



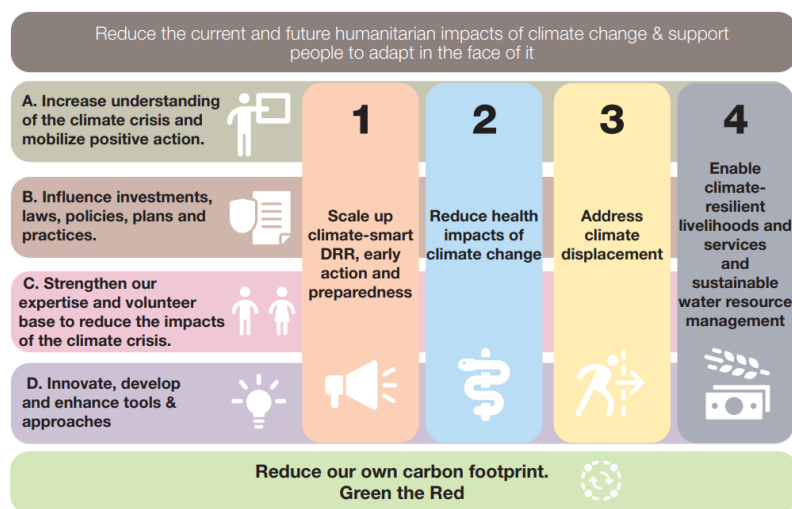
Climate Change Spotlight Session
Sharing of actions and positioning in climate action
Wednesday 27th of April, 10 am, Tbilisi

1. Introduction

Climate change is driving humanitarian crises around the world, and it will continue to do so in the decennia to come. This was yet again recently confirmed in the IPCC report: [Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability | Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability \(ipcc.ch\)](https://www.ipcc.ch/report/working-group-ii/).

For the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, climate change is considered as a vital topic, which is affecting every country, every region and every continent. Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies have an important role to play, in line with their mandate, to prevent and alleviate suffering caused by or aggravated by climate change and extreme weather. We will need to leverage our presence – which is deeply rooted in the communities we serve, with our strong volunteer base that can be mobilized.

The Spotlight Session during the 11th European Conference will tie into the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement [Ambitions to Address the Climate Crisis](#), aiming to collectively reduce the current and future humanitarian impacts of climate change and support people to adapt in the face of these immense challenges. The ambitions are organised across 4 pillars of action, and a number of enabling approaches. Reducing our own carbon footprint will be prioritized as a cross-cutting consideration in all we do.



A number of international events and initiatives are supporting our ambitions, such as the Climate Red Summit, platforms and hubs like the [Anticipation Hub](#) and [REAP](#), the [Climate and Environment Charter](#) (signed by more than 20 European NS to date, and still counting), etc.

Many recent examples of Climate Smart Disaster Risk Reduction can be found [here](#). In addition, the Climate Case For Support (including Theory of Change) is currently being developed covering the 4 other regions, and work will also start soon on the Climate Case For Support covering the Europe Region.

2. General objective

Now it is time to translate ambition to action. During the European Regional Conference in Tbilisi, we have the unique opportunity to bring together the leadership of all National Societies of the region, together with the EU Youth Network to discuss how we can do *more together*: mutual support, learning and exchanging on innovation and best practices, mobilizing resources, partnering with authorities, met offices or academia, humanitarian diplomacy and national society strengthening. Because the power in being a member of the RCRC Movement is in doing things together, not reinventing the wheel on our own. Given the transboundary nature of both the drivers and impacts of climate change, affecting lives and livelihoods in Europe but also strongly impacting those elsewhere in the world, we need a collective approach.

3. Specific objective

Advance and scale up climate action in the region, encourage joint learning, exchange of best practices and ideas, increase commitment to the Climate & Environment Charter and support the implementation of it.

4. Expected outcomes

After the workshop - participants have:

- Discussed how to advance greater climate action in the region
- Have further contributed to topics they find most urgent to act upon jointly
- The number of National Societies committing to the Climate & Environment Charter is increased
- Have identified ways to support joint and peer-to-peer learning
- Have been exchanging promising and inspiring practices from different NS
- Have more knowledge on how to link to [European Adaptation Strategy](#) and its [Adaptation Mission](#), and other potential for funding ideas for climate action.

5. Methodology

Workshop: This will be an interactive workshop in which active participation will be requested from all participants. It is a mix of presentations and discussions that are meant to share, link or generate promising ideas and examples of climate action.

The focus on this workshop should be:

- Practical: Movement Climate Ambitions and the Environment and Climate Charter will provide the overall framework but focusing on bringing the ambitions to the practical level is highly important. The question of what we should do need to do to implement them should be raised during the Conference.
- European: Both the drivers as the impacts of the climate crisis are transboundary but given limited time and target group: the advisory group proposes to focus on climate action that can be done in Europe while being mindful of the global impacts.
- Actionable: Address this as climate crises rather than climate change and explore all the avenues for look for urgent action; the time is now.
- Adaptable: As National Societies (NSs), we need to (keep) adapting to the changing context in which we operate. This may involve significant changes for NSs since the crises are different compared to the ones that occurred 50 years ago.
- Adoptable: Preparation of short documents and commitments that can be adopted during the Conference, on which climate experts have already given their input beforehand.

6. Guiding questions for NS preparation for the workshop

- What are key opportunities and ideas of the NS regarding climate change?
- What are the bottlenecks and challenges to scale up climate action, and in particular commit to and implement the Climate & Environment Charter?
- How can we best learn from each other and exchange ideas, approaches, tools and best practices?

7. Translation

Please note that translation will be available in the plenary sessions of this workshop, but not in the break-out sessions where discussions will take place. Groups of non-english speakers can however engage separately during the Carrousels and contribute to the discussion and outcomes afterwards.