



<b>Title of case study</b>	Adaptation and the legal sector
<b>Name of organization(s)</b>	Ecofys
<b>Business sector</b>	Consulting & Environmental Services
<b>Region(s) relevant to case study</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All regions <input type="checkbox"/> Africa and the Arab States <input type="checkbox"/> Asia and the Pacific <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean and Central America <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Least Developed Countries <input type="checkbox"/> North America <input type="checkbox"/> Polar regions <input type="checkbox"/> Small Island Developing States <input type="checkbox"/> South America
<b>Country(s) relevant to case study</b>	The Netherlands (Ecofys headquarters)
<b>Adaptation sector(s) relevant to case study</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education and training <input type="checkbox"/> Food security, agriculture, forestry and fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> Human health <input type="checkbox"/> Oceans and coastal areas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science, assessment, monitoring and early warning <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial ecosystems <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transport, infrastructure and human settlements <input type="checkbox"/> Water resources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Legal implications of compliance with existing legislation if an organization does not adapt to impacts of climate change
<b>Adaptation activity</b>	<p>The purpose of this project was to build adaptive capacity within a professional member organisation, to stimulate debate and dialogue on the topic of adaptation to climate change and its relevance to the legal sector, in terms of liability issues and to raise awareness of the issues with its members and stakeholders.</p> <p>The project had three main elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Focused Briefings to senior management in the legal</li></ol>

	<p>profession.</p> <p>2. Briefing notes on: The Legal profession and adaptation; Adapting to climate change (climate science); Business continuity; Property; Financial sector; Utilities; Agriculture; Local government, and Transport.</p> <p>3. Online survey of members' current vulnerability to extreme weather events and analysis for <a href="#">Legal Sector Alliance (LSA)</a>.</p>
<b>Cost-benefit</b>	<p>Cost-benefit is not possible to quantify as this activity is building adaptive capacity within the legal profession of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Their own existing exposure to climate impacts.</li> <li>b) Their clients' existing and future exposure to climate impacts.</li> </ul> <p>Ecofys undertook illustrative calculations of the exposure of firms to specific events which highlighted their vulnerability to climate impacts without adaptation.</p>
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