

Austrian Adaptation Approach and Experience

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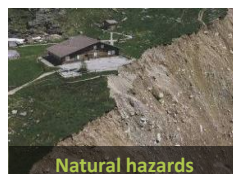
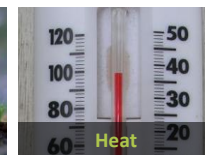
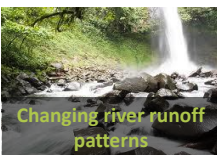
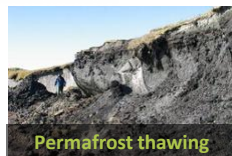
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Austrian Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan

- Start:** 2007
- Political mandate:** Development of NAS is included in the Federal Government program 2008-2013
- Main responsibility:** Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
- Coordination:** Support from Kyoto-Forum (= cooperation btw. all federal ministries and representatives from all nine provinces)
- Adopted:** Council of Ministers in October 2012
Approved by "governors of the provinces" in June 2013



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Aim and development

Overall aim

- reduce **negative impacts**
- use **positive effects**
- provide an **overall framework**

Characteristics of the development process

- **sectoral** and **iterative** approach
- NAS + NAP **jointly developed**
- collaboration with **science**
- broad **stakeholder engagement**



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Part I: Context/Framework + Part II: Action Plan

- **Broad, comprehensive, and high level of detail**
- Combines **strategic guidance** and **action-oriented** character
- **Science-/evidence-based**, uncertainties and knowledge gaps explicitly addressed
- **Guiding principles**



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Part I: Context/Framework



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Part II: Action Plan



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Part II: Action Plan

For each sector:

1. Relevance of the sector
2. Sectoral vulnerability
3. Recommended adaptation

Annex:

Cross-sectoral interdependence

14 sectors covered:

Agriculture, forestry, water, tourism, energy, natural hazards, housing and construction, civil protection, health, ecosystems and biodiversity, transport infrastructure, spatial planning, economy, and urban green spaces

For each of the 132 adaptation options, information on responsible actors, time frame, mainstreaming possibility, resources needed, etc. is presented

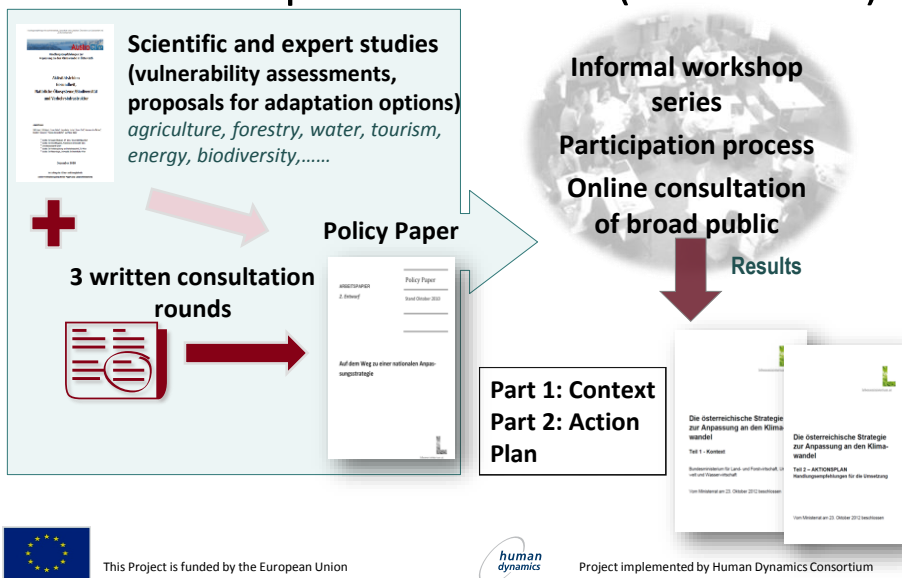


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NAS Development Process (2007-2012)



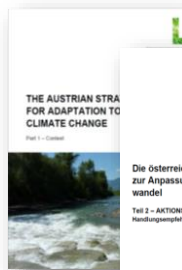
Participation process

- **EAA** carried out the participation process
- **106 institutions** were actively involved



Financed by	Duration	Sectors discussed
Climate- and Energy Fund Austria	1. phase: - January 2009 – September 2010 2. phase: - October 2010 – July 2011	Agriculture, Forestry, Water, Tourism, Energy Biodiv., Natural hazards, Buildings, Health, Transport infrastructure

Political adoption of Austrian NAS



- Approved by the Austrian Council of Ministers on 23 October 2012
- Taken note of by the provinces („governors of the provinces“) on 16 May 2013

Download: <http://klimaanpassung.lebensministerium.at>



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What are the next steps?

1. **Workshops** with policy makers in provinces
2. **Brochure** to introduce adaptation to the broad public
3. **Translation** of NAS and parts of website into English
4. **Research study** dealing with the question of cost of inaction, public and private adaptation costs
5. **Monitoring and evaluation** approach



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Austrian Adaptation Platform: Content overview

Main content on HOME

Climate change in Austria


Adaptation to climate change

Austrian adaptation strategy

Research on CCA

Database: adaptation measures

Links/Glossary/Newsletter



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Austrian Adaptation Platform – now in English





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Austrian Adaptation Platform: Newsletter

Newsletter overview:

- Target group: Policy makers, decision makers, interested public
- Issued since 2011
- 2014/2015: 4-5 newsletters are planned



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