



## ECCA 2021 Living with Sea Level Rise webinar 1 June 11:00 – 13:30 CET

Dear colleague,

The 2021 edition of the European Climate Change Adaptation Conference ([www.ecca21.eu](http://www.ecca21.eu)) will include a webinar session “Living with Sea Level Rise”. In this webinar, taking place at 1 June 11:00 – 13:30 CET, we will elaborate on sea level rise adaptation preparedness and activities by comparing the policy cycles and scientific engagement in 3 European countries with a diverse approach (UK, Germany and the Netherlands). Keynote speakers are Marjolijn Haasnoot (Lead Author of the IPCC AR6 WG-II), Robert Nicholls (University of East Anglia), Annemiek Roeling (Science coordinator of the Dutch Delta Program) and Jacobus Hofstede (German Ministry of Environment). A detailed program and expected outcomes are given below.

If you wish to attend this online webinar, please register at [www.ecca21.eu](http://www.ecca21.eu).

### Session Outline

In our session “Living with sea level rise” we will tackle a diverse set of challenges and explore approaches to the management of coastal sea level rise impacts.

IPCC lead authors will review the current state of adaptation preparedness, and three experts on both sea level rise research and policy implementation will elaborate on specific (sub)national coastal adaptation strategies in Germany, UK and the Netherlands. In parallel group discussions, we will take a deeper dive into case studies and document similarities and key differences in the risk profile, the policy governance, and the engagement with local stakeholders. We will conclude the session with an inventory of how scientific support is optimally configured to accommodate this diversity in adaptation challenges.

### Expected outcomes

- We increase understanding of the “local dimension” of coastal adaptation to sea level rise.
- We identify bottlenecks that can be resolved by tailored knowledge and science/policy interaction.
- We contribute to a vital network of scientists and practitioners on the topic.

### Key discussion questions

- What characterizes local adaptation programmes (scale, challenges, options, governance, methodological approach, values and beliefs).
- Which (scientific) information is needed to guide the adaptation implementation?

Sharing knowledge is addressed by a variety of keynotes on adaptation case studies, and by small group discussions where local experiences are shared. Inspiring action is encouraged by giving room to ideas on how to tackle local bottlenecks and promote progress. Creating connections is addressed by organizing groups for trans- and multi-disciplinary discussions, moderated by the team. Implementing action is the prime scope of the session: make an inventory of science/policy interactions that promote implementation.



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