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CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH

Consequences and adaptation in Europe

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1. Climate change consequences for infectious disease risk cannot be explained in isolation; relevant non-climatic influences need to be taken into account and may at times be decisive for the outcomes we experience
2. The inherent differences between mitigation and adaptation should be acknowledged when trying to understand and assess the policy processes for responses to climate change consequences
3. Climate change adaptation for health is increasingly prioritized in EU policy
4. Adaptation is highly context-specific; this means that the criteria taking precedence for decision-making on adaptation responses vary across contexts, but also that the effectiveness and successfulness of an adaptation measure context-dependent
5. The involvement of knowledge, perspectives, and values of multiple stakeholders is inherent to sustainability science and at the same time a necessity to tackle complex sustainability problems
6. Sustainability science can impact real-life societal transition towards sustainability
7. “Only by reducing humankind’s system-disrupting exploitation of the environment and living within nature’s limits can the long-term health and longevity of human populations be made secure (A. J. McMichael, 2014).”
8. For the advancement of participatory project and/or transdisciplinary projects making use of participatory methods, the continued documentation of experiences and lessons is a valuable effort.