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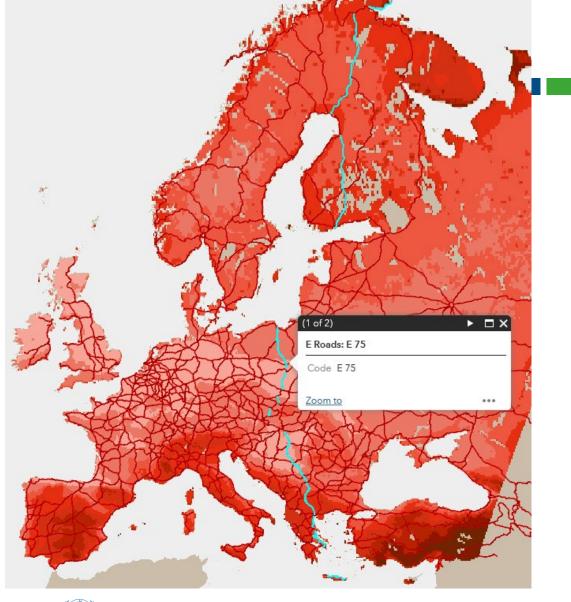
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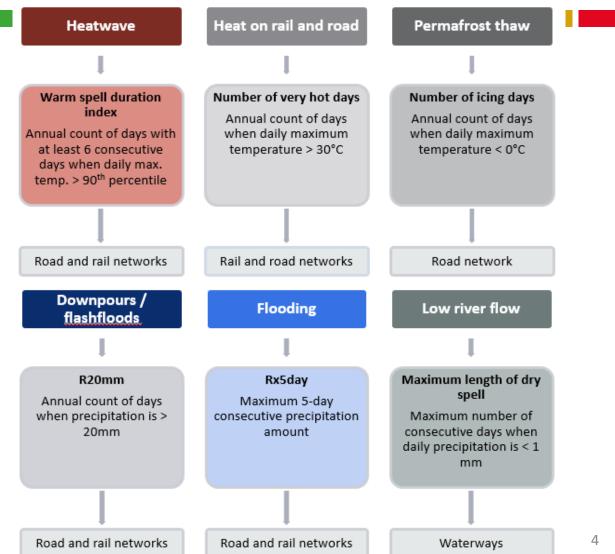
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Outcomes

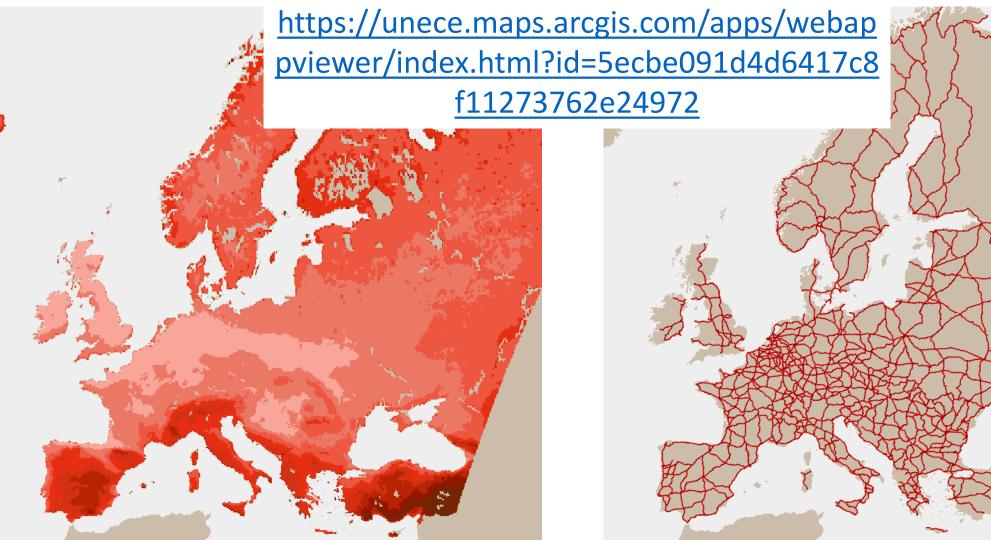


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Outcomes





Outcomes - knowledge in case studies

Chapter 2

Part II.

Case studies

This part of the report consists of two chapters:

Chapter 1 contains case studies which present approaches, practices, methodologies and tools developed and applied by countries for analysing current and future climate change impacts on transport systems and/or for testing transport adaptation options. The case studies often include information about the policies that provide the necessary basis for such work. F

Chapter 2 presents case studies which discuss diverse socioeconomic impacts and implications from climate change on various transport infrastructure, as studied in several countries.

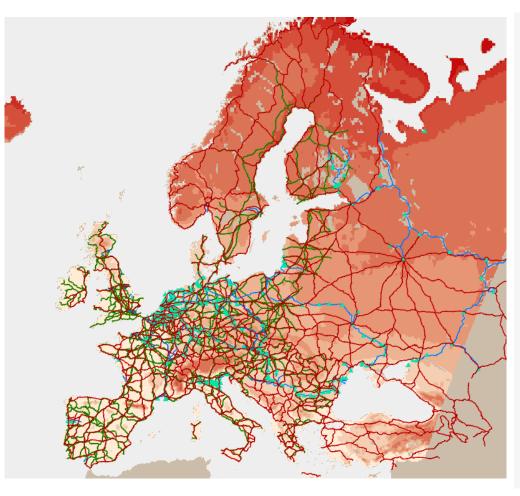


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Chapter 1	Case studies on approaches, practices, methodologies and tools developed and applied by countries for analysing current and future climate change impacts on transport systems and/or for testing transport adaptation options
	Case study 1 (Germany) Adapting the German transport system to climate change
	Case study 2 (Germany) Reviewing railway operation regulations and policies regarding potential climate change
	Case study 3 (Canada) Methodology for assessing infrastructure vulnerability to climate change in Canada
	Case study 4 (France) Measures concerning transport from the National plan for Adaptation to Climate Change and case study on risk analysis methodology applied to the road network of the Interdepartmental Directorate for Mediterranean Roads (DIR Med)
	Case study 5 (Poland) Polish practice in carrying out sensitivity, vulnerability and risk analysis for the identification of hotspots on transport infrastructure due to climatic factors
	Case study 6 (the Netherlands) Development of a Climate Adaptation Strategy for the InnovA58 highway in the Netherlands
	Case study 7 (Romania) Early Warning Intelligent System for Road Transportation Risks
	Case study 8 (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) Climate change impacts on coastal transport infrastructure in the Caribbean: Enhancing the adaptive capacity of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Case studies on diverse socioeconomic impacts and implications from climate change on various transport infrastructure studied in countries
Case study 1 (Canada) All-Season Roads in Northern Canada and Implications of Climate Change
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Case study 3 (Finland) New Guidelines for Winter Maintenance of Roads in Finland
Case study 4 (Germany) Low flow extremes of the Rhine river – Causes, impacts and adaptation of the most important inland waterway in Europe
Case study 5 (Germany) Impact of climate change on the water managementof the Kiel Canal
Case study 6 (Germany) Influence of weather and climate extremes on supra-regional traffic flows – Stress test scenario Middle Rhine
Case study 7 (Iceland) Sea level changes, guidelines and adaptation

Lessons learned (1/3)

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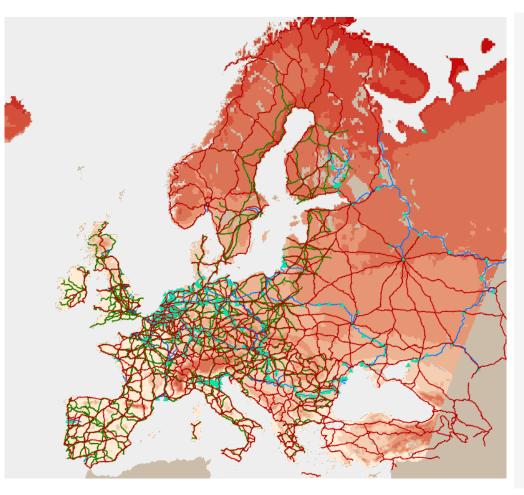
Complex tasks

- Limited experience in countries (some countries as forerunners)
- Data limitations
 - on transport infrastructure (geocoded) and on usage data (traffic volumes, freight processed)
 - no one climatic data set for UNECE region



Lessons learned (2/3)

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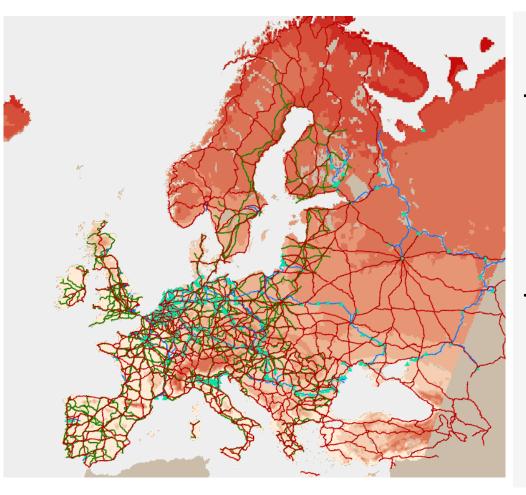


- First step analysis as a good basis exposure identified
- First step analysis insufficient / complementary analysis needed (natural and anthropogenic factors, characteristics of specific asset, downscaling of projections, impact modelling....)



Lessons learned (3/3)

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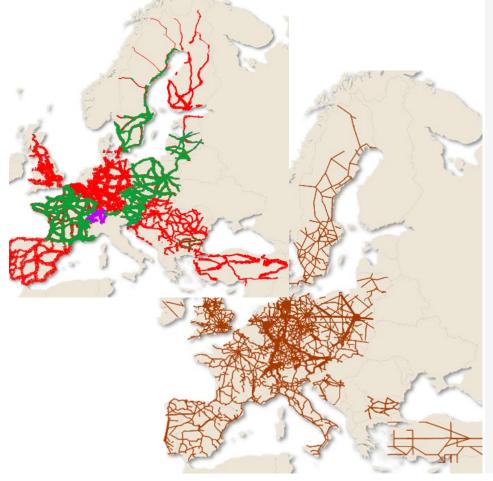
Sharing country experience key to identification and prioritization of transport adaptation needs

Intermodal, cross-sectoral interactions and transboundary impacts key to avoid maladaptation



Recommendations (1/3)

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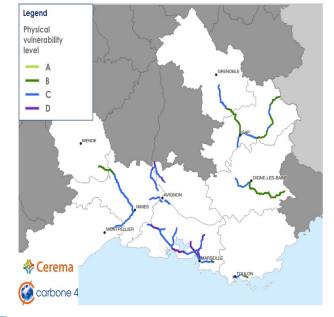
- Create awareness and understanding of urgency
- Disseminate approaches, tools and methodologies
- Improve availability of geocoded networks and nodes data (call to WPs managing the infrastructure agreements)
- Geocode networks and nodes data and present them in GIS



Recommendations (2/3)

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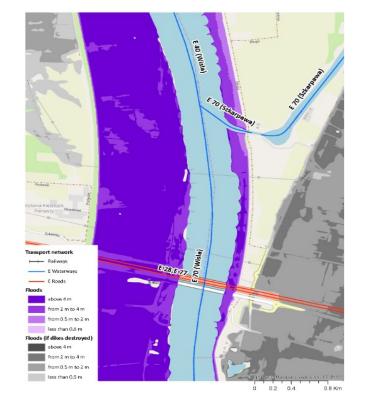


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- Share data on use (census by WP.6)
- Attempt to obtain consistent data projections for UNECE region (through CORDEX-Core project)
- Expand the analysis on climate impacts (absolute/relative terms, additional indices)
- Implement national projects (with assistance where necessary) to better understand vulnerability to climate change of transport systems

Recommendations (3/3)

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- Establish a knowledge database with
 - features and conditions that make a section of a network or a node vulnerable to climate change
 - adaptation measure and their costeffectiveness
- Elaborate guidance and /or mechanisms for better integration of climate change impacts and projections into planning and operational processes





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