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In the European Climate Risk Assessment (2024)¹ there is information on sea level rise and its impacts. Also, in the first Assessment Report (2024)² of the Knowledge Hub on Sea Level Rise an overview of the impacts in Europe is provided. In addition, as addressed in the Climate Law³ as well as the Guidelines on National Adaptation Strategies⁴, Member States are supposed to execute robust climate change and vulnerability analyses and use the outcome as a base for their national adaptation strategies and plans.

Through the Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change⁵ the Commission is helping regional and local authorities to become climate resilient. This encompasses providing tools for climate risk assessment as well developing adaptation measures in coastal areas.

In its Communication ‘The road to the next Multiannual Financial Framework’⁶ the Commission highlighted in February 2025 the increasing impacts of climate change in Europe that require stepping up work on climate and water resilience and preparedness. The Commission plans to put forward a proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework in the third quarter of 2025.

The Commission will also step up support to implement adaptation strategies and planning, notably through the upcoming EU climate adaptation plan, foreseen for 2026.

¹ European Environment Agency, European Climate Risk Assessment (2024) - <https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/en/eu-adaptation-policy/key-eu-actions/european-climate-risk-assessment>.

² Knowledge Hub on Sea Level Rise, ‘Sea level rise in Europe’ (2024), <https://sp.copernicus.org/articles/sp-slrel.pdf>.

³ Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 ‘Climate Law’, Article 5.4.

⁴ Commission Notice Guidelines on Member States’ adaptation strategies and plans 2023/C 264/01 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EL/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52023XC0727%2801%29>.

⁵ <https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/en/mission/the-mission>.

⁶ (COM(2025)46).