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CLIMATE SERVICES: AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ADAPTATION

Croatian Experience and Mediterranean Practices • 16th November 2026 • 18:00–19:00

ABOUT THE EVENT

The event presents how Croatia's meteorological and hydrological service (DHMZ) is turning climate services into an active tool for adaptation and provides a forum for Mediterranean exchange. Through the EU-funded METMONIC, VEPAR and AIRQ projects, all three national monitoring networks have been modernised: some 400 meteorological stations, six Doppler radars covering the whole country, five met-ocean buoys in the Adriatic, over 630 hydrological stations and 24 air-quality stations, with data freely available in real time.

KEY MESSAGE

Climate services drive adaptation when they enable action: modern observations, high-resolution forecasts and projections, and warnings that reach people in time.

OBJECTIVES

• Present the modernisation of Croatia's observing networks through METMONIC, VEPAR and AIRQ.

• Explain the role of early warning through Meteoalarm and the national SRUUK system, which sends location-based alerts to mobile phones.

• Present the planned KlimProPos project: a new HPC, better weather (NWP) and climate models, and modern dissemination techniques.

• Exchange Mediterranean experiences in turning climate information into benefits for the public and the economy.

AGENDA

5 min	Opening remarks – Mrs Tanja Radić Lakoš, State Secretary
10 min	Croatian experience in climate services for adaptation – Ivan Güttler, Director-General of DHMZ
30 min	Panel discussion – Regional approach Harnessing Technology as a Catalyst for Climate Resilience in the Mediterranean - Ivan Güttler, Director-General of DHMZ - Ines Duarte – UfM - Project Manager for Climate Action - ECMWF /Copernicus– Laurence Rouil - Director of the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service - League of Arab States – Mahmoud Fath Allah - Director of the Department of Environmental and Meteorological Affairs (TBC) - ICESCO - TBC
10 min	Questions and discussion with the audience
5 min	Conclusions and closing remarks

BENEFITS FOR CITIZENS AND THE ECONOMY

Citizens receive earlier, more precise and localised warnings of storms, floods, heatwaves and poor air quality. The economy gains reliable data and tailored products for agriculture, tourism, energy, water management, transport and insurance, reducing losses and supporting investment planning.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Presentation of the full chain from observation to warning and action; exchange of good practices; identification of shared Mediterranean challenges; awareness that investing in meteorological and hydrological services is cost-effective adaptation.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Decision-makers and public authorities responsible for climate adaptation, civil protection, water management and health; meteorological and hydrological services; key economic sectors; the scientific community; Mediterranean countries and international organisations working on disaster risk reduction.