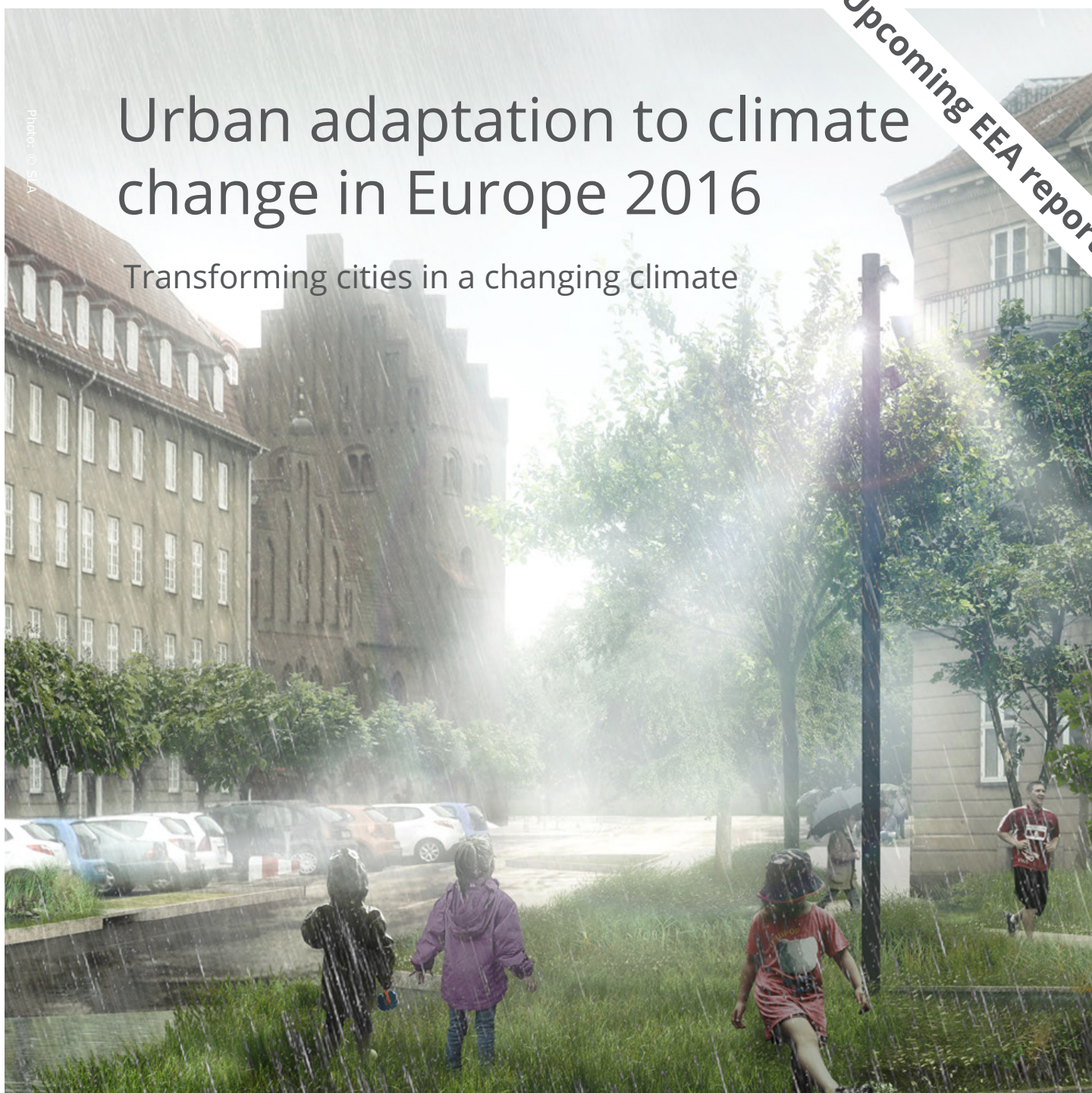


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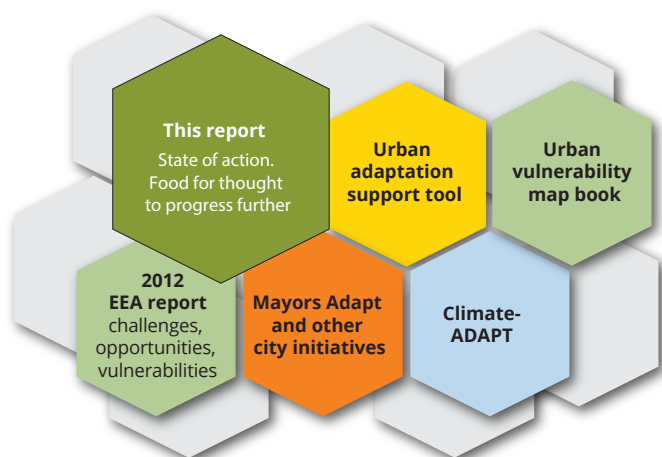


Cities matter for Europe, but they are increasingly challenged with climate change impacts such as prolonged heat waves, flooding, extreme precipitation or extended drought periods. These issues are intertwined with socio-economic factors like demographic structure, work patterns, income levels or lifestyle, which are also undergoing change. This relationship reveals the systemic nature of climate change impacts and raises questions about conventional solutions to problems. A long-term, systemic approach not only offers solutions for adaptation, but boosts city transformation overall, creating resilient and highly attractive places for people and businesses.



This report

...builds on and complements existing products and initiatives on urban adaptation in Europe. It focusses on the state of actions in the field and progress achieved since the first EEA report in 2012, and it considers this analysis in relation to current challenges: Do existing actions lead to attractive, climate-resilient cities and if not, what needs to be changed? The report aims to broaden perspectives and provide input to a review and subsequent adjustment of urban adaptation to climate change by local governments and by supporting regional, national and European institutions, researchers and other relevant stakeholders.



Join the launch of the report and the Open European Day at Resilient Cities

The EEA, ICLEI and partners joined forces again this year to organise the 3rd Open European Day (OED), due to take place in Bonn, Germany on 5 July 2016, back-to-back with the Resilient Cities Conference. The event will host a lively, interactive city-to-city exchange on climate change adaptation. Open discussions between local politicians, adaptation managers and practitioners, and key urban adaptation stakeholders will be granted a prominent role, with valuable contributions from experts in the field. The day presents a unique opportunity to share experiences, learn from others and discuss solutions in the many interactive workshop sessions and podium discussions, and a marketplace.

The themes for this year are:

- Mainstreaming adaptation by integrating different local planning processes and exploiting co-benefits and opportunities;
- Nature-based solutions, providing numerous benefits to cities and their inhabitants if planned correctly;
- Climate services, involving the production, transfer and use of climate knowledge, but also the tools, methods and instruments needed to enable climate-informed decision-making.
- Financing adaptation — a cross-cutting theme.

The day will be concluded with the launch of the EEA report Urban adaptation to climate change in Europe 2016.



More information:

EEA report: *Urban adaptation to climate change in Europe 2016* from 5 July on: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/urban-adaptation-2016>

Open European Day at Resilient Cities and launch of the report: <http://resilientcities2016.iclei.org/open-european-day>

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