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3 July 2025

Annex: 1

Subject: Expression of interest – Lead Author of climate policy and action section of the European State of the Climate report

Action required: To provide expression of interest for the Lead Author by **31 August 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is seeking expressions of interest to form a pool of potential Lead Authors of climate policy and action section of the [European State of Climate report](#). Since 2021, Dr Andrew Ferrone from Luxembourg has been the Lead Author of this section, providing his impressive expertise and dedication to bring together this highly relevant section of the report. The purpose of this request for expressions of interest is to identify experienced and qualified experts to continue this work in the coming years. The terms of reference for the Lead Author are included in the annex.

The European State of the Climate report is an annual publication jointly prepared by WMO and the Copernicus Climate Change service (C3S). While a large part of the report focuses on descriptions and analyses of climate conditions in Europe, as well as key events and their impacts, the climate policy and action section provide thematic insights of specific issues that the region is facing. The themes for the section have included energy (2022), health (2023) and resilience of built environment to climate extremes (2024). Based on impacts driven by climate change, biodiversity, cryosphere, and agriculture and agro-food systems, related topics have been considered as themes of the section in coming years.

Expressions of interest for the Lead Author, including the CV of the expert, are kindly requested to be submitted to the WMO Regional Office for Europe (roe@wmo.int) **by 31 August 2025**.

I appreciate the dedication of all Members in Regional Association (RA) VI who have contributed to the preparation and review of the report in previous years. With the information, data and expertise you provide, we are able to produce this high-quality and well-regarded publication annually.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of RA VI with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers of RA VI with WMO

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ROLE OF LEAD AUTHOR OF THE CLIMATE POLICY AND ACTION SECTION OF THE EUROPEAN STATE OF THE CLIMATE REPORT

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The Lead Author of climate policy and action section of the European State of the Climate report will perform the following tasks on an in-kind basis with support from the WMO Secretariat and the European Union Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S):

- Contribute to identifying the theme of the section each year;
- Contribute to identifying contributors to the section from United Nations and European Union agencies, and national and regional organizations depending on the theme of the section;
- Guide discussions with the contributors on defining the scope and content of the section;
- Based on the inputs from individual contributors and Lead Authors' own inputs, prepare and consolidate the draft of the section following the C3S guidelines for the report;
- Review and modify the section based on the comments from editors, WMO Members and other reviewers;
- Present the findings of the section to representatives of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), governments, various other national stakeholders, international and regional organizations, academia, and media in the launch event(s);
- Together with other authors of the report, respond to media inquiries regarding the report findings.

Overall, the Lead Author is expected to dedicate approximately 20 days/year to perform the above tasks. Every year, the planning of the report, including selection of the theme, identification of contributors and defining the scope of the section, starts in early autumn, while the report sections are drafted in December-January and edited in February-March, leading to publication in April.
