

GENDER, CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH – WHAT ROLE DOES GENDER PLAY IN EU CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STRATEGIES?

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- Climate change affects human health (McMichael et al. 2012).
- Some gender-specific differences in **vulnerability!** (WHO 2012).

Objective:

To review whether gender plays a role in climate change adaptation strategies in Europe.



- Scoping literature review and document analysis.
- Officially adopted national adaptation strategies of EEA countries (12 of 32 countries, 37.5%).

Is gender included in these strategies?

→ Gender is **NOT mentioned** in any of the 12 officially adopted national adaptation strategies.



- Neither sex-specific nor gender-related differences in vulnerability to climate change are taken into account
→ contrary to WHO recommendation.

Reasons?

- Neglect?
- Evidence base for gender-specific vulnerabilities in higher-income nations?
→ More research!

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