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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

TiCCA4DANU in Sofia: Second General Assembly Meets the 15th EUSDR Annual Forum

From 2-3 November 2026, the TiCCA4DANU consortium meets in Sofia, Bulgaria, a milestone bringing partners together in person and carrying the project's work into the Danube Region's flagship policy event, the 15th EUSDR Annual Forum...

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New TiCCA4DANU guidance puts justice at the heart of climate adaptation

Climate change does not affect everyone equally. TiCCA4DANU released a new publication — **Guidance on Just Transformative Adaptation** — to help cities and regions integrate justice into adaptation planning and move towards deeper, transformative change.

The document encourages public authorities to ask whose needs are recognised, who can participate in decisions, and how the benefits, costs and risks of adaptation are distributed. Rather than prescribing a single definition of justice, it helps administrations make the values behind their decisions visible and involve local communities in defining what just adaptation means in practice.

A central output is the **Adaptation Justice Explorer**, an interactive tool that helps administrations identify justice considerations across the stages of adaptation planning. The report also offers a practical 40-step guide for involving vulnerable groups, from trust-building to long-term follow-up.

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EDC Debrecen turns ideas into action at the second workshop

Following up on its earlier World Café, EDC Debrecen shared highlights from the project's second workshop, where partners worked together to transform previously collected ideas into concrete and feasible initiatives.

Participants examined ideas that could drive real change in adapting to climate change — weighing their urban and regional impact and how they can be implemented sustainably over the long term. The workshop highlighted potential areas for collaboration and joint initiatives, helping to build a more resilient, greener and liveable Debrecen.

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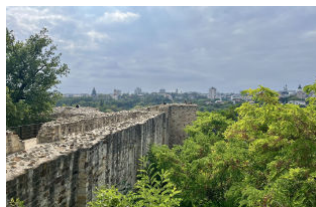


TiCCA4DANU moves towards Romania's Nord-Est Region

Building on its work across the Danube Region, the TiCCA4DANU team is now preparing the next phase of its Open Discovery Process (ODP) in Suceava and the wider Nord-Est Region. During a preparatory meeting in Suceava, the team met with project partners from Suceava Municipality and ADR Nord-Est to lay the groundwork for the upcoming ODP workshop series, which begins in February 2027.

Suceava offers an ideal setting for this next step. Building on the city's strong commitment to climate action, the ODP will explore how climate resilience can be strengthened beyond the municipal level — connecting local and regional authorities, research, businesses and civil society around shared climate challenges and opportunities. It is a promising start to the preparations, with the Nord-Est climate resilience community set to come together in February.

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REGIANCE+ launches open training series to advance regional climate resilience

REGIANCE+ has launched a new series of Open Training Sessions designed to help regional and local authorities strengthen their climate resilience through practical knowledge, tested solutions and peer exchange. Titled Contributing to Climate Resilience, the five-webinar series brings together public authorities, supporting organisations and experts from across Europe.

The first session focused on building resilience in the agricultural sector, with experts from France, Spain, Italy and the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region sharing approaches on agroclimatic indicators, water management, nature-based solutions and financial mechanisms. A central conclusion was the importance of connecting scientific knowledge with farmers' practical experience. Each webinar introduces a dedicated knowledge product to support continued learning. REGIANCE+ works in close synergy with MIP4Adapt and other projects in the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change — an ecosystem TiCCA4DANU is glad to share knowledge and resources across.

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From climate risk to local action: practical guides for regions and municipalities

Across the Danube region, floods, drought, extreme heat, storms and wildfires increasingly affect communities, infrastructure, ecosystems and local economies. A new collection of **Quick Guides for Climate Adaptation** helps regional and local authorities understand these risks, explore tested responses and turn available knowledge into action — without developing every response from scratch.

Developed by REGIANCE+ in support of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change, the collection covers eight major hazards, from river, flash and coastal floods to storms, drought, heatwaves and wildfires. Each guide follows a clear pathway: understand your risk using maps and data, learn from measures implemented elsewhere in Europe, identify suitable options, avoid maladaptation and explore funding opportunities.

For TiCCA4DANU territories and stakeholders, the guides offer a useful starting point for discussing interconnected climate risks, reviewing possible measures and connecting local experience with wider European knowledge.

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Have your say: help shape climate adaptation support in Europe

The EU-funded **REGILIENCE+ project** is inviting climate adaptation professionals and stakeholders to take part in its **Climate Adaptation Survey**. The survey is designed to identify the most pressing challenges, knowledge gaps and support needs faced by European regions and communities.

Your input will help tailor future training, practical tools and policy recommendations to the people putting climate adaptation into practice. Local and regional authorities, public bodies, researchers, consultants, businesses and civil-society organisations are all encouraged to contribute. The survey takes around eight minutes and is available in all official EU languages.

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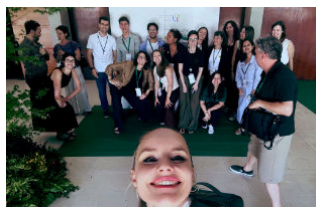
Spreading the Word: TiCCA4DANU at European Events

Bringing TiCCA4DANU into the urban resilience debate at EURESFO 2026

Our partners continue to carry TiCCA4DANU's message into major European forums. At **EURESFO 2026**, **Nina Mia Čikeš** of **ICLEI Europe** used the stage to spread the word about the project and the work being done on transformative approaches in the Danube Region — asking how cities and regions can move from climate ambition to implementation, how **Local Green Deals** can be made useful for real places, administrations and communities, and how to build partnerships that survive complexity rather than only looking good on paper.

Set against a backdrop of heatwaves, displacement, energy insecurity and social vulnerability, the Forum underlined that these pressures no longer sit in separate boxes — and that cities are where they become visible and where new responses can start. A central message: city officers and local practitioners need to be brought properly into these conversations, not only as case studies but as central voices, because resilience is something cities have to deliver in practice, now.

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TiCCA4DANU at the S3 Community of Practice Annual Conference in Brussels

The **S3 Community of Practice Annual Conference** at Autoworld in Brussels on June 23-24 2026 brought together some **480 policymakers and Smart Specialisation experts** from across Europe. Representing TiCCA4DANU, Advisory Board Chair **Dominique Foray** took the stage to contribute to the debate on an integrated framework for S3 under the **European Competitiveness Fund (ECF)**.

Referring to the barriers to climate adaptation encountered at the local level, Dominique stressed the open policy challenge of aligning EU and national priorities with the diverse contexts found at the regional level. Adaptation challenges, he concluded, call for **place-based approaches** and a specific emphasis on regional priorities.

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Harmonmissions Forum brings Danube region projects together in Bratislava

The **Harmonmissions Missions Forum** took place on 16 June 2026 in Bratislava as the final event of the Harmonmissions project, bringing together stakeholders working on EU Missions, climate adaptation, water resilience, governance innovation and cross-border cooperation in the Danube Region.

In the afternoon session, peer projects — TiCCA4DANU, DANURELY-WS, Danube-ADAPT and NONA — exchanged experiences and identified synergies around turning climate data into policy action, designing cross-sector governance models, making resilience projects investment-ready and keeping results useful after funding ends.

TiCCA4DANU contributed as a Flagship project of Priority Area 7 (Knowledge Society) of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, sharing its perspective on city-region climate adaptation, Local Green Deals and transformative innovation policy.

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TiCCA4DANU at the GeoNetSee Final Conference

How can cities and their surrounding regions move from individual climate initiatives to coordinated, transformative action? This question was at the centre of TiCCA4DANU's contribution — presented by Sadhana Nirandjan (Postdoctoral Researcher at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Institute for Environmental Studies in the Netherlands) — at the Final Conference of the **GeoNetSee** project on 11 June 2026.

Because climate hazards such as flooding, wildfires and extreme heat do not stop at municipal borders, TiCCA4DANU focuses on the city-region level, co-developing Local Green Deals with cities early on and then translating adaptation strategies into coordinated regional action. Burgas municipality and Burgas District served as the example, with the project's April interim report providing the evidence base.

Both projects hold EUSDR Flagship Status and address resilience in the Danube Region, making the exchange — including GeoNetSee's geosensor network for monitoring unstable terrain — particularly valuable.

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Save the date - Upcoming Event

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 adaptation measures? These questions will be at the heart of the **Climate Conference on 7-8 October 2026 at Hotel Habakuk in Maribor, Slovenia**. The event brings together stakeholders from the Podravje region and beyond to exchange knowledge, share good practices and explore pathways for strengthening climate resilience. It will also host a TiCCA4DANU Open Discovery Process workshop to support co-creation and dialogue on regional adaptation needs.

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Evolving AI & Climate Adaptation Platforms — online webinar, 7 October 2026

As AI tools become more widely available, how can climate adaptation platforms make effective use of them while continuing to provide reliable, trusted knowledge? The online event **“Evolving AI & Climate Adaptation Platforms: Preparing for What’s Next”** takes place on **Wednesday, 7 October 2026, 11:00-12:30 CET**. Co-organised by MIP4Adapt and the Climate Adaptation Platforms Thematic Working Group, it features perspectives from Climate-ADAPT, PANORAMA and weADAPT, followed by interactive breakout discussions.

[Register for the online event](#)



Our people, our voices - In Conversation with Our Partners

Local Green Deals: accelerating climate action in city-regions

How can cities and regions move from climate strategies to real implementation? In a new TiCCA4DANU interview, **Niklas S. Mischkowski** and **Nina Mia Čikeš** of ICLEI Europe explain how **Local Green Deals** can help cities, regions, companies and local stakeholders turn climate ambitions into concrete action.

Local Green Deals are governance instruments that bring together different actors and define clear responsibilities, actions, timelines and financing pathways across areas such as energy, mobility, food systems, urban development and climate adaptation. Within TiCCA4DANU, the approach is being scaled from cities to regions — which calls not for a new model but for stronger coordination and attention to each region’s political and institutional realities.

By linking Local Green Deals with its participatory Open Discovery Process, the project supports actionable adaptation pathways that can move quickly from planning to implementation.

[Read more and watch the video](#)



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