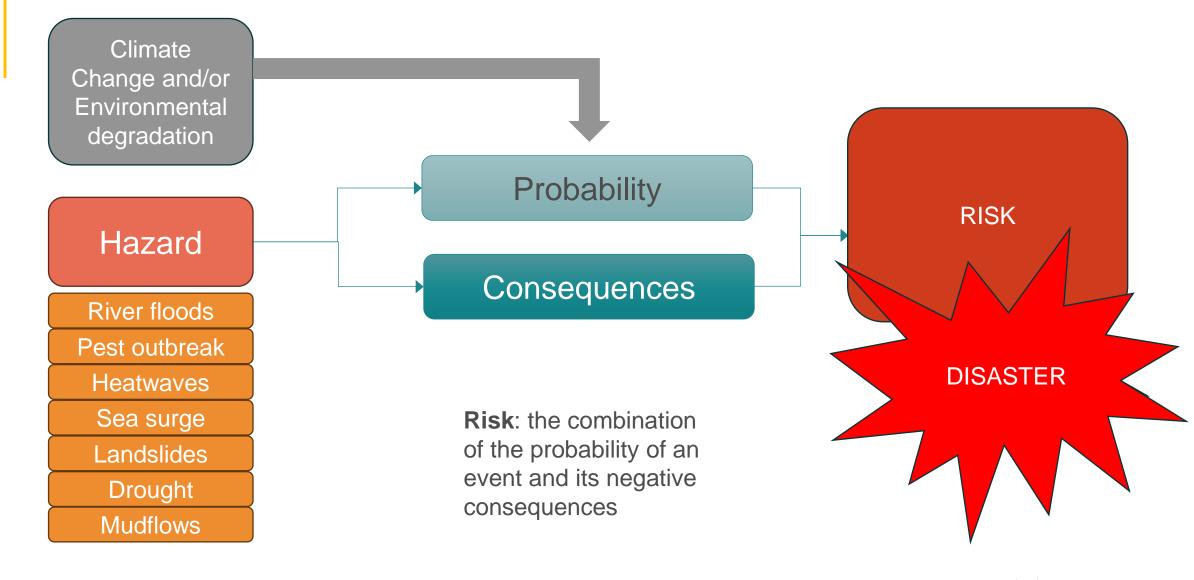


# Greening EU Cooperation

Integrating Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction in EU External Action

Session 8: Climate Risk Assessment (CRA)







#### Climate Risk Assessment

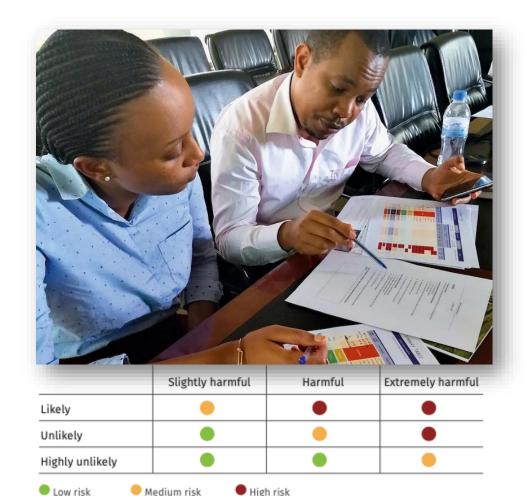
- Ex-ante assessment
- To reduce the project's vulnerability to climate change
- To reduce climate damage by preventive measures
- To optimise positive impacts
- Through technical/scientific studies and stakeholder consultations







#### **CRA Screening**



Mandatory! Art. 25.5 and 29 of NDICI-GE Regulation

#### Screening questionnaire

(Annex 3 of the "Toolbox", Part C)

- Q1: What timescale is relevant to the intervention?
- Q2: In this timescale, which climate-related hazards are relevant? What is the likelihood that they occur?
- Q3: How significant are their potential consequences?





### Screening conclusion

Q4: Can the proposed action be made resilient to these risks or can it be modified to respond to these hazards when they arise? Notably, could the action be made more resilient with nature-enhancing measures?

YES

No need for further climate assessment

NO (or in case of doubt)

Is an EIA or an SEA foreseen?

YES

NO

Ensure EIA or SEA explicitly considers the project's vulnerability to climate change

A specific CRA should be launched, considering the specific hazards, exposure and vulnerability of the action





## CRA and EIA synergies



- Under the EU EIA directive, an EIA can assess the project's vulnerability to climate change
- Not often foreseen under national EIA systems





### CRA sequence



- Identify potential climate risks
- Is a full CRA required? Could it be covered by an EIA?
- Which issues should the CRA address?
- What expertise is needed?
- Scoping: how to do a CRA, where to focus?
- Study: what are the risks? which measures can be taken?
- Management plan: how/when/who implements measures identified?
- M&E: monitor climate risk, intevention assumptions, and results. Ensure an effective feedback mechanism to improve ongoing and/or future management





### CRA example – Anguilla Solar PV project



1 MW grid-connected, ground mounted solar PV project

EIB required a Climate Vulnerability Assessment

PV plant most sensitive to wind

Historical data show wind gusts up to 140 mph

Could damage system components

Other data: increase in Category 4 and 5 hurricanes

Corrected for CC: projected gusts of 155 mph





## Going beyond "climate-proofing"

#### "No regret", "low regret" measures

Have an acceptable cost for society in view of their benefits

#### "Robust" measures

 Produce net benefits or deliver good outcomes across various possible scenarios







