



## EU underprepared as climate change risks mount, draft report says

**BRUSSELS, March 7 (Reuters) -** Europe is in urgent need of stronger measures to prepare healthcare systems, farming and critical infrastructure for increasingly severe climate change, a draft report by the European Environment Agency (EEA) said. As the hotter planet unleashes more heatwaves, drought and flooding, the European Union is developing its first Europe-wide analysis of climate-related risks to try to ensure future EU policies and spending take them into account.



<https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/eu-underprepared-climate-change-risks-mount-draft-report-says-2024-03-07/>

## Lake Geneva's water temperatures are rising at an unprecedented pace

Marie-Elodie Perga, a leading authority on lake studies at the University of Lausanne, underscores the gravity of the situation. Urgent action is needed to address global warming by curbing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is imperative. Experienced fishermen are witnessing firsthand the repercussions, noting a significant uptick in perch catches compared to historical norms. Typically, perch spawning commences in May. While certain species may seem to benefit from the warming temperatures, others are facing imminent threats. The ecosystem of Western Europe's largest freshwater reserve is undergoing profound transformations. Scientists, deeply concerned by these developments, took proactive measures five years ago by installing a sophisticated platform equipped with hundreds of sensors on the lake, facilitating comprehensive analyses.



<https://www.euronews.com/tag/climate-change>

## Brussels warns of water conflict danger in EU

**BRUSSELS —** Water scarcity risks sparking conflict among European Union countries unprepared for a warming world. The stark message is part of a European Commission communiqué imploring EU governments to pick up the pace in their preparations to counter climate change, arguing they have fallen well short of what is necessary — a blunt warning that will serve as the EU's last major climate initiative ahead of June's bloc-wide elections. In an undated draft of the text seen by POLITICO, the Commission identifies water shortages as an issue that threatens nearly every aspect of life: the food we eat, the water we drink and the infrastructure that powers and transports society, not to mention basic economic activities and human health. In general, the Commission says, the EU can expect “more disasters such as droughts, floods, wildfires, diseases, crop failures, heat deaths, infrastructure damage, and structural changes to the environment” — but warns that the bloc isn't planning for those risks.



<https://www.politico.eu/article/water-fights-will-come-if-europe-doesnt-act-climate-brussels-warn/>

