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CLIMATE CHANGE EUROPE 2026 SUMMIT

"Climate change adaptation, a lever for Europe's resilience and prosperity: preparing and leading the way"

June 3-4

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In less than a week, the **Climate Chance Europe 2026 Summit** will take place in Brussels on 3-4 June at Tour & Taxis. The event is co-organised with the City of Brussels, the Brussels-Capital Region and the Belgian Federal Government, in partnership with the European Commission and the European Committee of the Regions.

Dedicated to **climate change adaptation**, this major European gathering will bring together local and regional authorities, European and national institutions, businesses, researchers, NGOs and civil society stakeholders to share concrete solutions, feedback and recommendations aimed at strengthening the resilience of European territories. The Summit comes at a pivotal moment for Europe, as the European Commission is currently preparing a **future EU Adaptation Strategy**.

As an early heatwave has affected several European countries in recent days, once again highlighting the already visible impacts of climate change on our territories, **adaptation is emerging more than ever as a political, economic, social and public health imperative**.

As highlighted in the [latest Climate Chance Observatory analysis](#) by Antoine Gillod, 68% of European companies already report being affected by climate change impacts, while only 53% have implemented concrete adaptation measures. Between growing awareness and effective action, Europe must now accelerate its efforts.

In this context, the Climate Chance Europe 2026 Summit will serve as a **key platform to foster concrete solutions, strengthen dialogue among European stakeholders and actively contribute to the future direction of European adaptation policies**. The discussions and recommendations resulting from the Summit will notably feed into the **Brussels Declaration**, to be presented at the conclusion of the event, and contribute to ongoing reflections on the future EU Adaptation Strategy.



3-4 June 2026

Brussels — Maison de la Poste & Espace BEL (Tour & Taxis site)

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A programme addressing Europe's key adaptation challenges

The programme will feature **two days of discussions**, two plenary sessions, around twenty thematic sessions and a Pitch Corner dedicated to showcasing concrete adaptation projects.

Structured around four major themes — **agricultural, water and energy resilience; adaptation of infrastructures and territories; governance and cooperation; financing and innovation** — the Summit programme will cover a wide range of issues related to climate change adaptation.

Early heatwaves across Europe, water stress, pressure on energy systems, coastal risks, health, infrastructure, access to cooling, resilience of cities and territories... the topics addressed during the Summit will directly reflect the climate challenges already affecting the continent and the growing need for anticipation and adaptation.

Nearly one hundred speakers from across Europe — European institutions, local authorities, governments, companies, researchers, NGOs, networks and sectoral experts — will share their analyses, experience and concrete solutions to help shape discussions around the future European adaptation strategy.

High-level personalities taking part in the discussions include:

- **Jean-Luc CRUCKE** — Belgian Federal Minister for Mobility, Climate and Environmental Transition, in charge of Sustainable Development
- **Connie HEDEGAARD** — Chair of the Board of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change
- **Ans PERSOONS** — State Secretary of the Brussels-Capital Region Government for Environment, Climate, Urban Renewal, Heritage and the Image of Brussels

- **Saïd OMAR OILI** — Senator of Mayotte
- **Evelyne HUYTEBROECK** — Former Brussels Minister for Environment and Climate
- **Philippe HENRY** — Former Minister in charge of Infrastructure and Mobility in Wallonia
- **François GEMENNE** — IPCC member, Professor at HEC Paris, Director of The Hugo Observatory
- **Corina MURFA** — Member of the Board of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change and member of the EESC
- **Jean-Pascal VAN YPERSELE** — Climatologist, IPCC member
- **Elina BARDRAM** — Director for Adaptation and Resilience, Communication and Civil Society Relations at the Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA)
- **Frederik CEULEMANS** — Alderman for Urban Renewal, Climate, Citizen Participation and Dutch-language Affairs for the City of Brussels
- **Sven HARMELING** — Climate Director at CAN Europe (Climate Action Network Europe)
- ...and many other European adaptation stakeholders.

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Publications from the Global Climate Action Observatory (articles in French)



“Climate resilience by design”: a new concept at the heart of European adaptation challenges

Promoted by the European Commission, the concept of “Climate resilience by design” aims to integrate climate risks into all public policies, investments and territorial strategies. This article explores the concrete implications of this new approach for European adaptation stakeholders.

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Europe and adaptation: risks, planning and the battle for financing

Climate risk assessments, governance, investment needs, European financing... this article explores the major challenges Europe faces in accelerating its adaptation to climate change, at a time when a new European adaptation strategy is being prepared.

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Adaptation in Europe: bridging the gap between climate risk awareness and action

European companies, local authorities and insurers are increasingly identifying climate risks, yet concrete adaptation actions remain insufficient. This article analyses the barriers, contradictions and challenges currently shaping the transition from awareness to action on climate adaptation in Europe.

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