



ECCA



ECCA 2021

5<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CLIMATE  
CHANGE ADAPTATION

## Bringing Adaptation Solutions to Life

Inspiring climate adaptation  
action today for a resilient future

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## Ten KEY MESSAGES of the ECCA2021 Community

1. The way we do business today will not deliver effective adaptation. Finding new ways to integrate the true costs of our economic actions on society and on nature is critical to avoid further harm. Europe has the opportunity to redesign the financial system to deliver value for its citizens and to finance and support adaptation action in partner countries experiencing the impacts of climate change.
2. We are at a pivotal point in the human story. We face unprecedented risks and opportunities. We know that change is both necessary and desirable.

Planning sensitively and collectively – we can use science to inform solutions that create benefits for all.

3. ECCA is a dialogue amongst people that generate knowledge, people who use knowledge and those who shape our decision making processes. Together we shape people-centred solutions that build resilience to climate change.
4. The COVID pandemic has shown us the value of working collaboratively to manage global crises such as the climate and biodiversity emergencies. Governments, scientists, businesses and citizens working together can overcome unprecedented challenges. Now is the time to apply this collaborative approach to managing climate risks, including health related issues, and by adapting to deliver a climate-resilient, just and sustainable society
5. The ECCA community invites you to reimagine climate change adaptation – what is your vision of the society you want to live in? What are you doing as an individual, a business or a leader to do to achieve that vision? What are you prepared to do?

The ECCA community invites you to collaborate with us to integrate wider social, economic and environmental goals into our efforts to manage climate risk.

6. The ECCA community will work together to generate, co-create and share climate knowledge and information to support those delivering climate action on the ground.



We are committed to science for society and bring together local and indigenous knowledge with science to inform practical solutions.

Nature-based solutions are a good example of how different actors and types of knowledge can come together to shape climate solutions.

7. Climate and adaptation knowledge must be available and applicable to local contexts. Local hubs that connect people, problems and solutions can accelerate climate action. These hubs bring together scientists, policymakers, NGO's, citizens and investors are a place to innovate, learn, share, build trust and collaborate, to scale and deliver impact.
8. Climate action is all about people. When people participate in planning and implementing climate action they feel ownership and have more capacity to deliver changes that improve well-being, contribute to social justice and safeguard the climate system. Empowering people and building networks allows climate action to be replicated at scale.
9. A just transition is only possible if diverse voices are brought to the decision making table, with equal weight given to all perspectives and respect shown to minority groups. Traditional processes may not enable this level of inclusivity so new innovative models of dialogue will need to evolve.

The future we face is uncertain. Making this uncertainty manageable is an important role for science and policy. Moving past adaptation projects and taking a long term approach can help to manage uncertainty and balance trade-offs across different development objectives.