

Joint Vision SD-WISHEES

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WHY SD-WISHEES?

Hydro-climatic extremes such as floods and droughts increasingly threaten Europe's cultural and natural heritage. SD-WISHEES strengthens collaboration between EU and Widening countries to better understand these risks and co-develop sustainable, resilient solutions. The Joint Vision promotes inclusive research, innovation, and policy alignment to safeguard heritage for future generations.

THE VISION

The vision of SD-WISHEES is to enhance collaboration and strategic alignment between EU and Widening countries in R&I to tackle effectively the impacts of hydro-climatic extremes on cultural and natural heritage.



WHO IS THE VISION FOR?

1. Policymakers & Public Authorities

Receive evidence-based recommendations and tools that integrate water, climate, and heritage objectives into coherent, resilient policies.

2. Research & Innovation Communities

Benefit from shared agendas, knowledge synthesis, and interdisciplinary collaboration across water, climate, and cultural heritage fields.

3. Practitioners & Businesses

Utilities, SMEs, technology providers, and heritage professionals gain access to new research results, innovation opportunities, and demonstration activities.

4. Civil Society & Local Communities

Engaged through inclusive dialogue and knowledge sharing to support awareness, stewardship, and community-driven solutions.

5. European & International Partnerships

Strengthen cross-border cooperation, align strategies, and scale successful practices in global water-climate-heritage initiatives.

HOW WILL THE VISION BE IMPLEMENTED?

Thematic Annual Programming (TAP)

Brings together national and regional R&I projects on “protection of cultural heritage from hydro-climatic extremes.” TAP supports joint workshops, data sharing, capacity building, and progress monitoring (running until Dec 2026).

Innovation Pathways

Maps how research evolves into real-world solutions. Over 60 pathways identified, 17 under in-depth analysis, covering technology, capacity, policy, and enabling environments.

Barriers Assessment

Identifies governance, financial, institutional, and data-related obstacles that hinder cooperation and widening participation. Results inform improved funding programmes and collaborative frameworks.

Towards a Future Knowledge Hub

SD-WISHEES lays the foundation for a long-term platform for networking, data sharing, and capacity building—ensuring project outputs remain accessible and continue to grow beyond the project’s timeframe.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Governance & Policy Innovation**

Integrating climate resilience into heritage governance.

- Knowledge Sharing & Capacity Building**

Developing skills, training, and co-learning platforms.

- Technical & Methodological Advances**

Innovative monitoring, modelling, and decision-support tools.

- Adaptation & Resilience Planning**

Embedding disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation in heritage and spatial planning.

- Regional & International Cooperation**

Strengthening networks, joint calls, and widening participation.

- Innovation Uptake & Societal Integration**

Ensuring research results translate into market, policy, and community impact.

