



Smart Specialisation Strategies for Climate Change Adaptation

We are pleased to present the first newsletter of the **S3ADAPT** implementation progress.

S3ADAPT supports European regions in integrating climate change adaptation policies with their **Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3)** – fostering more resilient and sustainable regional development.

The project is implemented under the **Interreg Europe 2021–2027 programme** and co-funded by the **European Union**.

Major PROJECT EVENTS of the First Semester

Partners Set the Stage for Climate Adaptation Cooperation

The **first official meeting** of the S3ADAPT was held online on **May 19, 2025**, bringing together representatives from the seven participating regions. During the meeting, the project's objectives and planned activities were presented. The key points of the agenda included:

- ❖ a **kick-off meeting in Warsaw** planned for **autumn 2025**,
- ❖ the **establishment of Regional Stakeholder Groups** in each participating region,
- ❖ the **identification of good practices** as a basis for **knowledge exchange** among project partners.
- ❖ the **approach to mapping regional climate adaptation policies**,
- ❖ the **communication plan**.

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Kick-off Meeting and Study Visit in Warsaw



On **October 15 and 16, 2025**, project partners participated in the Kick-off Meeting organized by the Mazovia Development Agency (Lead Partner) and the Marshal's Office of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in Warsaw.

On the first day, the following topics were presented:

- ❖ **summary of the Policy Mapping Exercise** presented by the Mazovia Development Agency, followed with the presentation by the Lithuanian Innovation Center.
- ❖ **Climate Resilience Stress Test methodology** presented by the Marshal's Office.
- ❖ **examples of good practices** supporting climate change adaptation.

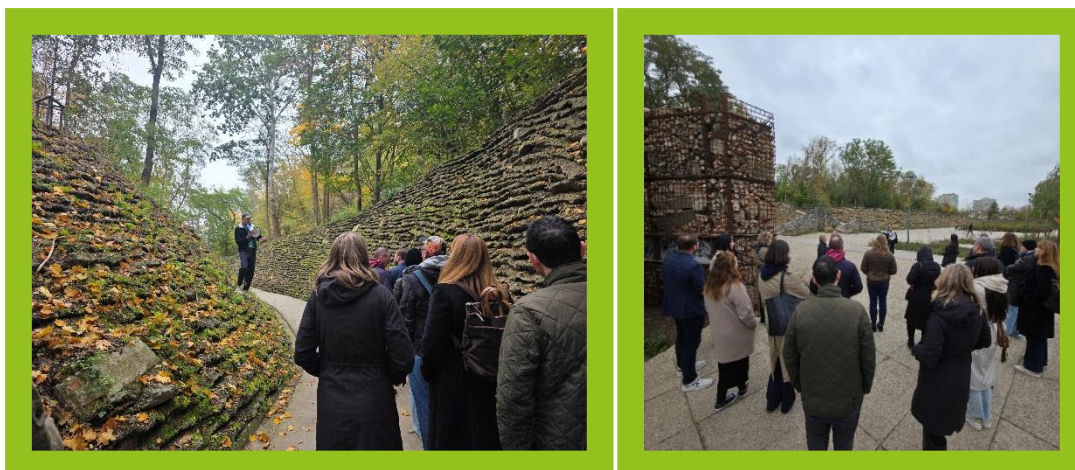
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The final item on the first day was the meeting of the **S3ADAPT Interregional Steering Committee**, led by the Mazovia Development Agency.



On the second day, study visits were organised, to explore **urban examples of climate adaptation** in Warsaw. The on-site visits included:

- ❖ **Central Square** – a concrete square turned into a green, environmentally friendly space;
- ❖ **Varso Tower** – a model of energy and water-efficient design;
- ❖ **Warsaw Uprising Mound** – an urban green area mitigating heat effects, enhancing water retention and boosting biodiversity with unique approach to human-shaped landscape.



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Other KEY ACTIVITIES Under the Project

Methodology for the Good Practices

A **methodology for identifying and exchanging good practices** within the S3ADAPT project was developed, focusing on three thematic areas:

- ❖ **innovative financing** and public-private partnerships,
- ❖ **risk assessment** and management,
- ❖ cross-sectoral and multi-level **cooperation**.

A **good practice** refers to a regional development policy initiative that has proven effective in a given region and has the **potential to be of interest to other regions**.

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Communication and Dissemination Plan

Communication activities support the integration of innovation with climate change adaptation policy. To coordinate these activities, the **S3ADAPT Communication and Dissemination Plan** was prepared.

The communication plan primarily aims to **raise awareness of the project and climate change adaptation**, taking into account smart specialisation strategies. The plan also aims to strengthen the engagement of relevant target groups in project activities.

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Policy Mapping Exercise

The Marshal's Office of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in Warsaw prepared a methodology for the S3ADAPT Policy Mapping Exercise. The exercise aims to:

- ❖ review and analyze existing policies and strategic documents on climate change adaptation;
- ❖ identify strengths and areas that require improvement or further strengthening;
- ❖ build shared understanding and foster engagement within the project through joint analysis and discussion of the mapping results.

The project partners conducted mapping in their regions, based on a common methodology. The Mazovia Development Agency (Lead Partner) then prepared a summary of the mapping.

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Climate Resilience Stress Test Methodology

The Marshal's Office of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in Warsaw in cooperation with the University of Limerick prepared a methodology for the **climate resilience stress test**. The aim of the methodology is to provide a **quick and practical assessment** of the resilience of public policy instruments (strategies, programmes, etc.) to disruptions related to climate change.

Conducting stress tests by project partners in their regions will be one of the tasks in the **second semester of S3ADAPT**.

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5 Facts About the S3ADAPT:

1. Rising costs of non-adaptation:

the average annual **economic losses** caused by weather- and climate-related extremes **increased by 54%** from 2009 to 2024, or **3.4% per year**¹.

2. Project objective:

to connect **Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3)** with climate change **adaptation policies**.

3. Supporting sustainable development:

the project helps regions align their **economies and innovation systems** with the challenges posed by climate change.

4. Collaboration and knowledge exchange:

involving **7 European Regions**, S3ADAPT focuses on **policy analysis, resilience testing, study visits, identification of good practices**, aiming at **policy improvements**.

5. Expected outcomes:

the project will contribute to the development of **effective adaptation strategies** and the **enhancement of climate policy instruments** across participating regions.

¹ [Economic losses from weather- and climate-related extremes in Europe](#), European Environment Agency, accessed 30 October 2025.

Project partners

The project is implemented by **10 partners** from **7 European countries**:

- ❖ **Mazovia Development Agency – Poland (Lead Partner),**
- ❖ Marshal's Office of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in Warsaw – Poland,
- ❖ Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Italy,
- ❖ Southern Regional Assembly – Ireland,
- ❖ University of Limerick – Ireland (Advisory Partner),
- ❖ Dnipropetrovsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Ukraine (Discovery Partner),
- ❖ Association for Risk Management AZUR – Bosnia and Herzegovina (Discovery Partner),
- ❖ Lithuanian Innovation Centre – Lithuania,
- ❖ Municipal Parking Society of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, S.A. (SAGULPA) – Spain,
- ❖ Research Council of Lithuania – Lithuania.

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- <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/s3adapt/>



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