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The European community working on climate services comes together in a festival in Venice

Join Climateurope2 at the climate services and innovation festival in Venice, Italy, from March 11-13, 2024.

<u>Climateurope2</u> is an EU-funded project coordinated by the Barcelona Supercomputing Center (<u>BSC-CNS</u>) working to develop standardization procedures and recommendations for climate services. With this aim, the project supports and brings together the European climate services community, ensuring that organizations supplying climate data and information interact with those using such information and understand their needs while discussing common opportunities and challenges to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Building on the success of previous online events called *webstivals*, the Euro-Mediterranean Climate Change Center (<u>CMCC</u>) is organizing this first in-person innovative festival at the NH Venezia Laguna Palace, which differentiates from traditional scientific conferences by integrating elements of arts, capacity building and interaction.

The event counts with an attractive program covering discussions that aim to *unite science*, *services and standards for a climate resilient future*. The central themes of the festival revolve around three overarching themes, particularly selected to encourage the mingling of different types of audiences:

- **EU Mission on Climate Change**: Explore effective adaptation and building resilience through the use of climate services.
- Urban Challenges: Focus on sustainable urban development and climate resilient cities.
- Water Management Challenges: Discuss the crucial role of climate services in addressing water-related challenges.

The agenda combines plenary sessions with more interactive formats like *World Cafés*, and a cross-cutting session on good practices in climate communication. In parallel, a marketplace provides a space for visitors to network and engage in original interactive activities. Should you have ideas to showcase your work, you can apply under the registration form. There are still some free spots available with only one condition: **Think out of the box!** Additionally, the project will offer lunches and coffee breaks at the festival and a social dinner for participants to foster networking.

The festival is addressed to subnational entities and authorities engaged in climate adaptation; representatives from national or regional committees and forums dedicated to climate services and knowledge portals; stakeholders across various sectors utilizing climate services; and providers of climate services, including those developed by national meteorological and hydrological services, innovation projects and initiatives and public or commercial organisations.

Emphasis will be placed on empowering individuals in regional and local administrations, stakeholders from climate-related sectors, and anyone interested in engaging in climate action through the use of climate services. It's an ideal occasion for insightful discussions on transparency, reliability, and the effectiveness of climate services through an equity and diversity lens that enriches the collaborative dialogue among the festival's participants.



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More information about the event and a link to register can be found on the project website.

Registration to the festival.

While some sessions will be available in a hybrid format, we highly recommend in-person participation, as not all activities will be available online. Throughout the registration process, you are welcome to express your interest in presenting, securing a spot at the marketplace, or contributing to the agenda in other ways.

Additionally, the NH Venezia Laguna Palace, the venue for the festival, has reserved numerous rooms for participants. We encourage participants to take advantage of the opportunity to stay at this four-star hotel, near the festival and other attendees. When making your reservation, kindly notify the hotel that you will be attending the festival.

Useful links:

- Dissemination material
- <u>Project website</u>
- Hotel NH Venezia Laguna Palace



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