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We encourage involving other stakeholders with whom you work in filling out this self-assessment (e.g. researchers, EPAs, NGOs).

Part I: General statements on adaptation

1. In my country, in the past five years, the level of public awareness of the need for adaptation as a response to climate change has increased

☐ strongly agree ☒ agree ☐ neutral ☐ disagree ☐ strongly disagree ☐ don't know

2. In my country, the need for climate change adaptation has reached the national political agenda

☐ strongly agree ☐ agree ☒ neutral ☐ disagree ☐ strongly disagree ☐ don't know

3. In my country, the following influences have triggered adaptation (Please select three most important triggers)

☐ Extreme weather events

☐ Damage costs

☐ UNFCCC process

☒ EU policies

☐ Adaptation in neighbouring countries

☒ Scientific research

☐ Public pressure

☐ Lobbying from private sector

☒ Forerunner sectors

☐ Media coverage

4. In my country, the willingness to develop policies and to take adaptation actions at national level is

☐ very high ☐ high ☒ medium ☐ low ☐ very low ☐ don't know

5. In my country, in the past five years, there has been an increase in the amount of adaptation-related knowledge (e.g. in relation to vulnerabilities, adaptation options) generated with the aim of informing policy making

☒ strongly agree ☐ agree ☐ neutral ☐ disagree ☐ strongly disagree ☐ don't know

6. In my country, uncertainties in future projections (e.g. uncertainties regarding climate change) are explicitly addressed in the adaptation policy process

☐ strongly agree ☒ agree ☐ neutral ☐ disagree ☐ strongly disagree ☐ don't know

7. In my country, adaptation objectives are based on an understanding of the impacts, risks and/or vulnerabilities to climate change

☐ strongly agree ☒ agree ☐ neutral ☐ disagree ☐ strongly disagree ☐ don't know

8. In my country, integration of adaptation into sectoral policies and programmes is increasing

☐ strongly agree ☒ agree ☐ neutral ☐ disagree ☐ strongly disagree ☐ don't know

Please provide examples:

We have multi departmental taskforces for adaptation.

9. In my country, aspects that are relevant to climate change mitigation are taken into account in the adaptation policy process

☐ strongly agree ☒ agree ☐ neutral ☐ disagree ☐ strongly disagree ☐ don't know

Please provide examples:

All the regional Adaptation Plans together with mitigation plans are incorporated in a climate plan.

10. In my country, transnational co-operation is considered as an element in our adaptation policy process

☐ strongly agree ☐ agree ☒ neutral ☐ disagree ☐ strongly disagree ☐ don't know

Please provide examples:

Transnational co-operation is incorporated in our National Adaptation Strategy. Quite some other plans with international dimensions, like river basin plans, are taking into account adaptation. Several cross-border research project (SCALDWIN, TIDE, AMICE, etc) are ongoing.

11. In my country, the following barriers for adaptation have been identified (Please select the three most important barriers)

- ☒ Lack of political commitment/will
- ☐ Unclear responsibilities
- ☐ Limited cooperation among stakeholders
- ☐ Lack of (financial, human) resources
- ☐ Uncertainties
- ☐ Lack of knowledge generation
- ☐ Lack of knowledge exchange
- ☐ Lack of data such as socio-economic, climate and other physical data
- ☐ Limited capacity in the policy, practitioner and/or research communities
- ☒ Conflicting values and interests
- ☐ No adequate adaptation options available
- ☐ Legal issues (e.g. conflicting legislations)
- ☒ the time frame

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Adaptation and CC impacts are often considered as something that WILL happen and thus, it has less priority. However, climate change is already there and action is needed now !

Part II: The adaptation policy process

12. In what stage of the adaptation policy process is your country in?

- ☐ Adaptation process has not started
- ☐ Agenda setting (i.e. adaptation is politically recognised as important)
- ☐ Formulation (i.e. responsible actors respond by formulating adaptation policies)
- ☐ Decision (i.e. policymakers have adopted an adaptation policy)
- ☒ Implementation (i.e. measures foreseen in the policy are being implemented)
- ☐ Monitoring and evaluation (i.e. review and updates of policy/actions)

Prepare the ground for adaptation

13. How would you assess the mechanism put in place at national level to coordinate the horizontal integration (i.e. integration into sectors) of the adaptation policy process?

☐ very effective ☒ effective ☐ medium effective ☐ less effective ☐ not effective ☐ no mechanism in place ☐ don't know

14. How would you assess the mechanism put in place at national level to coordinate the vertical integration (from national to local level) of the adaptation policy process?

☐ very effective ☐ effective ☒ medium effective ☐ less effective ☐ not effective ☐ no mechanism in place ☐ don't know

15. Please give a short description of the horizontal and vertical coordination of adaptation policy in your country. Please also indicate who has been involved and what mechanism for coordination has been used (please also indicate if these mechanisms have changed in the different stages of the process, e.g. from formulation to implementation).

Horizontal coordination

The Flemish task force on adaptation and the Walloon working group of adaptation are examples of the horizontal coordination between different departments.

Vertical coordination

The vertical coordination is not as far developed. The Walloon part of Belgium, has done some work (made a tool) to help local governments. In the Flemish part the Flemish Climate plan is adopted. In this plan is described a support to local governments. Brussels is collaborating at national level as a Region of the national working group. Coordination between regional and federal government is in place and effective.

What was crucial for successful coordination?

Enthusiasm, planning, open dialogue

What was challenging or missing?

The long term action makes adaptation difficult to prioritize for people, long term engagement is difficult.

Identify risks and explore options

16. Are risk assessments or vulnerability assessments available for your country?

☒ yes ☐ currently under development ☐ not yet, but planned ☐ no ☐ don't know

If yes: available at

☒ national level ☒ sub-national level ☒ trans-national level ☒ Regional level

Please provide references to relevant documents, also if available at sub-national or trans-national level (e.g. Länder, provinces, regions, communities, river-basin):

Please insert text and provide references to documents.

Research programs/projects: CCI-Hydr; CcASPAR; AMICE ; Regional studies available on regional websites (Bouwstenen studie, Adaptation en Région wallonne, Adaptation en Région Bruxelles-Capitale), Klaar voor wat komt? (MIRA) Actions plans: Flood Plans (plan Pluie in Brussels, plan PLUIES in Wallonia), Ine adapteert... river basin plans

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17. In relation to the risk and vulnerability assessment available at national level, which of the following sectors have been covered?

Coverage / Sectors	Covered in the national assessment	Covered in sector-based assessment led by ministries in charge of this sector	Covered in sector-based assessment led by private sector or industry groups
Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forestry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biodiversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marine and fisheries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coastal areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Built environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spatial planning, urban planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disaster risk reduction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civil protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business and services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial/Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cross-sectoral impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. In relation to the national assessment, how is/was the risk or vulnerability assessment process coordinated (e.g. who commissioned the work; who carried it out)? What methodological approach (e.g. literature review, modelling, expert appraisal) has been used? How have uncertainties been addressed?

Coordination

A private contractor was paid by national or regional government. The study was followed by a steering group of other governments (all levels), stakeholders and experts.

Methodological approach

Literature review, modeling, expert interviews and questionnaires were used to come to the final document.

19. In relation to the national assessment, have you identified the costs of climate change impacts and the costs and benefits of adaptation?

There is a socio-economic study that try to estimate some costs of climate change with the study of literature and climate change adaptation in 4 different kinds of build environment.

20. In relation to the national assessment, what kind of information is still needed for risk or vulnerability assessments? Please select the three most important issues:

- ☐ Uncertainty estimates
- ☐ Local/community level information
- ☐ Consideration of different time periods
- ☒ Estimates of costs
- ☒ Estimates of benefits
- ☐ Information on interdependencies across sectors
- ☒ Consideration of social issues

21. In relation to the national assessment, do you plan to update the risk or vulnerability assessments?

- ☐ not planned ☒ planned but work has not started ☐ update of assessment has started ☐ update already available ☐ don't know

Are there requirements to do so on a regular basis? Please explain.

There is each 7 year a national Climate plan and for this a vulnerability assessment is needed. An indicator report is made on regular basis. This report focusses already on some indicators for climate change adaptation but this will be expanded in the future. 5th IPCC report might be an opportunity to update vulnerability assessment.

22. Have you identified and assessed adaptation options on the basis of risk or vulnerability assessments?

- ☒ yes ☐ currently under development ☐ not yet, but planned ☐ no ☐ don't know

If yes: available at

☒ national level

☒ sub-national level

☐ trans-national level

☐ sectoral level

☐ cross-sectoral level

23. How have you identified and assessed adaptation options?

☒ Expert judgement

☒ Participatory processes

☐ Cost and benefit assessment

☐ Multi-criteria analyses

24. Please indicate the types of adaptation options identified:

☒ Grey options (i.e. technological, such as river flood defence, beach nourishment)

☒ Green options (i.e. ecosystem-based approaches that use nature's multiple services, such as crop diversification, enhancing the ability of indigenous plant and animal species to move across landscapes)

☒ Soft options (i.e. managerial, legal and policy approaches, such as awareness-raising initiatives, passing legislation, creating early warning systems, insurance, planning instruments)

☒ Combined options

25. Have you prioritised adaptation options?

☐ yes ☒ currently under development ☐ not yet, but planned ☐ no ☐ don't know

26. If you have prioritised adaptation options, which methodological approach (e.g. expert judgment, multi-criteria analysis) has been used?

no answer

27. Have the adaptation options been included in an action plan?

In the climate plans

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Implementation, monitoring and evaluation

28. Please provide a maximum of three examples of what you would consider as ‘good practices’ in adaptation that have already been put in place in your country. Please indicate why they are considered to be ‘good practice’?

Impacts and vulnerability assessment tool for municipalities in the Walloon region Sigma plan (tekst see addendum 1) Brussels management plan for the “forêt de Soignes” Interreg IVB NWE project: Alfa & Wave These initiatives allowed to have a good representation of the impacts of climate change and the vulnerability of the territory. This is a first necessary step to adapt the existing policy and sensitize people.

29. What are your plans for integrating new information and insights into existing adaptation policies?

We periodically update plans. If there is new information, it will be incorporated.

30. In my country, monitoring, reporting and evaluating schemes for adaptation policies are ...

Monitoring

☐ not planned ☐ planned ☒ under development ☐ currently being implemented

Reporting

☐ not planned ☐ planned ☒ under development ☐ currently being implemented

Evaluation

☐ not planned ☒ planned ☐ under development ☐ currently being implemented

In case you have selected "Under development" or "Currently being implemented", please provide additional information and upload related documents.

See the regional assessment studies.

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Part III: Level of adaptation and policy instruments in sectors

31. Please highlight the relevant sectors/areas in your country and assess the current state of adaptation at various levels:

Please score the state of adaptation using the following scale:

Selected Value Meaning

- 0** = adaptation is not relevant for my country
- 1** = need for adaptation not recognised and no measures implemented yet
- 2** = coordination activities for adaptation started
- 3** = some adaptation measures identified for the sector but not yet implemented
- 4** = portfolio of adaptation measures identified and implementation (of some) launched
- 5** = portfolio of adaptation measures implemented
- 6** = portfolio of adaptation measures in place and monitored/evaluated

Use the arrows or the keyboard to input digits from 0 to 6 .

Levels / Sectors	Adaptation at national level	Adaptation at sub-national level (e.g. provinces, regions)	Adaptation at local or city-level	Priority sectors/areas for implementation	Please provide some examples if you have indicated that the adaptation state is 4, 5 or 6
Agriculture	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Forestry	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	More variety is made in the choice of planting new trees. Belgium involved in agroforestry in Sahel
Biodiversity	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Different plans take into account the possibility of migration of fauna and flora.
Human health	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat waves plan, Belgian National Environment and Health action plan (NEHAP)
Water	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sigmaplan 2005 Kustverdedigingsplan, regional flood plans, River basin
Marine and fisheries	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Coastal areas	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coastal protection plan takes into account the sealevel rise.
Mountain areas	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Tourism	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Transport	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Railwaysector is involved in the European Arisc-project North Sea Plan
Energy	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prospective studies to assess the risk of shortages
Built environment	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adaptation taken into local plans (eg local governments involved in projects as Cities-adapt and Future cities with implementation, green
Spatial planning, urban planning	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CcASPAR-project incorporated in the Policy Plan Space Flanders
Disaster risk reduction	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

Civil protection	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Industry	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Business and services	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Financial/Insurance	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	cover against flooding and other natural hazards is included in household fire insurance policies since 2007
Cultural heritage	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

32. Are you using policy instruments (see question 33 below for examples) for implementing adaptation actions?

☒ yes
 ☐ under development
 ☐ no
 ☐ don't know

33. If you are already using instruments for implementing adaptation, what are the main instruments in the different sectors in your country?

Sectors / Instruments	Agriculture	Forestry	Bio diversity	Human health	Water	Marine fisheries	Coastal areas	Mountain areas	Tourism	Transport	Energy	Built environment	Spatial planning	Disaster risk reduction	Civil protection	Industry	Business services	Financial insurance	Cultural heritage
Information (e.g. dissemination, education, guidelines)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Main-streaming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial support (e.g. subsidies, taxes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnering instruments (e.g. PPPs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Action plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others: Management strategies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
green technologies, development and demonstration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

34. If (additional) instruments for implementation are planned in your country, what are the main instruments you are considering?

no answer

35. What are the most important financing mechanisms currently in place (or the mechanisms that will be considered in the future) for implementing adaptation in the sectors you have identified as relevant in your country?

Financing mechanisms / Sectors	Agriculture	Forestry	Bio diversity	Human health	Water	Marine fisheries	Coastal areas	Mountain areas	Tourism	Transport	Energy	Built environment	Spatial planning	Disaster risk reduction	Civil protection	Industry	Business services	Financial insurance	Cultural heritage
Explicit budgetary allocations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project based public support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public-private partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance mechanisms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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no answer

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36. In your country, how do you address transboundary issues? Which instruments facilitate your work (e.g. EU Regional Policy, EU Interreg projects, biogeographical regions and regional adaptation strategies)?

Besides European funding for projects some international consultation groups are dealing with transboundary issues. Eg mostly in the watersector.

37. In your country, how do you coordinate adaptation activities across regions or municipalities? Which instruments facilitate your work (e.g. River Basin Management Plans, flood risks mapping, spatial planning taking account of the diversity of territories)?

At national level there is the national Climate Commission and the Coordination Commission for International Environmental Policy with the working group adaptation. This working group coordinates adaptation matters between the different regions and the federal government. The federal and regional governments have established intersectoral groups to coordinate and exchange information. Some initiatives are beginning to appear with the municipalities and exchange between regional and local level are growing slowly (e.g. vulnerability diagnostic tool, EU Cities Adapt project). Other consultation

bodies, more often sectorial, are used to think more in a sector integrated way (eg International Scheldt Commission, International Meuse Commission, ...) .

Part IV: Involvement of stakeholders

38. Have you involved stakeholders in the adaptation policy process?

☐ No ☒ Yes

39. If yes, how would you assess the general contribution of stakeholders/actors engagement in the adaptation policy process?

☐ very important ☒ important ☐ neutral ☐ less important ☐ not important

40. The three tables below allow you to identify the stakeholders involved and the format of their involvement for the development (1st table), implementation (2nd table) and monitoring and evaluation (3rd table) phases of the adaptation process.

Level of involvement:

Information given	information has been provided to stakeholders (e.g. web-sites, newsletter, reports, informative meetings)
Information gathered	information has been collected from stakeholders (e.g. online-survey)
Consultation	feedback on policy draft proposals has been obtained from stakeholders (e.g. written feedback on policy drafts)
Active involvement	stakeholders have actively been involved in, and have had the possibility to shape decision-making in the adaptation policy (e.g. advisory committees)
Partnerships	decision-making power is redistributed through negotiation between responsible authority and stakeholders
Empowerment	final decision is in the hands of the stakeholders

From the national perspective, what has been the involvement of stakeholders in the development phase of the adaptation policy process?

Stakeholders / Format of involvement	Information given	Information gathered	Consultation	Active involvement	Partnerships	Empowerment
Governmental stakeholders from national level (e.g. policy makers, public administration, governmental agencies)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Governmental stakeholders from sub-national level (including local level)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Private sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interest groups (e.g. farmers' association, NGOs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientists/researchers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



From the national perspective, what has been the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation phase of the adaptation policy process?

Stakeholders / Format of involvement	Information given	Information gathered	Consultation	Active involvement	Partnerships	Empowerment
Governmental stakeholders from national level (e.g. policy makers, public administration, governmental agencies)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Governmental stakeholders from sub-national level (including local level)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Private sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interest groups (e.g. farmers' association, NGOs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientists/researchers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



From the national perspective, what has been the involvement of stakeholders in the monitoring and evaluation of the adaptation policy process?

national and sub-national levels):

Risk or vulnerability assessments (e.g. consider other sectors)

no answer

Legislation to support adaptation

legislation not seen as necessary at this moment. National adaptation plan is under development

Implementation

no answer

Monitoring/reporting and evaluation

A study will be made to point out a few more indicators on climate change and adaptation.

Updating strategy/plan

The strategy will most probably not be updated. The (future) National Adaptation Plan will most likely be updated on a regularly basis.

Others

The regional and federal plans are the base for the national plan.

43. In your opinion, what are the key issues that will shape the adaptation policy process in your country in the coming years? Please provide a maximum of three issues:

The involvement of the people. As it is a slow process, it's quite difficult to keep people involved over a longer period of time. People means in the first place civil servants as they were first involved. But when adaptation will be spread out, after a while it will be more and more difficult to keep the on board the people involved. As for Belgium Climate Change will never be spectacular.

44. What kind of adaptation support (e.g. knowledge, information, decision support tools) would you need from the European level?

What Europe is doing now, providing us with information with Climate-Adapt, is a very good support. It is wishful that Europe should also support us to set up national information portal for gathering and spreading national and sub national information and link to the Climate-Adapt database. Further mainstreaming of adaptation in European sectors is very wishful and a lot of work needs still to be done.