

# Western Balkans

## Climate Proofing Platform



Climate change is happening here and now, and the impacts of rising temperature and changing precipitation in the Western Balkans are already severe. Natural disasters like floods, forest fires, heatwaves and droughts already constitute a heavy toll for both the society and economy. The total losses from weather- and climate-related events was a staggering EUR 790 billion in Europe including the Western Balkans between 1980 and 2023.

All the Western Balkan economies participate in combating climate change through global efforts under the UN. But increased focus must be placed on adaptation on the ground. Solutions exist, but they need combined efforts by governments, the private sector, non-government organizations and individuals at all levels, from regional to the very local. For this, highly reliable information on what may happen at the local level is a must.

The Western Balkans Climate Proofing platform provides an unprecedented wealth of information on climate to come. Whether you are working in the transport sector, agriculture, energy, tourism or nature protection you will have access to local-level scenarios that will help you plan for the future. The geographical interface with a groundbreaking high resolution of 0.01 degree (about 1 km) for Western Balkans points of interest provides a first-of-its-kind tool for an outlook on future scenarios. With its granularity, it accounts for the high variability in the mountainous and coastal terrain of Western Balkans.

Besides climate scenarios, the portal also provides you with country profiles, checklists and relevant information for the sector you are working in. The tool will also be invaluable for better foresight and a Climate Adaptation for Sustainable Development in the Western Balkans.

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