

White Paper on Adaptation to Climate Change

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- **Approved in April 2009 after a long discussion process**
- **It reflects a common opinion of COM services and stakeholders**
- **It is accompanied an impact assessment and by COM staff working documents on**
 - Water, coasts and marine issues
 - Agriculture and rural development
 - Human, animal and plant health

White Paper

- **Supports and strengthens national, regional and local action by integrating them**
- **Phased approach:**
 - I. 2009-2012: preparation of a comprehensive EU adaptation strategy
 - II. from 2013: implementation of the strategy
- **Working in close cooperation with Member States: Impact and Adaptation Steering Group from Autumn 2009**

4 pillars of the White Paper

I.

Developing
the
knowledge
base

II.

Integrating
adaptation
into other EU
policies

III.

Financing
instruments

IV.

International
cooperation

Water related issues

- **Implementation of the Water Framework Directive**
- **River Basin Management Plans should be made climate proofed**
- **Floods Directive**
- **Water Scarcity and Droughts Strategy**
- **Efficient water use (CAP)**
- **Increase water storage capacity of ecosystems**
- **Coastal-marine areas: Marine Strategy Framework Directive, Integrated Maritime Policy**
- **Common Fisheries Policy**

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