



FutureMed Newsletter: Recent Advances and Community Updates

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All the activities and initiatives summarised below can be consulted in greater detail on the FutureMed project website.

Over the past months, **FutureMed** has continued to build on the activities and milestones presented in the October 2025 newsletter, further strengthening its role as a **transdisciplinary network and integrative platform** addressing climate change-related science and synergies among socio-economic sectors, health, and adaptation in the Mediterranean. This update presents the main developments since October 2025, spanning **scientific engagement, training activities, stakeholder interaction, and forthcoming opportunities** for the FutureMed community.

Scientific Activities and Conferences

In October 2025, FutureMed activities were represented at the conference *Climate Impacts in a Changing World 2026*, contributing to interdisciplinary exchanges on climate impacts, risks, and adaptation with particular relevance for Mediterranean regions.

Scientific engagement continued in November 2025 with the organisation of the session *Extremes in Geophysical Sciences: Dynamics, Thermodynamics, and Impacts* within the framework of the **European Geosciences Union General Assembly**, to be held in **Vienna from 3 to 8 May 2026**. Convened by Carmen Álvarez-Castro, Davide Faranda, Meriem Krouma, Gabriele Messori, and Samira Khodayar, the session brings together researchers working on extreme events from complementary perspectives, including physical mechanisms, modelling, attribution, and impacts on natural and human systems. In parallel, **conference grants** will be made available through the current **Grant Awarding process** to support participation in **EGU26**, subject to abstract acceptance and presentation requirements.

Training and Capacity Building

Capacity-building activities intensified in December 2025 with the delivery of the **1st FutureMed Workshop and Training School lecture series**, which provided participants with an **interdisciplinary overview** of climate hazards, impacts, and adaptation pathways. During the same period, the **CLIMAAX Flood Workflows in Action** training was held at the FutureMed School, focusing on **practical applications** of flood-related workflows for climate risk assessment, preparedness, and decision-making.

In January 2026, information was published about the **Advanced Methods for Climate and Health Attribution Summer School**, to be held at **Imperial College** from **17 to 21 August 2026**. The summer school will focus on **methodological approaches** to assess links between climate variability, climate

change, and health outcomes, combining perspectives from **climate science**, **environmental epidemiology**, and **climate attribution**. It is aimed at researchers interested in advancing the scientific assessment of **health impacts related to climate-related hazards**. FutureMed encourages participation, and further information is available on the summer school website.

Stakeholder Engagement and Adaptation Tools

On **19 January 2026**, FutureMed Working Groups 2 and 3 jointly convened a **virtual stakeholder workshop on climate adaptation tools**, bringing together **more than 100 participants** from academia, policy, practice, and tool development sectors. The workshop was opened by Aristides Koutroulis, who introduced the objectives of the joint WG2–WG3 initiative and outlined how adaptation tools fit within the broader FutureMed research agenda.

Elisa Savelli then presented the results of a FutureMed analysis of **more than 120 climate adaptation tools**, highlighting that while tools are becoming increasingly sophisticated, many remain poorly aligned with the needs of Mediterranean communities, require advanced technical expertise, or lack sufficient contextual relevance. A central element of the workshop was the **live demonstration of the Adapt-Tools platform** by Athanasios Tsilimigkras, developed in collaboration with Christian Page. The platform was presented as a **curated and transparent inventory** designed to support Mediterranean stakeholders in identifying decision-support tools based on sector, scale, and application needs. Practical user journeys illustrated how different stakeholders could navigate the platform, while interactive discussions and live feedback revealed uneven awareness and use of adaptation tools, difficulties in identifying tools that are fit for purpose, and a strong demand for improved guidance, accessibility, multilingual support, and mechanisms for user feedback.

The workshop concluded with a reflection on whether progress in climate adaptation requires the development of **Mediterranean-specific tools** or improved uptake of **existing global tools** to better understand why adaptation succeeds or fails across the region. An outlook on upcoming research activities included progress on a **second version of the online tools database**, a **collaborative scientific publication** examining drivers of successful and unsuccessful adaptation, the initiative of the **IAHS working group on resilient water futures**, and a follow-up event aligned with the **Living Lab framework** currently under development in **Working Group 3**, coordinated by Sandra Ricart.

Staying Connected

Through these ongoing activities, **FutureMed** continues to promote collaboration, training, and knowledge exchange, supporting **evidence-informed approaches** to climate adaptation and health challenges across the Mediterranean.

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