

Climate Change adaptation to hydrologic extremes (Floods and Droughts) in Cyprus

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The Water Development department of Cyprus, as the authority for managing the water resources of the island has to adapt to Climate Change on a practical and operational level. This paper discusses how the Water Development Department of Cyprus has been dealing with the issue of Climate Change adaptation in the areas of hydrologic extremes (both droughts and floods). Main topics discussed in the paper are how Climate Change is taken into account in the implementation of the EU Floods Directive (2007/60/EC) in Cyprus as well as how Climate Change was taken into account in the preparation of the Drought Management Plan of Cyprus which was developed within the framework of implementing the EU Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC).