

What will be the areas of work?

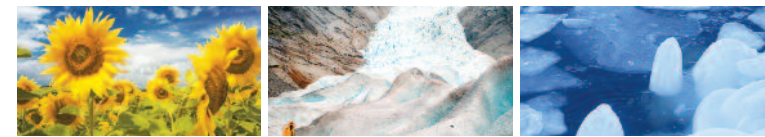
- **Analysis of the decision-making context:** Knowledge needs regarding climate impact assessment and adaptation policy developments will be assessed in consultation with decision makers from different levels of government and other stakeholders.
- **Inventory, review and improvement of methods and metrics for impacts, vulnerability analysis and adaptation options:** Available methods and tools for analysing and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation options will be identified, including cost-effectiveness criteria.
- **Development of an overarching integrated methodology:** Available knowledge from previous national and international experience will be incorporated into an integrated methodology to analyse and assess impacts, vulnerability and adaptation options.
- **Development of a flexible, interactive common platform for knowledge sharing:** The developed methods will be made available through a common platform, designed to last beyond the project's lifetime, flexibly incorporating new knowledge.
- **Dissemination of this knowledge and training:** The project results will be disseminated in Europe through workshops and trainings.

- Partners
- Case Studies



MEDIATION Partners

- **Alterra – Wageningen UR** (NL, coordination)
- **International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis** (IIASA, Austria)
- **European Climate Forum** (ECF, Germany)
- **Joint Research Centre** (JRC/IES, EU)
- **Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research** (PIK, Germany)
- **Regional Environmental Center** (REC, Hungary)
- **Stockholm Environment Institute** (SEI, UK)
- **Finnish Environment Institute** (SYKE, Finland)
- **Universita degli Studi Firenze** (UNIFI, Italy)
- **Universidad Politécnica de Madrid** (UPM, Spain)
- **Wageningen University** (WUR, Netherlands)



Case studies

Representative case studies (in countries coloured green on map) from around Europe will serve as the basis for assessment of knowledge needs regarding climate impact and adaptation policy developments at various levels of government and other stakeholders.

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Methodology for Effective
Decision-making on
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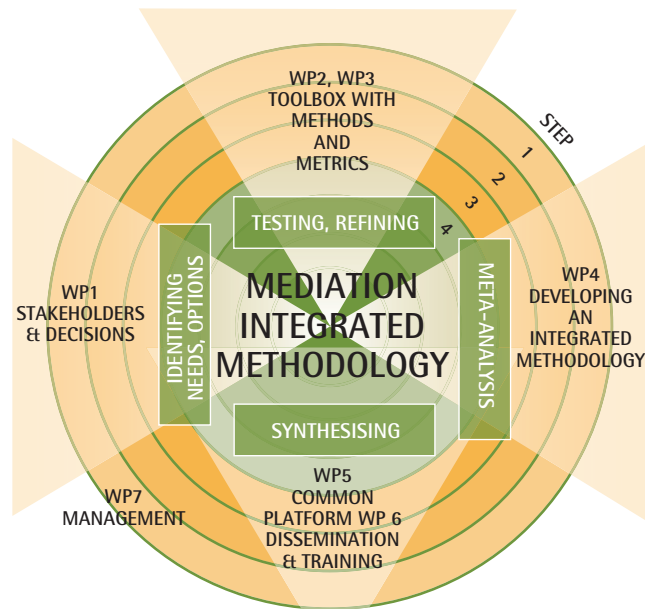
What is MEDIATION?

"Methodology for Effective Decision-making on Impacts and Adaptation", (MEDIATION) is an FP 7 project, with the ultimate goal to develop an integrated methodology to support policy making in the field of climate change adaptation. It will provide decision makers with a set of tools and metrics that can be used to meet the field's many challenges.

As there is no single way of making policy on adaptation, the MEDIATION project will develop guidance on several methods and offer a number of options based on different cases. Methods can be selected according to the policy decision context, the available data, the conditions of applicability, and the objectives of the users.

What is the scope of MEDIATION?

The three-year project will mainly focus on the EU-27; however, countries involved in enlargement as well as European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) processes may also be included (e.g. the countries of the Balkans, Eastern Europe and Northern Africa). MEDIATION will cover different vulnerable sectors and areas such as water, health, urban development, agriculture, biodiversity and infrastructure. It will also consider different policy priorities, different administrative and geographic scales, and different phases in policy development.



Who can benefit from MEDIATION besides decision makers?

The project will be of interest to all those who are involved in the field climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation. This includes experts working in scientific, socio-economic and technical research and policy.

What does MEDIATION add to earlier work?

What is new?

The uniqueness of MEDIATION comes from coupling bottom-up (socio-economically orientated) and top-down (bio-physically orientated) methods of vulnerability assessment. Also, through the use of "matching methods", decision makers and experts can choose among the analytical tools and methods relevant to their adaptation challenges within the decision making context.

How does MEDIATION achieve these objectives?

Based on an inventory of policy needs, MEDIATION links new and existing methods, tools and metrics to specific policy questions, and creates an integrated methodology to support adaptation policy making. To explore the application of different methods for different climate change adaptation questions, MEDIATION analyses a diverse set of cases throughout Europe.



MEDIATION will develop an integrated methodology for adaptation decision making, which can be applied to various adaptation challenges, sectors and political contexts.

