



Climate_CRICES

Strengthening Climate Resilience Across Central Europe

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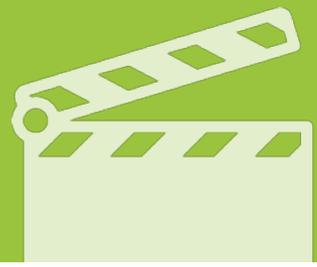
Across Central Europe, climate risks such as heat-waves, droughts, floods and biodiversity loss are no longer distant projections—they shape daily life in our regions.

Climate_CRICES aims to turn high-quality climate data into practical guidance, tools and pilot actions that help authorities prepare for a changing climate.

In this edition, we highlight the project's evolving outputs, recent meetings and engagement activities, and how partners are laying the groundwork for the upcoming pilot phase.



Two New Project Videos: Making Climate_CRICES Visible

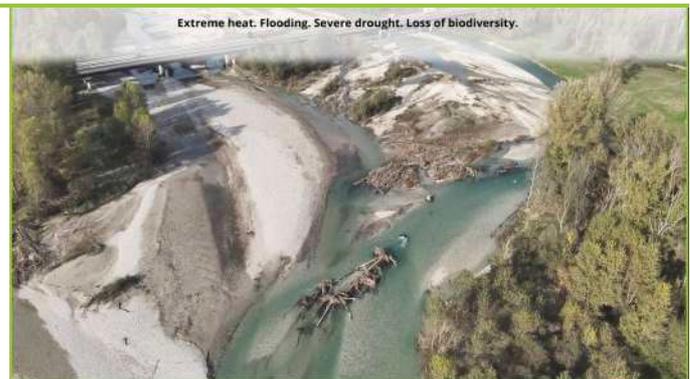


Two important communication outputs are now available and help introduce the project to a wider audience:

Introducing the Eight Pilot Regions

This short video presents the pilot regions and their specific climate challenges—from heat stress and drought to flooding and land-use pressures. It offers a first glimpse of where the project will test methods, engage local actors and support climate-resilient planning.

Watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj1Yjbxqnlo>

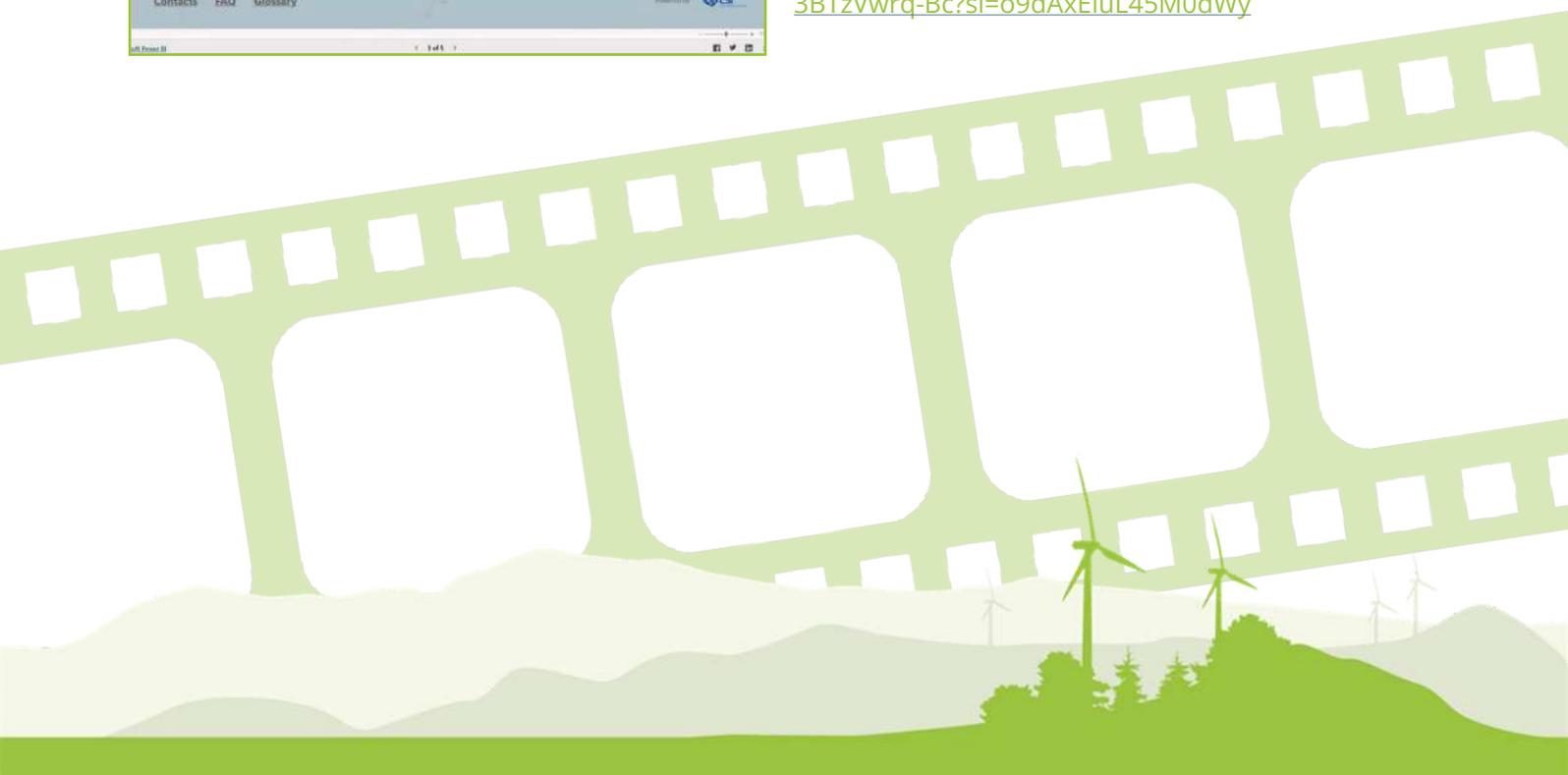


The Climate_CRICES Dashboard: A First Look



A second video introduces the dashboard, which is becoming the project's central decision-support tool. It shows how the platform brings together datasets, indicators and projections to help users assess risks and explore possible adaptation actions.

Watch the dashboard video <https://youtu.be/3BTzVwrrq-Bc?si=o9dAxEluL45M0dWy>



Zagreb Partner Meeting – Aligning Strategy and Practical Needs

On 3–4 July 2025, partners gathered in [Zagreb for a two-day coordination meeting](#) hosted by REGEA. The city offered a vivid example of the climate challenges many European regions face: heat islands, flash-flooding risks, wind exposure, and the balancing act between dense historic areas and expanding green spaces.

During the meeting, partners reviewed progress from the first phase of the project. IOER presented the conclusions of Work Package 1, which analysed 17 climate strategies, hundreds of indicators, and more than 280 datasets—now forming the backbone of the dashboard.

Partners also explored an early version of the dashboard together with CSI Piemonte and UPWr, identifying what worked well and where improvements are needed in terms of clarity, navigation and regional usability. Another central theme was stakeholder engagement: ensuring that local authorities become active co-creators of the project, rather than passive consumers of data.

Beyond technical discussions, the group explored examples of Zagreb’s own adaptation efforts—green corridors, resilient vegetation, and flood-protection systems—bringing the project’s mission into a tangible, real-world context.



Dashboard Refinement – Turning Data Into Usable Insight

Following the Zagreb meeting, the dashboard team continued working intensively on improving the prototype. The focus has been on clearer risk classifications, more intuitive filtering options, and a streamlined landing page. The goal is to ensure that users—many of whom are non-experts—can navigate the platform with ease and

quickly find information that supports planning decisions.

Several improvements are already visible in the newly released dashboard video, with the next upgraded version scheduled for early 2026.

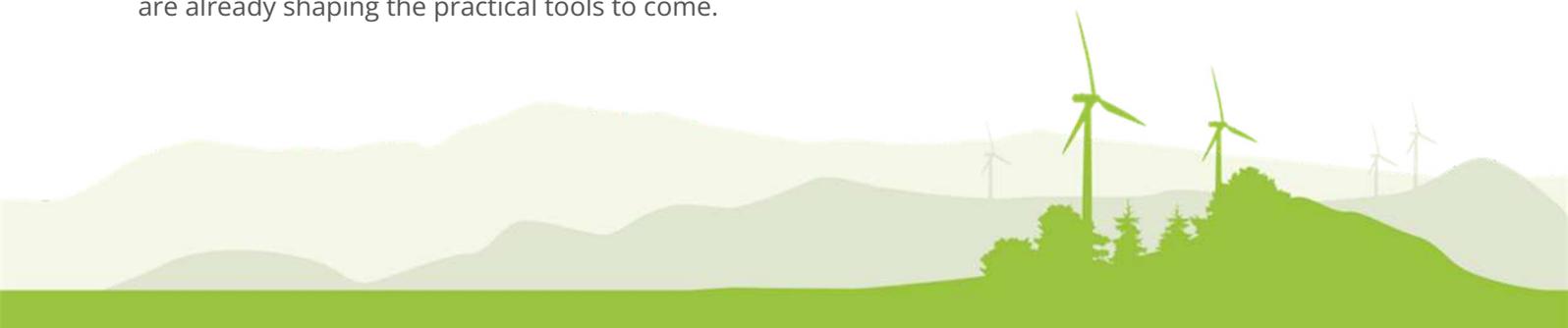


Mid-Term Review – A Strong Basis for the Pilot Phase

The mid-term review on 15 September 2025 brought together all nine partners and the Interreg Central Europe Joint Secretariat. It confirmed that the project has established a solid foundation:

- Work Package 1 has delivered a comprehensive analytical base and a working dashboard prototype.
- Work Package 2 has prepared the roadmap for pilot implementation, including regional workshops and cross-border exchanges.
- Communication efforts have expanded, supported by the two new videos and strengthened outreach activities.

The meeting underlined the collaborative spirit within the consortium and highlighted how early results are already shaping the practical tools to come.



Period 3 – Preparing for Hands-On Pilot Actions

Over the past months, partners have begun working more closely with local and regional authorities to identify priorities, understand user needs and prepare for pilot activities. These early exchanges help tailor the dashboard, data, and guidance to the real conditions on the ground.



Communication teams have supported this process through flyers, introductory materials and social-media engagement. The two new videos will play an important role as the project shifts from preparation to implementation.



A Growing Central European Network

Climate_CRICES partners have been active across Central Europe, presenting the project at conferences, workshops and public events, including:

- [e-nova conference in Austria](#)
- [Agrometeorologists and Climatologists meeting in Poland](#)
- [Water-focused gatherings in Czechia](#)



- [State-level adaptation discussions in Germany](#)
- [Scientific climate conferences in Italy](#)
- [Community-oriented events in Hungary](#)

Across these diverse settings, a **common message has emerged**: regional authorities and practitioners are eager for tools that translate climate science into practical choices.

These exchanges also provide valuable insights that continue to shape the **dashboard** and **training concepts**.



Looking Ahead

With its strategic foundation complete and stakeholders increasingly engaged, Climate_CRICES is ready to move into a more hands-on phase. The coming months will focus on:

- launching pilot activities in all regions,
- integrating climate projections into local planning processes,
- refining the dashboard with user feedback, and
- expanding training and communication materials.

Together, these steps bring the project closer to its goal: **supporting Central European regions in becoming more resilient, better informed, and better prepared for the climate challenges ahead.**



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