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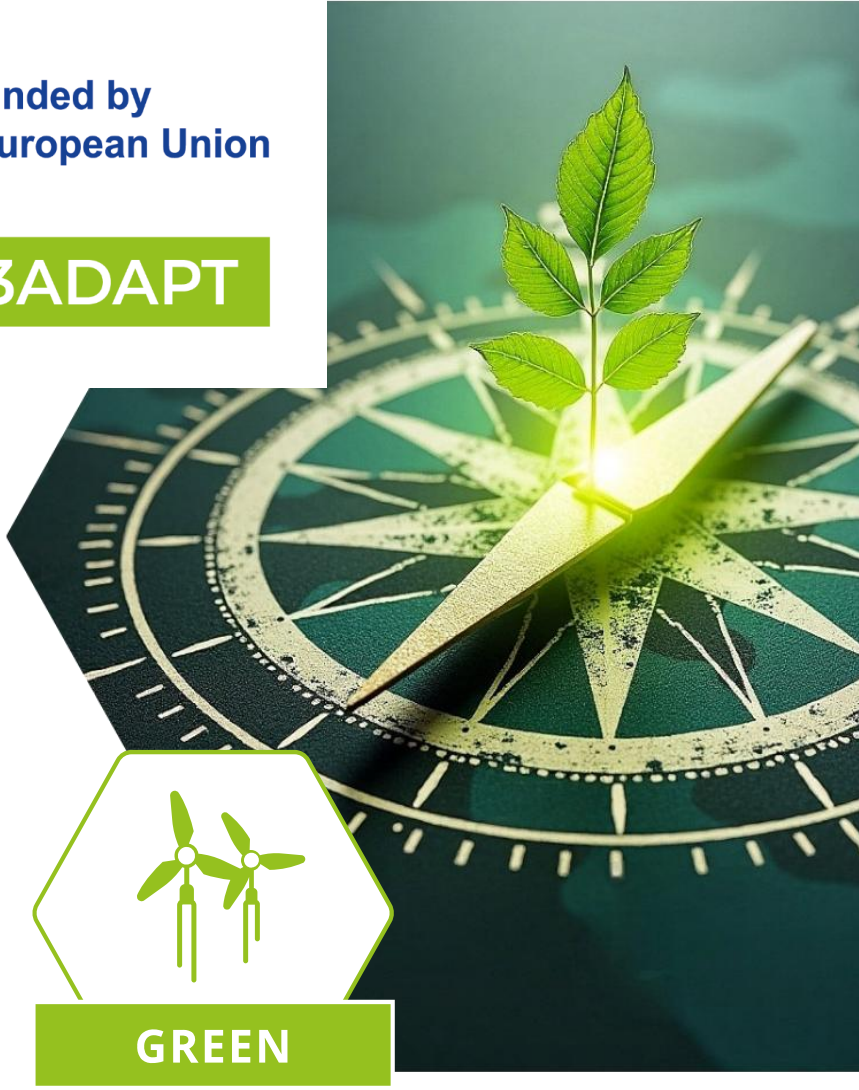

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S3ADAPT on the lookout for good practices for climate change adaptation

Our project is closing its third semester. We are sharing knowledge and gathering **Good Practices** to refine the **policy instruments** identified by each partner. The third S3ADAPT project newsletter highlights the key activities carried out during this semester. We hope you enjoy following the project's progress.

S3ADAPT supports European regions in integrating climate change adaptation policies with their **Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3)** – fostering more resilient and sustainable regional development.

The project is implemented under the **Interreg Europe 2021–2027 programme** and co-funded by the **European Union**.

Major PROJECT EVENTS of the Third Semester

Partners Explore Climate Resilience in Vilnius

S3ADAPT Partners met in **Vilnius, Lithuania, on 27-28 May 2026** for a two-day study visit hosted by the **Lithuanian Innovation Centre**. The programme combined expert presentations and site visits, showcasing how Lithuania addresses climate adaptation through innovative solutions, the use of data and cooperation between institutions. The visit focused on practical examples of climate resilience, ranging **from sustainable urban development and forest management to climate services, cultural heritage protection and urban biodiversity**.

On the first day, representatives of the **Construction Sector Development Agency (SSVA)** presented an innovative urban sustainability assessment model that goes beyond traditional

environmental indicators. **State Forest Enterprise** demonstrated how environmental data, remote sensing technologies and predictive tools are being used to support long-term forest resilience. Visiting the **Gediminas Castle complex**, participants explored how advanced geotechnical engineering measures are helping safeguard one of Lithuania's most iconic landmarks from the impacts of extreme weather and slope instability.

The second day started with a visit to the **Lithuanian Hydrometeorological Service**, demonstrating how environmental data supports public decision-making and readiness for extreme weather events. During the following visit, representatives of **Urbanbee** presented the contribution of urban biodiversity to climate-resilient cities. Standing by rooftop beehives, Partners discovered how bees can thrive in urban environments.

The diverse programme prepared by the hosts let participants learn about a wide range of initiatives that help regions respond to climate-related challenges while contributing to regional development.

- **Would you like to know more?**

Other KEY ACTIVITIES Under the Project

Insights from a CRST Workshop in Lithuania

On 13 April 2026, the **Research Council of Lithuania** organised a Climate Resilience Stress Test (CRST) workshop, bringing together national stakeholders to assess how extreme storm events could affect innovation policy and how the **"Technological Development Projects" (TPP) measure could contribute to reducing these impacts.** The session followed the CRST methodology (hazard → impact → instrument response), with a strong focus on the role of the TPP measure as a tool for increasing resilience in the context of extreme climate events.

The selected scenario – **extreme winds and severe storms** – reflects a growing climate risk in Lithuania and across the Baltic region. Participants analysed how such events could disrupt energy systems, transport and logistics networks, digital infrastructure and research environments, directly affecting the implementation of innovation projects. Stakeholders emphasised that the **TPP measure provides a strong framework** for reducing the impacts of extreme storms, as it supports applied research and experimental development (TRL 4–6) aimed at developing practical, market-oriented solutions. Discussions also showed that **extreme weather events are likely to increase demand for such solutions**, further strengthening the strategic relevance of the TPP measure. Overall, the CRST workshop demonstrated that the "Technological Development Projects" measure has strong potential to **contribute to reducing the impacts of extreme storms**, while also strengthening the resilience of Lithuania's innovation ecosystem and supporting the transition towards a climate-neutral economy.

The insights generated during the workshop will be used in further discussions within the S3ADAPT project to support the development of more climate-resilient innovation policies.

- **Would you like to know more?**

S3ADAPT Dissemination at the 16th Mazovia Development Forum

A presentation of the main objectives and current implementation progress of the S3ADAPT project was featured in the agenda of the **Mazovia Development Forum – European Funds Forum**, held on 6 October 2026 in Warsaw. The Forum is one of the most important events in the Mazovian Voivodeship dedicated to regional development and the use of EU funding. It serves as an opportunity to demonstrate how policy decisions and investments impact city operations, quality of services, and everyday life.

- **Would you like to know more?**

Good Practices Approved for Reporting in Semester 3

Revitalisation of the “Storm” Action Park

The “Storm” Action Park in Warsaw is an example of a comprehensive **urban regeneration project** that combines the objectives of adapting to climate change, protecting biodiversity and improving residents’ quality of life. The space has been redeveloped on the site of the Warsaw Uprising Mound, built from the rubble of the destroyed capital, which also gives it a strong historical and symbolic dimension. The park serves educational, recreational and climate-related functions – combining nature trails, solutions to improve accessibility, and infrastructure elements designed to mitigate the urban heat island effect.

- **Would you like to know more?**

Integrated Development Planning in the Context of Climate Change. A Guide for Local Governments

The subject of this good practice is a **guide supporting integrated development planning** and management at local and regional levels, helping municipalities systematically integrate climate policy into development strategies and strengthen climate resilience. It presents practical recommendations on linking climate and development policy, diagnosing socio-economic, spatial and environmental conditions, setting climate-related development objectives, integrating climate issues into spatial policy, and implementing climate policy through integrated planning and co-governance.

- **Would you like to know more?**

5 climate hazards addressed by CRST:

1. Drought and desertification
2. Wildfires
3. Flooding and flash floods
4. Biodiversity loss
5. Extreme weather events (e.g. strong winds and severe storms)

Project partners

The project is implemented by **10 partners** from **7 European countries**:

- **Mazovia Development Agency – Poland (Lead Partner),**
- Marshal's Office of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in Warsaw – Poland,
- Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Italy,
- Southern Regional Assembly – Ireland,
- University of Limerick – Ireland (Advisory Partner),
- Dnipropetrovsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Ukraine (Discovery Partner),
- Association for Risk Management AZUR – Bosnia and Herzegovina (Discovery Partner),
- Lithuanian Innovation Centre – Lithuania,
- Municipal Parking Society of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, S.A. (SAGULPA) – Spain,
- Research Council of Lithuania – Lithuania.

Stay in touch!

We invite you to follow the progress of the S3ADAPT project on our website:

- www.interregeurope.eu/s3adapt

and in social media:

- https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/s3adapt/

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