



The CLIMSAVE Project

Climate Change Integrated Assessment Methodology for Cross-Sectoral Adaptation and Vulnerability in Europe

Summary of the 3rd regional stakeholder workshop held in Edinburgh, Scotland on 3-4 December 2012

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The third regional (Scottish) stakeholder workshop was organised in parallel with the third European CLIMSAVE workshop in Edinburgh on 3-4 December 2012.

Climate change adaptation strategies per scenario

After a short reintroduction to the project and an overview of the workshop, the participants were split up in four scenario groups and familiarised themselves again with their scenario. During the two previous workshops participants had developed four scenarios. Within the *Tartan Spring* scenario a far-reaching, poorly regulated privatisation, changes Scotland from a prosperous country with abundant resources to one with an eroded social fabric and a low standard of living, culminating in an uprising. Equally driven by crises, a new self-centred paradigm emerges in the *Mad Max* scenario, which leads to a growing disparity in society. Survival from day-to-day prevails, while new 'clans' are ruling Scotland again. Although resources within *The Scottish Play* scenario are equally scarce, the scenario can rely on traditional Scottish values to deal with the lack of resources. Consequently, lifestyles change towards reducing, re-using and recycling, leading to a poorer, but greener and, in a way, happier population. In the most fortunate scenario, *Mactopia*, a resource surplus helps Scotland to make a transition towards an equitable and sustainable society to eventually become an IT, life sciences, green technology and finance frontrunner led by a powerful middle class.

In their scenario groups participants discussed the outcomes from the CLIMSAVE Integrated Assessment Platform (IAP), reviewed the adaptation options identified during the 2nd workshop and identified those options which should be applied in the IAP. Through testing the IAP and discussing the results, the scenario groups developed the following output that was presented to the other groups: a main strategy line, a selected set of adaptation options, limits to the scope of adaptation, remaining key issues within the scenario, and feedback on the IAP. The stakeholders had the opportunity to comment on the work of the other groups during this presentation. A full discussion on the points raised can be found in the full report on the 3rd European stakeholder workshop (Deliverable 1.4a).

Workable adaptation options across scenarios

The presentations on the selected set of adaptation options and scenario-specific strategies provided the basis for the stakeholder panel to identify those policy options that could be considered robust. These robust options should be valuable in all scenarios. After further exploration of these adaptation options within the scenario groups and a presentation of the outcomes to the plenary, the individual groups settled on a shortlist of robust options applicable to all scenarios. Innovation, flood management and making the best use of land were found to be robust adaptation options across the four scenarios. However, they are still very context-dependent.

After teaming up a regional (Scottish) scenario group with a European scenario group in order to let them explore each other's scenario, a comparative analysis of the CLIMSAVE process and results for Scotland and Europe was presented to the entire group (regional + European stakeholders). In this presentation the focus was mainly on the comparison of robust adaptation options, feedback on the IAP and general conclusions.

Learning points from CLIMSAVE

Before the end of the workshop the participants from the regional and European level discussed together in small groups how they experienced the CLIMSAVE process and what applications they see for the process and results. They answered the following two questions: 'How was the CLIMSAVE experience for you?' and 'How should the CLIMSAVE material be used from here onwards?'. All answers, ideas and comments are captured in the full report on the 3rd stakeholder workshop (Deliverable 1.4a).

To conclude the workshop, the CLIMSAVE team had prepared a short presentation covering the next steps towards finalisation of the project.

Workshop evaluation by stakeholders

Finally stakeholders were asked to share their comments on the 3rd CLIMSAVE workshop, as well as on the full workshop series on a feedback form. The results of this written evaluation are captured exhaustively in the full report. All participants (regional + European) rated the workshop as very good or good. The work of the facilitators and content supporters / IAP experts was also rated very positively. On the IAP stakeholders were slightly more critical, but they still saw great potential.

Stakeholders also filled in a more detailed questionnaire covering the full workshop series. All participants indicated that they gained knowledge during the CLIMSAVE workshop that is relevant for their work. The finalised storylines and the set of adaptation options were rated positively. Stakeholders also agreed that the scenario-building process is useful for climate change and that the adaptation options and strategies developed are useful for the debate on climate change. They claimed the workshops had also helped them to find novel linkages between factors affecting climate change adaptation.