

TEACHER-CE - Joint efforts to increase water management adaptation to climate changes in Central Europe

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The TEACHER-CE project is now already in its final stage. The main output - the CC-ARP-CE Toolbox - will now be further fine-tuned based on the basis of several meetings within the project consortium and on the feed-back of different meetings on national level in each partner country. Also, the first working steps on the joint strategy for water management planning processes started already at the beginning of this year.

Here you can see a short overview of our activities so far:

## WORK PACKAGE 2 CC-ARP-CE Toolbox introduction



The CC-ARP-CE tool is the TEACHER-CE project's main output and was developed to support the needs of users in the water management sector. The toolbox was developed in the form of an online platform and validated in pilot activities with the aim to support stakeholders of water management in integrated strategies and actions to adapt to climate change and to prevent/reduce the associated risks. The toolbox includes a web map service, that provides a spatial orientation on all identified issues in water management, provides information on climate change scenarios with key indicators, provides navigation through EU and national data portals, links to the tools developed in past EU projects and provides an integrated comprehensive catalogue of measures. The tool is designed with easy to use options for basic use and broader audience. However, it also includes advanced features for expert use which elevate the complexity of the tool and require background data.

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### WORK PACKAGE 3 Stakeholder Training Workshops - Synthesis

Working together with our stakeholders is a central point of the TEACHER-CE project. Therefore, we have involved them in the development of our Toolbox. After beeing tested and further refined by the project partners it was finally ready to be tested by stakeholders in October and November this year. Stakeholder Training Workshops were held in eight countries across our nine pilot action areas. During the workshop, participants had the opportunity to review and test the tool for themselves - and the feedback was very positive!

Opportunities were discussed, as well as the challenges and barriers to implement adaptation measures. The Input for further improvements was welcomed and will help us to create the final version of the Toolbox, which we will present at our Final Conference in February.

Visit our website to find out more about the feedback from our stakeholders



### WORK PACKAGE 4

Status-quo of existing strategies and improvements

As a result of the work of the review group formed by representatives from all project partners, over 100 policy documents containing strategies relating to water management and climate change adaptation were reviewed. These documents include: river basin management plans, flood risk management plans, climate, environmental and spatial strategies and plans. In addition, a meta-analysis of EU level documents was also carried out. The knowledge gathered made it possible to recognise the scope of existing strategies and identification of gaps in them that reduce their effectiveness in implementing climate proof, sustainable water management. Most of the analysed strategies need to be supplemented with the characteristics of predicted climate changes, additional measures and methods to increase resilience to drought or floods while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The TEACHER-CE project responds to the need to complement and improve existing strategies and policy documents by providing a wide range of tools - from describing climate change, through diagnosing current and future problems, to delivering carefully selected adaptation measures included in the catalogue and capitalised projects.

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#### FINAL CONFERENCE Save-the-Date

The Final Conference will hopefully take place in Reichenau/Rax in Lower Austria on 02./03.02.2022 as far as the actual COVID-situation allows us to meet. On the first day we will have interesting keynote sessions, presentations of project results and a panel discussion. On the second day an excursion to one of the most famous Vienna Water spring and neighbouring protected forest areas is planned.



#### Agenda



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