

Adapting the transport sector: the case of Cyprus

The world's climate and weather patterns are changing. Global temperatures are rising, causing more extreme weather events, like flooding and heat waves. 'Adaptation' involves changing the way we do things to prepare for the potential impacts of climate change. Transportation, like the other sectors, will also need to be adapted to take into account the effects of climate change.

Transportation and, more specifically, road transport, is one of the most dynamic sectors of the European economy, with small firms operating alongside big international transport groups. It handles freight and passengers over short and long hauls. Because of its flexibility, road transport links all regions of the EU to each other and to Europe's principal networks for goods and passenger traffic.

The transport sector is currently the driving of the economy in Cyprus. Although the needs in passenger and freight transportation are increasing at rates greater than the economy and population growth, the transport sector cannot be characterized sustainable long term. The transport sector in Cyprus is the top contributor to greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change and cause these changing weather patterns. Adapting the sector to climate change is therefore a top priority and is part of the country's National Strategy on Climate Change.