

A IOa Hotspots definition study

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Context / Social problem

A hotspot is a pilot project in a sector, place or region where spatial planning and climate change have important implications and where these are at odds with other factors. The hotspots are areas where every effort will be made to find spatial adaptation possibilities. It is important that most of the work in this project is carried out by practitioners.

What has been studied?

The definition study identified and described a number of potential hotspots. The following activities were carried out:

1. Determination of selection criteria

The following selection criteria for hotspots were adopted:

- Climate change must have an important influence on the development pattern of the area or sector
- There is a demonstrable link with spatial planning and regional planning
- Practitioners must support the project
- There is interest from government and society
- Every effort is made to draw from and build on current CcSP projects
- The project must have a demonstration function for how spatial planning can help to embed adaptation measures
- It has communicative appeal to a broad public
- It fills in gaps in the CcSP programme

2. Identification of hotspots: workshops en interviews

During the definition phase two workshops were held in which participants could propose potential hotspots. This identification process was supplemented by in-depth interviews with key people.

What are the results, and who are they for?

- A list of criteria that the hotspots must satisfy
- A list of potential hotspots
- A report containing descriptions of the potential hotspots, the results of the workshops, the selection criteria and the scores given to the potential hotspots, and recommendations on hotspots to be investigated further

Following this definition stage, the selected hotspots are being worked up into project proposals by a consortium of various parties, with an emphasis on stakeholders and implementing parties with a clear demand for knowledge flowing from the CcSP programme, such as local authorities. The consortia are developing adaptation strategies for the hotspots and step-by-step action plans that should in time lead to the implementation of the spatial visions developed for the hotspots. A subsidiary goal for the longer term is to create greater awareness of the problems, both within the hotspots and in the wider area.

