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Climate change adaptation – disaster risk management



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Outline

The *Interreg for a Greener Europe* webinar series serves as a recurring platform for the Interreg community to exchange insights on *Policy Objective 2 (PO2)* topics. While climate-related challenges are shared across Europe, their prominence and perception vary by region. This series aims to foster a deeper understanding of key issues, highlight **effective solutions developed through territorial cooperation**, and clarify their role within the broader policy framework.

Each webinar will bring a specific PO2 theme in the spotlight. This session will focus on *climate change adaptation and disaster risk management*.

Disasters know no borders and Interreg provides key tools to address Disaster Risk Management (DRM) related challenges. Unprecedented climate related events are the new normal and should increase as the effects of climate change are further felt. New geopolitical, technological, and health hazards equally enhance the need for effective disaster risk management within a multi-disaster approach.

Objectives

- **Enhance understanding** of climate change adaptation and disaster risk management from a global perspective and how it fits within the context of Interreg.
- **Showcase practical solutions** by presenting international best practices, and solutions developed by Interreg projects and their impact on policy and governance.
- **Clarify the policy framework**, linking Interreg's role with EU regulatory developments and other funding instruments.
- **Engage participants** through interactive discussions, fostering knowledge exchange on challenges, opportunities, and best practices.
- **Strengthen collaboration**, supporting programme approaches and broader EU climate resilience and overall disaster risk management goals.



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09.00 – 09.30 **Setting the scene**

Interact (Nicolas Garnier & Guilherme Johnston)

Presentation of the webinar series – thematic network, objectives

Recap on earlier discussions and key reflection points

Delia Bonsignore – European Commission DG REGIO

Current state of play and study on resilience of border regions

Laura Indriliunaite – European Commission DG ECHO

Introduction to the EU regulatory framework for disaster resilience

09.30 – 10.00 Keynote speech – where do we stand

[Nicola Tollin](#) – *Global Expert in Climate Resilience and Disaster Risk Management*

The importance of multi-level governance to promote resilience across borders

Followed by interaction with participants

10.00 – 10.50 **Interreg providing solutions**

Interreg programmes & projects – panel discussion

Interreg projects, responding to specific territorial challenges and highlighting the role and added value of cooperation in disaster risk management

[LocAll4Flood](#) – Interreg Euro-MED

Meritxell Abril Cuevas, BETA Technological Centre (Catalonia, Spain)

Integrated multi-stakeholder governance model to tackle flash floods in the Mediterranean

[PIROI Centre](#) – Interreg Indian Ocean

Eric Sam-Vah, French Red Cross (La Réunion, France)

Regional Intervention Platform for risk reduction, preparedness and emergency response

[CLAP](#) – Interreg Aurora

Anna Berhan, Norrbotten County Council (Luleå, Sweden)

Climate change communication and adaptation of Arctic protected areas

Followed by **exchange** – *with expert, European Commission and participants*

How to support Interreg results to be taken to next level

10.50 – 11.00 **Next steps**

Upcoming events and opportunities by Interact and European Commission