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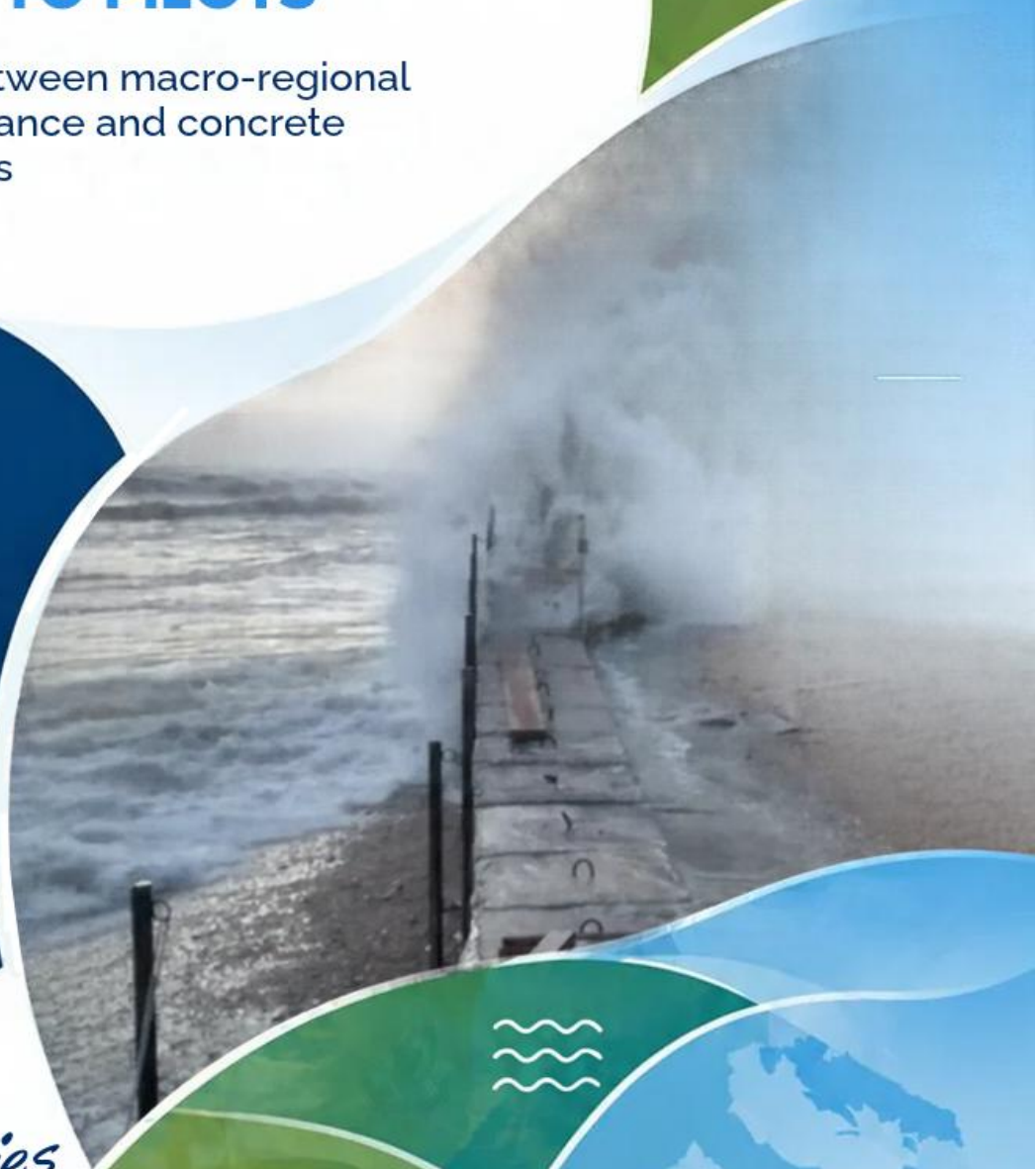
REGIONE MARCHE

SHAPING THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN REGION

FROM POLICIES TO PILOTS

Strengthening the link between macro-regional policies, territorial governance and concrete climate adaptation actions

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Climate Change Adaptation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region

FROM POLICIES TO PILOTS

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Climate change is already reshaping the Adriatic-Ionian Region, where coastal and inland territories share exposure to floods, droughts, heat, coastal erosion, water scarcity and ecosystem degradation. These risks cross administrative and national borders and require a coordinated response connecting scientific knowledge, public policy, investment and local implementation.

The event is organised by Marche Region within the Italian Presidency of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) 2026–2027 and in connection with the Interreg Italy-Croatia strategic project REALIST.

It builds on the experience developed through the Marche Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan and European cooperation initiatives including ADRIACLIM, CLIMArcheX/CLIMAAX, P2R and REALIST projects. Its core ambition is to close the gap between strategies and delivery by showing how climate-risk evidence can inform governance, investment choices, preparedness measures and pilot actions.

Over two days, EUSAIR governance representatives, European and national institutions, regional and local authorities, research organisations, civil protection bodies, projects and territorial stakeholders will compare approaches and identify solutions that can be transferred across the Macro-Region. Institutional dialogue will be combined with project cases, thematic working groups and a pilot-focused learning session.

The event will generate operational messages for stronger multi-level climate governance, improved cooperation on risk prevention and emergency preparedness, wider transfer of tested solutions and better alignment between adaptation priorities and available funding. The concluding Ancona Roadmap will capture the main proposals, responsibilities and next steps emerging from the discussions.

OBJECTIVES

- Connect EUSAIR and EU policy frameworks with regional and local adaptation delivery.
- Share evidence, tools and pilot solutions developed across the Adriatic-Ionian area.
- Strengthen cross-border cooperation on climate risk, preparedness and recovery.
- Identify transferable actions, financing pathways and priorities for future cooperation.

Day 1

sets the strategic and operational frame for climate adaptation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region. It connects EUSAIR priorities, EU policy perspectives, regional planning tools and pilot experiences. The session aims to identify practical pathways from governance frameworks to transferable implementation models.

Day 2

focuses on co-design, working groups and consolidation of shared recommendations. Participants will translate evidence, pilot results and territorial needs into operational priorities. The session will contribute to the Ancona Roadmap and to future cooperation on climate resilience across the Macro-Region.

Day 1 – 18 November 2026

FROM STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENTATION

TIME	PROGRAMME
09:00-09:30	**Registration and welcome coffee** Participant registration and networking.
09:30-10:00	**Institutional opening** The institutional opening will frame the event within the Italian EUSAIR Presidency and regional climate-adaptation priorities.
10:00-10:15	**Keynote: EUSAIR and Pillar 3 as a framework for climate resilience** The keynote will position EUSAIR Pillar 3 as a macro-regional framework for climate resilience. It will highlight common environmental challenges and the need for coordinated governance across borders. The contribution will connect strategic priorities with practical cooperation opportunities.
10:15-10:50	**European policy outlook for climate adaptation** This session will present the European policy perspective on climate adaptation and resilience. It will link EU objectives, the Mission on Adaptation and territorial implementation needs. The discussion will help clarify how European frameworks can support regional investment and action.
10:50-11:15	**Coffee break**
11:15-12:30	**Session 1: Multi-level sustainability and climate governance in practice** This session explores how climate adaptation can be governed across EU, national, regional and local levels. It highlights planning tools, institutional coordination and evidence-based approaches. The discussion will identify conditions for turning strategic frameworks into coordinated action.
12:30-13:15	**Session 2: From policies to pilots** This session bridges policy objectives with field-tested solutions and pilot experiences. It focuses on climate services, early warning, water management, coastal and river risks, and ecosystem-based approaches. The aim is to highlight what makes adaptation measures operational and transferable.
13:15-14:30	**Networking lunch**
14:30-15:00	**The Marche pathway: from ADRIACLIM to the Regional Adaptation Plan and beyond** This focus presents the Marche experience in moving from climate-risk knowledge to regional adaptation planning. It connects Interreg and Horizon projects ADRIACLIM, STREAM, CASCADE CLIMAAX, P2R, REALIST and related initiatives with concrete governance and implementation tools. The session shows how regional pathways can inform wider macro-regional cooperation.
15:00-16:00	**What makes a pilot transferable?** The panel examines the practical conditions that allow pilot actions to be replicated in other territories. Speakers will address governance, data, maintenance, financing and end-user engagement. The discussion will feed a shared understanding of transferability across the Adriatic-Ionian area.
16:00-16:25	**Day 1 synthesis and questions for Day 2** Rapporteur summary and introduction to the working groups.
16:25-16:30	**Closing of Day 1**

Day 2 – 19 November 2026

CO-DESIGNING TRANSFERABLE SOLUTIONS

TIME	PROGRAMME
09:30-09:45	**Welcome back and working method** Recap and presentation of expected outputs.
09:45-11:00	**Parallel thematic working groups** The working groups will turn evidence and pilot experiences into concrete recommendations. Each group will focus on a key adaptation challenge and identify priority actions, cooperation needs and transferable solutions. The outputs will contribute directly to the Ancona Roadmap.
11:00-11:15	**Coffee break**
11:15-12:00	**Working-group reports** This session brings together the results of the parallel working groups. Each group will present its main recommendations and one concrete cooperation action. The exchange will help consolidate shared priorities for future adaptation work.
12:20-12:45	**Towards the Ancona Roadmap for climate adaptation** This plenary session will consolidate the main messages emerging from the event. Participants will agree on priorities, responsibilities and follow-up opportunities. The outcome will support a practical roadmap for climate adaptation cooperation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region.
12:45-13:00	**Institutional conclusions** The institutional conclusions will close the event by summarising the main messages and confirming the political relevance of the outcomes.
13:00-14:30	**Networking and farewell lunch**