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Welcome to the TiCCA4DANU Newsletter!

Your go-to update on **Climate Change Adaptation in the Danube Region**. In every edition, we bring you **stories from our pilot city-regions**, insights into **innovative approaches and partnerships**, and highlights of **key milestones and events** shaping our journey.

Together with our partners, we are working to turn **knowledge into action** — building a **more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable future** for communities across the Danube macro-region.

TiCCA4DANU is a Horizon Europe-funded project aiming to strengthen climate resilience in the Danube region through inclusive and transdisciplinary climate change adaptation approaches.

News

From local ideas to district-wide climate action in Burgas

How can Local Green Deals support broader climate adaptation across a whole district? This question was at the heart of TiCCA4DANU's first Open Discovery Workshop in Burgas District, Bulgaria organised on 23 April 2026 by Burgas Municipality and Burgas District. More than 30 participants from local authorities, academia, civil society and cross-border partners explored regional climate risks, adaptation needs and concrete opportunities for action. The workshop resulted in several priority directions, including a district-wide Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan, GIS-based mapping and stronger municipal cooperation, setting the stage for the next workshop on 26 June 2026.

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Turning climate knowledge into regional action

Heatwaves, floods, droughts and water stress are already affecting communities across the Danube Region. At TiCCA4DANU's **live-streaming event** on 12 May 2026, **more than 70 experts and stakeholders** explored how cities and regions can respond through collaboration, innovation and justice. From climate risk modelling and Local Green Deals to adaptation finance and municipal practice in Debrecen, the event showed that effective adaptation requires cooperation across science, policy, finance, municipalities, businesses and communities, and that resilience must be accessible to those most exposed to climate risks.

[Read more and watch the recording event](#)

Climate adaptation needs collaboration, innovation, and justice: TiCCA4DANU streaming event brings experts and stakeholders together across the Danube Region



Save the date: Climate Conference in Maribor, 7-8 October 2026

How can regions prepare more effectively for the growing impacts of climate change — and which financing models can support the implementation of adaptation measures? These questions will be at the heart of the Climate Conference taking place on 7–8 October 2026 at Hotel Habakuk in Maribor, Slovenia.

The event will bring together stakeholders from the Podravje region and beyond to exchange knowledge, share good practices and explore concrete pathways for strengthening climate resilience. With a focus on climate change adaptation, Local Green Deals, financing opportunities and cross-project cooperation, **the conference will also host TiCCA4DANU Open Discovery Process workshop** to support co-creation and dialogue on regional adaptation needs and solutions.

Join us in Maribor to help shape a more climate-resilient Podravje region and contribute to broader adaptation efforts across the Danube Region.

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Debrecen launches local climate adaptation dialogue

TiCCA4DANU's first **World Café workshop in Debrecen** brought together local and regional stakeholders to discuss how the city can respond to key climate adaptation challenges. As a pilot city in the project, Debrecen focused on three priority areas: mitigating heatwaves and the urban heat island effect, improving water management and flash flood response, and strengthening green infrastructure through nature-based solutions.

Through moderated group discussions, participants explored current challenges, cooperation opportunities, pilot ideas and short-term actions. The workshop marked an important step towards building long-term partnerships and creating a shared framework for practical climate adaptation in Debrecen.

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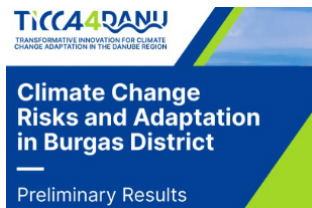


New interim report highlights climate risks and adaptation pathways in Burgas District

A new TiCCA4DANU interim report provides an in-depth look at climate risks, governance challenges and adaptation opportunities in Burgas District, Bulgaria. Combining climate risk analysis with stakeholder insights, the report focuses on three major hazards — fluvial flooding, wildfire and extreme heat — and examines how these risks interact with economic, social and institutional vulnerabilities.

Beyond identifying risks, the report also explores the governance conditions needed for effective adaptation, including stronger coordination, improved community engagement, justice considerations and clearer responsibilities across sectors and levels of government. Its findings will support the TiCCA4DANU Open Discovery Process in Burgas District and help shape place-based adaptation pathways that are inclusive, feasible and transformative.

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Strengthening climate adaptation through strategic collaboration

TiCCA4DANU is expanding its impact by building strategic synergies with complementary European initiatives. A new collaboration with the **JustREACH** project highlights the shared commitment to inclusive, place-based climate adaptation and to translating research into practical policy and community action.

By connecting scientific knowledge, policy development and citizen engagement, the exchange between TiCCA4DANU and JustREACH supports more evidence-based and needs-oriented adaptation strategies. The cooperation is further strengthened through TiCCA4DANU Project Coordinator Dr. Oliver Ziegler's role on the JustREACH Transdisciplinary Advisory Board, contributing expertise and strategic insight to cross-project learning and collaboration.

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Watch our image video: Shaping climate adaptation across the Danube Region

Climate change adaptation is already a present necessity for cities and regions across Europe. TiCCA4DANU responds to this challenge by bringing together 18 partners from across the Danube Macro-Region to strengthen cooperation, develop new governance approaches and support place-based solutions for climate resilience.

At the heart of the project are four anchor city-regions — Burgas, Debrecen, Maribor and Suceava — working with local stakeholders to co-design and test new models of climate governance, policy experimentation and Local and Regional Green Deals. With a focus on collaboration, innovation, inclusion and systemic thinking, TiCCA4DANU aims to make climate adaptation both effective and just.

Watch our image video to discover how TiCCA4DANU is helping shape a more resilient and innovative Danube Region.

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Spreading the Word: TiCCA4DANU at European Events

Connecting for climate resilience in the Danube Region

TiCCA4DANU joined the joint meeting of the **EUSDR Priority Area 4 “Water Quality” and Priority Area 7 “Knowledge Society” Steering Groups in Bratislava on 5-6 May 2026**. Represented by project coordinator Dr. Oliver Ziegler, the project shared its approach to just climate change adaptation in the Danube Region and presented first insights from its initial 11 months of implementation. The meeting offered a valuable opportunity to connect with the wider EUSDR community, exchange with strategic projects and explore future cooperation around climate adaptation, governance innovation and regional resilience.

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TiCCA4DANU at Urban Future 2026: Showcasing climate resilience in practice

TiCCA4DANU was represented at **Urban Future 2026 in Ljubljana**, one of Europe's leading conferences on sustainable urban development and climate-resilient cities. In the session **"Make It a Business Case - How to prove resilience' value with evidence and metrics"** hosted by Nina Mia Čikeš from ICLEI Europe, Borut Jurišič from the Regional Development Agency Podravje-Maribor presented Maribor's strategic approach to climate adaptation. The case showed how nature-based solutions can help address flood risks while also reducing heatwave impacts, improving air quality and creating wider benefits for urban wellbeing. Maribor's experience demonstrates a key message of TiCCA4DANU: investing in prevention and resilience creates long-term value for cities and regions.

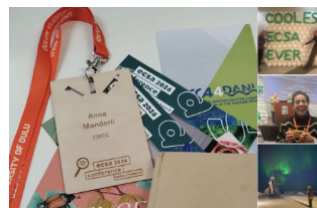
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TiCCA4DANU at ECSA 2026: Bringing care and creativity into climate adaptation

Anna Mandorli from CMCC presented TiCCA4DANU at the [European Citizen Science Association Conference 2026](#), highlighting the project's contribution to more participatory, place-based and locally led climate adaptation. The conference offered an inspiring space to explore how care, creativity and co-creation can strengthen citizen science and support innovation, resilience and systemic transformation across regions.

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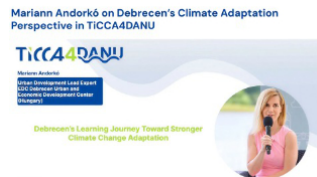


Our people, our voices - In Conversation with Our Partners

Mariann Andorkó in Partner Voices: Debrecen's climate adaptation perspective

In a TiCCA4DANU video interview, **Mariann Andorkó from EDC Debrecen Urban and Economic Development Center** shares why Debrecen joined the project and how the city aims to strengthen its climate adaptation capacity. As one of the pilot city-regions, Debrecen sees TiCCA4DANU as an opportunity for peer learning, expert exchange and discovering valuable examples — both across the Danube Region and closer to home.

[Watch the interview](#)



Martin Eichler in Partner Voices: Smart specialisation for climate adaptation

In a TiCCA4DANU video interview, **Martin Eichler from INFRAS** explains how smart specialisation can help Europe's regions design more effective, place-based climate adaptation strategies. By linking innovation policy with regional climate challenges, this approach supports solutions that build on local strengths, capacities and development pathways. Learn how TiCCA4DANU is applying smart specialisation through its Open Discovery Process and pilot city-regions.

[Watch the interview](#)



Celal İnal in Partner Voices: Working together for climate solutions

In a TiCCA4DANU video interview, **Celal İnal, Deputy Mayor of Uzunköprü Municipality in Türkiye**, shares why cooperation across cities and regions is essential for effective climate action. He highlights how Uzunköprü is learning from partners across the Danube Region — from sustainable mobility and emission reduction to water reuse, energy solutions and public-private cooperation — to adapt good practices to the local context and build a more resilient future.

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