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# Adattamento ai cambiamenti climatici e resilienza locale

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## What is adaptation?

"The adjustment of natural or human systems to actual or expected climate change or its effects in order to moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities."

(IPCC, 2007)



#### Climate change: mitigation vs adaptation



# The CC adaptation approach: risk assessment and management



## Risk governance: methodology



# La procedura di valutazione del rischio





## Rischi naturali e cambiamento climatico

Alcuni rischi naturali sono influenzabili dalla deriva climatica globale e dall' incremento in frequenza e intensità di eventi meteorologici estremi









#### Assessing impacts: the climatic drivers

Temperature

Precipitation





G: 3, A: 5, NW: -1, NE: 5, SW: 8, SE: 13, H: 6



G: 2.2, A: 2.7, NW: 2.7, NE: 2.2, SW: 3.0, SE: 2.5, H: 3.2



G: 11, A: 10, NW: 16, NE: 24, SW: -2, SE: 8, H: 11



G: 4.6, A: 4.8, NW: 4.8, NE: 4.1, SW: 5.1, SE: 4.7, H: 5.0



G: -33, A: -33, NW: -27, NE: -25, SW: -41, SE: -37, H: -30



Note: Left: absolute difference in temperature. Right: relative difference in precipitation. Regional statistics: G = Greater Alpine Region, A = Alps, NW = north-western Alps, NE = north-eastern Alps, SW = south-western Alps, SE = south-eastern Alps, H = higher than 1 500 m. Seasons are: Winter (December, January, February) Spring (March, April, May), Summer (June, July, August), Autumn (September, October, November).





#### Assessing impacts: the extreme weather events





## Climate change indirect impacts: air quality

✓ Increase in the concentration of air pollutants because of unfavorable weather conditions affect their formation and removal

 $\checkmark$  Increased formation of secondary air pollutants (O<sub>3</sub> and PM10)

| Dependence of surface air quality on meteorological variables. <sup>a</sup> |       |    |
|---|-------|----|
| Variable  | Ozone | PM |
| Temperature   | ++    | -  |
| Regional stagnation   | ++    | ++ |
| Wind speed  | -     | -  |
| Mixing depth  | =     |    |
| Humidity  | =     | +  |
| Cloud cover   | -     | -  |
| Precipitation   | =     |    |

Correlation between sensitivity of ozone and particulate matter with the main meteorological variables that influence its formation / presence in the air. Correlation consistently positive (+ +), generally positive (+), weak or variable (=), generally negative (-), and consistently negative (-). Source: D.J. Jacob, DA Winner, 2009



Average cloud cover trend in North Italy from 1050 to 2000. Sorce: Maugeri et al., 2001



## Selection of targets





**Source:** EEA, 2014

#### Priority targets depend on climate pressures ...





#### ... and local vulnerability & resilience factors



#### The adaptation process: drivers and success factors



Source: Swart et al., 2009.

## Adaptation options

- "Soft" measures: managerial, legal and policy approaches that aim at altering human behavior or styles of governance
- "Grey" measures: hard options aimed at reducing vulnerability to CC and/or enhance resilience
- "Green" measures: based on use of natural systems or ecosystem services



#### Key steps: estimate costs and benefits

- Use the most suitable approach (costs&benefits, cost effectiveness, multi-criteria analyses
- Consider all costs and benefits: economic, social, environmental



#### Ensure a multilevel governance

- Policy coherence
- Policy integration in territorial governance and spatial planning
- Building capacity across all levels of governance
- Securing access to funding for adaptation measures
- Developing the multi-level knowledge base



#### Involve stakeholders

- Institutional (sub-regional level)
- Administrative (official of the sectors involved)
- Economic (industry, agriculture, services)
- Social (education, communication, participation)



#### Monitor, Report, Evaluate

- Select proper indicators of process and outcome (suitable for an effective data collection)
- Use current indicators as proxys (but be wary of other influencing factors)
- Adjust existing M&E systems
- Envisage new resilience indicators



## Avoid malpractices

- Increase emissions of greenhouse gases
- Disproportionately burden the most vulnerable people
- Have higher opportunity costs
- Reduce incentives to adapt
- Set paths that limit the choices available to future generations
- Transfer vulnerability to a neighboring area or country



## The Lombardy regional adaptation strategy

#### Key steps in the Lombardy RAS



adapted from Ribeiro et al. 2009



#### causal matrix: climatic stressor *versus* climatic impacts by sector



#### **Main sectors**

**RAS:** main sectors and working program

- 1. Ecosystems, forests, biodiversity and protected areas;
- 2. Air quality;
- 3. Water resources;
- 4. Energy supply;
- 5. Human health;
- 6. Built environment
- 7. Hydro-geological risk
- 8. Transport and mobility;
- 9. Agriculture;
- 10. Tourism.

#### Working program

#### Phase 0

collection of basic documentation and organization of the RAS

#### Phase I.

Construction of the climatIc bases of the RAS

#### Phase II

Sectoral impact and vulnerability assessment

#### Phase III

Definition of the lines of action for the adaptation process

#### Phase IV

Definition of the specific actions and measures for adaptation



#### Policy review and sectoral recommendations

Review of existing sectoral planning documents

Review of existing successful case of study

Implementation of participatory process Sectoral workshops regarding climate change impacts and vulnerability characterization

**Evaluation of already** 

current sectoral policies

and tools concerning

Identification of a set of

preliminary adaptation

options

adaptation co-objectives

Proposal of sectoral adaptation recommendations in strategic fields:

planning
emergency management
recommendations for research and development

#### Adaptation priorities and specific adaptation options



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Voltaire, 1694-1778

« Les hommes discutent, la nature agit » "Men argue, nature acts"



## Adaptation capacity is an emerging mindset

"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change"

Charles Darwin (1809-1882)



# Thank you for your attention!

