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ClimAct2Adapt conference

FOCUS ON CLIMATE ADAPTATION, SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT, AND
COMMUNITY-DRIVEN ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE

Esztergom, Hungary, 8-9 October 2025

Szent Adalbert Event Center

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission process

- Proposals must be submitted with abstracts to life@ktm.gov.hu e-mail address.
- Submission must be in English, as the conference will be conducted in it. Make sure to proof-read the contents submitted.
- Guidelines for the abstracts can be read at the end of this document.
- It is possible to apply to the conference with either an oral presentation or an exhibition. During the application process, you must indicate whether you will give a presentation or take part in the exhibition section. Each exhibitor will be provided with a stand to display their materials. (Further details and requirements for the exhibition will be communicated after reviewing the submissions.) Proposals must align with one of the following six themes:
 - **Theme 1:** Living with climate extremes – Impacts and adaptation strategies
 - **Theme 2:** Practices for adaptive water management – Nature-based solutions in action
 - **Theme 3:** Climate literacy and community engagement for resilience
 - **Theme 4:** Financing nature-based solutions – Innovative pathways for investment
 - **Theme 5:** Climate change and human health – Understanding and addressing physiological impacts



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- **Theme 6:** Local governments on the frontline – Municipal responses to climate challenges

Theme description is available at [the conference website](#) as well as at the end of this document.

- If you cannot classify your proposal under the above suggested topics, please choose from the further recommended topics below:
 - Integrating biodiversity conservation into climate adaptation strategies
 - Digital technologies and data infrastructure for climate resilience
 - Transboundary water, heat and climate cooperation
 - Engaging youth in climate action and sustainability education
- If the proposal intersects with two themes, a second theme can be indicated in the online form. The second theme will be considered secondary to the primary theme.
- **Deadline for Submission:** 17 August, 2025. 23:59 (CET)

CALL FOR ORAL PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

Template for abstracts

This template is designed for a single-stage application procedure and must be followed when preparing your proposal.

- Proposals will be evaluated following their submission.
- Proposals must be complete in all their parts, including the full proposal text using the official template provided. The proposal should also be summarized in a short abstract (max. 2500 characters including spaces) touching upon all the key elements. Page size is portrait, A4.
- Font: use Roboto or a similar legible font.
- Font size: use 11 points for the body text. For headings use **bold** characters in 14 points. For the title of images, tables and other visual content use 11 point, *italic* font size.
- Margins: all page margins (top, bottom, left, right) must be at least 25 mm (excluding headers and footers).



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- Images, tables, or other visual content can be included in the proposal, provided that the maximum 3-page limit is respected.
- The text should be justified with single-line spacing and standard character spacing. Images and figures must be centered, with their titles and captions placed directly below and also centered. Tables should also be centered, but their titles must appear above the table, aligned to the left.
- In-text citations may also be used in the abstract. Insert the appropriate citation in parentheses at the relevant place.
- Proposals must follow the submission guidelines.

This template must be attached to the submission.

For more information please visit [the conference website](#) and/or contact us at life@ktm.gov.hu e-mail address.





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TEMPLATE FOR ORAL PRESENTATION SUBMISSION

The template can be download in an editable format from the [website](#).

Title

e.g. 100 characters, including spaces

Selected theme

Please briefly describe (in maximum 500 characters with space) why you chose this theme for your presentation.

Core content

Describe the presentation core contents and objectives

Presenters

Please indicate who will be the presenter or presenters and contact information also.

Type of presentation

Please indicate whether you wish to give a presentation in the chosen section.



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TEMPLATE FOR EXHIBITION SUBMISSION

The template can be download in an editable format from the [website](#).

Organization name (Name to appear in conference materials)
Title of your exhibit or booth (Short, descriptive title)
Brief description of your exhibit (In maximum 500 characters with space)
What type of materials will you display or demonstrate? (E.g. posters, prototypes, digital screens, printed materials, etc.)
Do you require a power supply or internet connection? (Yes / No – please specify requirements)
Names of exhibitor representatives attending the event Please indicate who will be the presenter or presenters and contact information also.
Contact person (name and position)
Email address & phone number (For all communication regarding the exhibition)



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CONFERENCE THEMES

THEME 1: LIVING WITH CLIMATE EXTREMES – IMPACTS AND ADAPTATION STRATEGIES

Communities, ecosystems, and economic sectors are increasingly affected by climate change through rising temperatures, shifting precipitation patterns, and the increasing frequency and severity of extreme weather events. This theme focuses on understanding these diverse impacts and exploring adaptation strategies at multiple levels—from local to global. Contributions under this theme will address the integration of scientific research into decision-making, examples of adaptive practices, cross-sector collaboration, and efforts to enhance climate resilience in urban, rural, and natural settings. Special attention will be given to integrating disaster risk reduction and preparedness into local climate actions. Examples may include early warning systems, emergency planning, and cooperation between civil protection actors and local communities to build shared responsibility and resilience against climate-induced hazards. Particular emphasis will be placed on interdisciplinary approaches and the involvement of vulnerable groups.

THEME 2: PRACTICES FOR ADAPTIVE WATER MANAGEMENT – NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS IN ACTION

Effective water management is central to adapting to a changing climate. This theme highlights nature-based solutions (NBS) and adaptive approaches that improve water retention, reduce flood risks, and restore hydrological balance. The focus will be on practical implementation, including design, stakeholder cooperation, monitoring, impact and evaluation of outcomes. Case studies demonstrating success in applying NBS — especially Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) — in diverse geographical contexts will be emphasized, as well as lessons learned and challenges in upscaling.

THEME 3: CLIMATE LITERACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR RESILIENCE

Public understanding and local engagement are fundamental to building climate-resilient societies. This theme brings together environmental education, awareness-raising, and participatory planning under one umbrella. It will explore effective methods for climate communication, tools to support inclusive decision-making, co-creation practices, and innovative approaches to fostering behavioral change. Sessions may highlight digital engagement platforms, community-driven projects, educational programs, and planning tools that empower citizens and strengthen local resilience. The role of civic participation in urban and regional climate adaptation will also be emphasized, along with reflections on equity and climate justice.

THEME 4: FINANCING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS – INNOVATIVE PATHWAYS FOR INVESTMENT

Financing adaptation remains one of the biggest challenges in climate resilience efforts. This theme focuses on how economic instruments, funding mechanisms, and investment



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strategies can support the implementation of nature-based solutions, with a strong emphasis on Natural Water Retention Measures. Topics include public-private partnerships, cost-benefit analysis, business models for NBS, ecosystem service valuation, and policy innovations that enable financing. The theme also explores how finance can reduce local vulnerabilities and promote equity in adaptation.

THEME 5: CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN HEALTH – UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING PHYSIOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Climate change has direct and indirect impacts on human health and well-being. This theme explores how climate-driven changes such as extreme heat, air pollution, and altered disease vectors affect human physiology, particularly in vulnerable populations. It also covers adaptation strategies in health systems, public health campaigns, urban design for health, and cross-sectoral collaboration to reduce health risks. Scientific, practical, and policy-oriented perspectives are all encouraged.

THEME 6: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON THE FRONTLINE – MUNICIPAL RESPONSES TO CLIMATE CHALLENGES

Municipalities play a crucial role in implementing climate mitigation and adaptation strategies. This theme focuses on local governance experiences in addressing climate risks, including urban development, infrastructure planning, energy transition, and social equity. It highlights the opportunities and constraints faced by local governments, the importance of multi-level governance, and examples of successful collaboration between local authorities, civil society, and other stakeholders. Emphasis will also be placed on innovative approaches and policy instruments enabling local adaptation efforts.

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