

Mitigation & Adaptation in the Southern Mediterranean Region



ClimaSouth Project Information & Communication

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CLIMASOUTH INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION (IC) ACTIVITIES

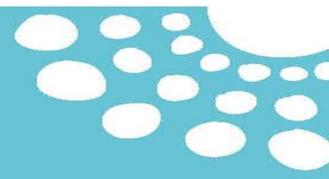
ClimaSouth IC activities are placed in the project's result framework as follows :

Purpose 5 – “Promoting closer dialogue” :

Result 5.3: Information access facilitated.

- Activity 5.3.1: Website development
- Activity 5.3.2: Establishment of a platform/help desk
- Activity 5.3.3 : Preparation of tailored information /communication material

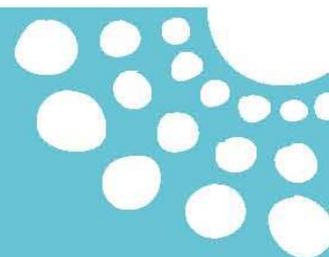
Note 1. In practice, activities 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 have been merged during the current reporting period, with the [*integrated development of a ClimaSouth web-site / knowledge base \(KB\)*](#) platform.



THE IC TEAM

During the current reporting period, IC activities were implemented by the project team with support from :

- (i) Aedit srl : webmaster and IT services for the development of the ClimaSouth website / KB Platform.
- (ii) ZOI Environmental network : graphic layout and content support for selected IC tools.
- (iii) Alex Chiodo, freelance cinematographer : production of audio-visual material.



(A) - WEB SITE AND KNOWLEDGE BASE (KB) PLATFORM (Activities 5.3.1 - 5.3.2)

Summary of progress (September 2014)

- The ClimaSouth web site / KB platform was *developed during T2 2014*.
[concept presented at the 2nd project SC meeting on 19 February 2014].
- The *site was transferred* to the Project Management Unit (PMU) on 30 June 2014.
- Since then, the PMU has taken responsibility for :
 - opening of the web site,
 - taking over progressively the administration of the web site /KB platform,
 - improving the graphic layout and some functionalities.
- *Initial briefings* on the key functionalities of the web site/KB platform have been delivered to PMU staff.
- A *user manual* is being finalized to assist with the day to day running of the web site / KB platform.
- The IC/IT team will remain available for *backstopping & assistance* throughout the ongoing transition phase.

Screenshot of current homepage of ClimaSouth web site / KB platform.

(<http://www.climasouth.eu/>)

ClimaSouth Project funded by the European Union Euro South Mediterranean Initiative Climate Resilient Societies supported by Low Carbon Economies

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HOME EU CLIMATE POLICY REGIONAL DIALOGUE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS COUNTRIES RESOURCES CONTACT PLATFORM

South Mediterranean Region

N. of countries:	9
Population (millions):	212.4
GDP (\$billions):	694.2
GDP per capita (\$):	3565

NEWS & EVENTS

National Stakeholders Workshop in Jordan: Climate Change Capacity Building & NAMA identification, formulation
AMMAN, JORDAN - 19-21 August 2014

Good practices for GHG inventory presented to South Mediterranean countries
GENOA, ITALY - 23-27 June 2014

PROJECT COMPONENTS

Capacity building / development On the implementation of Climate Change instruments	Low carbon development Best practices in GHG emission reporting, modelling & analysis	Resilience Adaptation Improving climate data use, modelling & planning	Climate Change finance Facilitating access to finance mechanisms	Promoting regional dialogue Supporting national initiatives
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The ClimaSouth project supports climate change mitigation and adaptation in 9 South Mediterranean countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia. The project was initiated in February 2013 and will be implemented over 48 months with a total budget of € 5 million provided by the European Union. Key stakeholders include technical government departments at operational and policy level, UNFCCC focal points, decision makers, and other stakeholders such as local government and civil society representatives. Its overall objective is to assist with the transition of partner countries towards low carbon economies and enhanced climate resilience.

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EU Neighbourhood Info Centre

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(B.1) IC TOOLS FOR CLIMASOUTH EVENTS (Act. 5.3.3)

Summary of progress (September 2014)

Video - Powerpoint presentation

- A quality Video/Powerpoint presentation for high-profile national and international CC events was finalised and is available on the project web site.

Selected screenshots

The screenshots are arranged in a 3x3 grid:

- Top Left:** A map of the Mediterranean region with the EU flag stars overlaid. Title: **Climate Change in the South Mediterranean**. Subtitle: Introduction to the EU's ClimaSouth project.
- Top Middle:** A night view of Earth from space. Title: **Scientific basis**. Text: "There is no doubt that warming of the climate system is happening. The speed of recent climate change is unprecedented."
- Top Right:** A map of the Mediterranean region with orange and red shaded areas. Title: **Desertification risk areas**.
- Middle Left:** A background image of a storm. Title: **Climate change impacts**. Text: "Higher frequency of extreme weather, such as heat waves, droughts, torrential rains causing floods and wildfires."
- Middle Middle:** A map of the Mediterranean region with orange and red shaded areas. Title: **Desertification risk areas**.
- Middle Right:** A dark background with a list of risks. Title: **Risks from insufficient mitigation**.
 - increased species extinction
 - reduced water access for the poor
 - negative impacts on crop yields
 - loss of homes associated with extreme weather events and sea level rise
 - ocean acidification
- Bottom Left:** A background image of a sunset. Title: **Global Climate Change developments**. Text: "The UNFCCC COP 18 in Doha (2012) extended the Kyoto Protocol in the interim through 2020. All 195 countries pledged to negotiate a new international climate treaty by 2015. This treaty shall enter into force in 2020."
- Bottom Middle:** A background image of a large crowd. Title: **ClimaSouth**. Text: "is an EU project to support climate change actions among the EU's southern neighbours around the Mediterranean."
- Bottom Right:** A flowchart diagram. Title: **ClimaSouth Project**. Text: "Enable policy makers to engage" and "Facilitate access to finance mechanisms". The diagram shows a cycle: "Strategic planning" leads to "Integrating general management and regional capacity", which leads to "Engage with partners", which leads to "Mitigation and low-carbon development", which leads to "Climate finance", which leads to "EU & South-South dialogue", which leads to "Support, experience and information exchange", which leads back to "Strategic planning".

Flyer

A multi purpose flyer on the ClimaSouth project has been recently completed and edited in 3 language versions (English, French, Arabic).

Overview of ClimaSouth flyer

ClimaSouth

Climate change and the Southern Mediterranean region

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has identified the Mediterranean region as a climate change hotspot. Most countries are already experiencing a rise in temperatures and increases in both water scarcity, frequency of droughts and forest fires and growing rates of desertification.

The IPCC is projecting the following impacts for the Mediterranean region by 2100:

- an average warming of 0.7°C to 0.5°C per decade,
- a reduction in rainfall by 8% to 30%,
- a sea level rise by 10cm to 100cm, and
- an increase in the frequency and strength of extreme weather events (heat waves and floods).

Even with the uncertainty of the concrete impacts, including their scale at local level, the common understanding in the Mediterranean region has now emerged that fighting climate change, with both mitigation and adaptation measures, is essential. It may also represent opportunities for further economic development, in particular in terms of low carbon development options.

The international climate scene is continuously changing, in view of a new agreement to be concluded by 2015, under which all parties will be taking national actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

It is at these crossroads of the climate change policy, the various climatic trends, socio-economic and environmental challenges as well as opportunities that the ClimaSouth project is implemented.

The ClimaSouth project

The EU-funded ClimaSouth project supports climate change mitigation and adaptation in 9 South Mediterranean countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.

The overall objective is to assist partner countries' transition towards low carbon economies while building climate resilience, thus protecting the foundation and exploiting opportunities for economic development and employment in the region.

This is pursued by strengthening the capacity of policy-makers to engage effectively in the global climate change framework in line with the needs of the region, and by enhancing the institutional capacity for strategic planning in the areas of climate change mitigation, adaptation and financing mechanisms.

The project also promotes south-south cooperation and information sharing on climate change issues within the region as well as closer dialogue and partnership with the European Union (EU).

The project was initiated in February 2013 and will be implemented over a period of 48 months with a total budget of € 3 million, provided by the EU.

Key stakeholders include relevant government departments at operational and policy levels, such as national focal points for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, climate change units and committees, decision-makers, meteorological services, and other stakeholders such as local government and civil society representatives.

Building capacity & mainstreaming climate change policy

The ClimaSouth project is focused on four thematic areas. The activities are carried out through a combination of national and regional interventions, and can rapidly be adapted based on the changing needs and opportunities.

Regulation & implementation capacity

The international climate change negotiations continue to evolve, and require substantial input from Southern Mediterranean Countries. The ClimaSouth project offers extensive training of policy makers and socio-economic decision-makers, on negotiation positions and issues related to the implementation of agreements supporting the path towards climate change resilient and low carbon development/economies.

Mitigation / Low carbon development

The project supports improvement of Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) of GHG emissions, through the development, use and sharing of best practices in GHG emission reporting, mitigation modelling and analysis. It also contributes to the identification, selection and development of credible and environmentally sound Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA) portfolios, and technical assistance and training also in the formulation of Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS).

Adaptation / Resilience

The ClimaSouth project supports the development of adaptation and climate resilience in partner countries. It places a special focus on improving climate data use and modelling. It also supports the development of a methodology for vulnerability assessments and the formulation of National Adaptation Plans (NAP).

Climate Change finance

The ClimaSouth project facilitates access to climate change finance mechanisms supporting low carbon development and resilience to climate change. This effort builds on the existing national capacities to raise funding in compliance with the requirements of entities such as the Adaptation Fund, the Climate Investment Funds and others.

Enhancing partnership & promoting dialogue & regional cooperation

Across its thematic activities, the ClimaSouth project also aims to improve the quality of the regional dialogue, both between partner countries and with the EU. It does so by supporting networking as well as online and regular face-to-face contacts. It also supports joint actions involving several partner countries, including initiatives such as scientific studies on the evaluation of risks and opportunities, which contribute to building the reference baseline on climate change. National initiatives with a strong cross-sectoral and/or regional scope may also be supported, such as centers of excellence on climate change involving partner countries.

The project also facilitates access to information and increased understanding of best practices and legislation on climate change in the EU and partner countries through training, technical assistance, information materials and online tools.

Technical and financial partners coordination

The ClimaSouth project coordinates closely with technical and financial partners operating in the region through collaborative capacity needs assessments at national and regional levels. The systematic exchange and dissemination of information also helps to improve coordination among potential donors.

Strengthening general regulation and implementation capacity

SHARED WITH PARTNERS

Adaptation - Resilience | Mitigation - Low carbon development

Climate finance

EU & South-South Dialogue

EUROPEAN UNION 2020 CLIMATE ROADMAP

The EU's Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2020 suggests that, by 2020, the EU should cut emissions by 40% below 1990 levels through domestic reductions alone. It sets out milestones, which form a cost-effective pathway to this goal – reductions of the order of 40% by 2020 and 60% by 2050. It also shows how the main sectors responsible for Europe's emissions – power generation, industry, transport, buildings and construction, as well as agriculture – can make the transition to a low-carbon economy most cost effectively.

For the short term, the EU has put in climate legislation to reduce its emissions to 20% below 1990 levels by 2020. Europe is also offering to step up this cut to 30% if other major economies agree to do their fair share of a global reduction effort.

Main Partner Institutions at the national level:

Algeria: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 Egypt: Ministry of Environment
 Israel: Ministry of Environment
 Jordan: Prime Minister Office - Environmental General Authority
 Lebanon: Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment
 Palestine: Environmental Quality Authority
 Tunisia: Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment

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(B.2) VIDEO PRODUCTIONS (Act. 5.3.3)

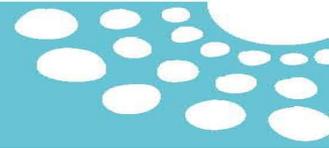
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Audiovisual material for ClimaSouth web site

A total of 16 interviews and short videos produced and uploaded to the ClimaSouth web site :

Sample screenshots





ClimaSouth Video initiative

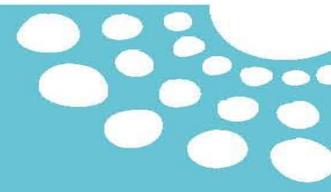
- *An initial concept note* outlining the potential scope and possible options guiding the design and implementation of such a video initiative was drafted earlier this year.
- The objective of the video-initiative is to stimulate the *interest in the theme of CC among young and creative people* from the region and their engagement in Climate Action.
- This is to be achieved by promoting the *production of art and information videos* involving young video-artists and video-journalists from the partner countries.
- The initial concept and outline production plan is *based on two distinct phases*:
- First phase based on a public competition - *a call for video products - to be launched at regional level*, climaxing at the Lima COP in December 2014
- Second phase will *widen and deepen* the initiative, focusing on *national activities*, and catalyzing the production of videos with a potential for “going viral” on social media.

FLAGSHIP PUBLICATION

- Preparation of a “*flagship publication*” capitalising ClimaSouth project activities and key results from the international negotiations and the future Paris agreement.

Main aims

- raise the overall *awareness* of climate change among key stakeholders in the region by capitalising and disseminating available scientific/technical CC information,
- strengthen the *credibility of national CC agendas* by focussing on approaches and solutions combining *mitigation and adaptation*.
- enhance *cross-sectoral dialogue* between policy makers, decisions makers and the scientific community.
- contribute to the *public debate on climate change* by engaging the media, young people, civil society and NGOs.



Provisional working title : Building Resilience in the Southern Mediterranean region: climate change mitigation and adaptation options

Primary target groups : Policy and decision makers, scientific community, technicians, experts, national and international institutions, private sector / industry.

Other target groups : Educationalists, students, journalists and other media professionals, NGOs and civil society.

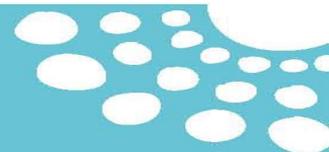
Format : Edited volume, approx. 120 - 150 pages, hard back, high-quality book, full-colour, including text, maps and professional photos (English, French and Arabic editions).

Content : The volume will comprise about 15 – 20 chapters + annexes, each chapter composed of about 6 - 8 pages including text, photos, maps and other illustrations.

Contributors : Leading scientists and climate change experts from the region.

Production team : ClimaSouth project staff & partners + professional photographers and external mapping and Illustrations services.

Distribution : National and regional climate change events, bookstores, public libraries, universities, international partners & sponsors, electronic version published online



BROADCAST QUALITY TV DOCUMENTARY

Provisional working title : Climate Change in the Southern Mediterranean region

Primary target groups : General public, educationalists & students

Format : High Definition Video. English, French and Arabic editions.

Broadcast version (2 parts x 26 min) :

- Episode I will set the scene, introduce global climate change issues and analyse future scenarios and challenges facing the Southern Mediterranean region.
- Episode II will concentrate on potential solutions responses and actions to counter climate change both globally and in the Southern Mediterranean region.

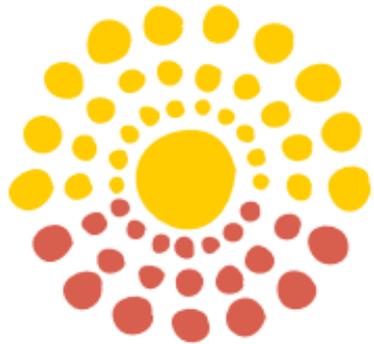
Educational version (3 parts x 26 min) :

- Part 1 : The science of Climate Change: focus on the Southern Mediterranean region.
- Part 2 : The policy/institutional issues related to climate change in the region.
- Part 3 : Solutions - Building resilience to CC in the region through Mitigation/Adaptation options.

Distribution : National TV in the region; International Satellite TV thematic channels; National and international Climate Change events; Universities and educational establishments; Web platforms



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