

Towards open climate knowledge: Potentials and weaknesses of the A2K approach on climate services

Summary of WG 1: the public and the private dimension of climate services



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Summary of discussion - 1

- What is the return of the investment on adaptation (need to get feedback on this)
- Need to discuss on adaptation services or climate services? No agreement so far on definition of climate services
- Importance of involving private sector and users, private sector can play a key role in interpreting what climate services are and what is the added; value and building trust when providing targeted information
- Equity questions
- Need to consider different business models
- Need for knowledge brokers
- Translation of information/knowledge products
- Can we create a demand and how to do it?

Summary of discussion - 2

- Is adaption being implemented in the correct way?
- Cities need a credible source of information, give the right place to cities actions
- Need to prioritize the sectors
- Training, capacity building, communication, awareness raising
- Positive terminology: cost savings, risk assessment, probability, uncertainty,..
- Interrelation of external partners working on climate services
- Understanding needs of providers and users

Outcomes and input for ERANET - 1

- Bottlenecks/added value has to be clear
- Putting users as core target
- Defining border line between climate services and adaptation services
- Business model
- Long term perspective
- Response to sector specificities
- ERA net should address better understanding of needs of specific sectors
- Understanding mechanisms, helping each other
- How to develop climate service domain (working with the willing partners)

Outcomes and input for ERANET - 2

- Involving other non JPI partners (eg. KIC)
- Resilience evidence
- Investment opportunities, not only cost
- Demand driven tools, soft measures tools
- Simulation stress tests
- Updating of the date
- Cities as special sector
- ERA net on developing business plan for adaptation services and climate services
- Risk models, probability