “Join Now“ button. Mapping results will be displayed directly on the Climate Knowledge Hub (CKH) web-portal.

Used as contact point, the CKH is planned to be established as a sustainable information platform and portal for providers, funders and users. The CKH makes it easier for users to find you. Other researchers, who are looking for your expertise when it comes to applying for research funding, can also find you.

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# What climate services can do for us

ERA4CS video

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How can ibexes, football addicts and cities benefit from climate services? The short animation from the ERA4CS consortium shows the opportunities of using reliable climate information to cope with current and future climate variability.

[Available on YouTube](#)

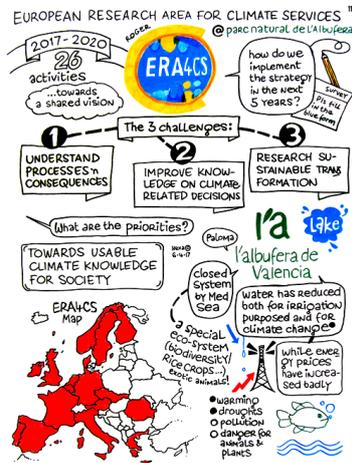
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## What are Climate Services?

We consider Climate Services as the user-driven development, translation and transfer of climate knowledge to researchers and decision makers in policy and business. This includes knowledge for understanding the climate, climate change and its impacts, as well as guidance in the use of climate knowledge.

Climate services insure that the best available climate science is effectively communicated with agriculture, water, health and other sectors, to develop and evaluate adaptation strategies. Easily accessible, timely and decision-relevant scientific information can help society to cope with

current climate variability and limit the economic and social damage caused by climate-related disaster.

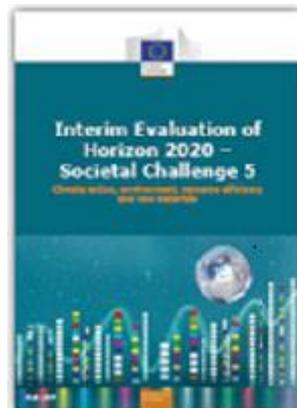


## The Research and Innovation for Climate Services Report on the synergy and mismatch analysis

The ERA4CS (Task 7.4) team has recently finalised the Research and Innovation for Climate Services Report on the synergy and mismatch analysis. The key findings and recommendations will be made available to the general public in an accompanying Executive Summary, which aims to inform the broader research and innovation community and other actors involved in the value chain of climate services generally.

Please follow our social media for further updates.

## News and interesting events



# Interim evaluation of Horizon 2020

## Societal challenges 5: climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials - Study

This publication constitutes the contribution of the Horizon 2020's Societal Challenge 5, 'Climate action, environment, raw materials and resource efficiency', to the overall Interim Evaluation of Horizon 2020, the Framework Programme for research and innovation (2014-2020). It follows the structure and principles established in the European Commission's Better Regulation Guidelines: intervention logic, relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, consistency and European added-value. It covers the two first work programmes of Horizon 2020, 2014-15 and 2016-17, but it has been prepared only when the topics going from 2014 to 2016 have been evaluated, and very few projects are delivering results. Therefore, its conclusions are mainly based on expected results, based on the intervention logic and on extrapolations of FP7, the predecessor to Horizon 2020.

[More information](#)

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Climate  
Launchpad

### ClimateLaunchpad Global Grand Final Limassol, Cyprus on October 17-18, 2017

Curious about green business trends? Wanna get inspired by great new cleantech ideas? Looking for opportunities for your company? In short, that's what you get at the green business event.

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**PYRADAPT 2017 - 2nd  
International colloquium on  
climate change in mountain  
areas**

7-8 November 2017, Biarritz, France



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**EMS 2nd World Symposium on  
Climate Change Adaptation  
(WSCA - 2017)**

Coimbra, Portugal 6-8 September  
2017

[More Information](#)

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