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Cooperative Audit:

ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE – ARE GOVERNMENTS PREPARED?

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Objective

The aim of the cooperative audit is to contribute with knowledge on how adaptation policies are implemented on national levels across Europe



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Scope

- National adaptation strategies
- Risk and vulnerability assessments
- Sector strategies, plans, programs and measures
- Sectors assessed:
 - Adaptation in general, water, forestry, agriculture, tourism and spatial planning



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Main conclusion

Governments are not sufficiently prepared for the expected impacts of climate change, and do not have adequate actions in place to deal with these unavoidable negative effects.



Findings

1. Early stage in adapting to climate change.
Activities are mainly related to identify risks and to a certain degree policy development
2. Current challenges initiate adaptation actions
3. Most countries have prepared high quality risk and vulnerability assessments



Findings cont'd

4. 2 of the 8 countries have developed a comprehensive adaptation strategy - most countries are in the process of developing strategies
5. Coordination of adaptation policies is not sufficient
6. Legal frameworks insufficient for adaptation
7. Lack of cost estimates in policy documents



Conclusions and recommendations

1. Develop adequate Risk and Vulnerability Assessments
2. Develop and implement adequate adaptation strategies and action plans at government level
3. Ensure coordinated adaptation policy and its implementation
4. Provide knowledge on costs and benefits of climate change impacts and adaptation measures



Recommendations to SAIs

Possible and highly beneficial to cooperate even though the national scope and approaches differ significantly

- Facilitated knowledge sharing
- Broadened scope of the national audits
- Enhanced national interest of the national audits
- Provided cross-national knowledge
- Identified common challenges and gave examples of good practices



Next steps

- Formally signed by head of SAIs
- Aiming at launching the report at UNFCCC - COP18
- Communicate the results and lessons learned in the EUROSAI and INTOSAI society
- Encourage SAIs to communicate to national parliaments
- In process of develop communication plan to ensure communication to relevant stakeholders



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