



GOAL 13: CLIMATE ACTION

There is no country in the world that is not experiencing first-hand the drastic effects of climate change. Greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise, and are now more than 50 percent higher than their 1990 level. While Eastern Europe and Central Asia is not a big producer of greenhouse gas emissions, the region is suffering disproportionately from the consequences of climate change.

Floods in the Western Balkans have destroyed homes and displaced thousands of people. Shrinking glaciers and dwindling water resources in Central Asia could seriously impact irrigation and hydropower generation. Moldova and southern Ukraine are experiencing severe droughts, with major agricultural losses.

But across the region, people are mobilizing to cut greenhouse gas emissions, save lives and help communities cope. The capital of Croatia has vowed to become a carbon zero city by 2050. Unprecedented steps are being taken in the peatlands of Belarus to keep carbon safely stored in the ground. Georgia now has sophisticated early warning systems and better protection against flooding.

Global warming is having a drastic impact on the lives of people. Let's act now.