



Coordination Action CIRCLE

Full title:

Climate Impact Research
Coordination for a Larger Europe

Research field:

Impact of and adaptation to
climate change

Co-ordinator:

Austria: Federal Environment Agency

Partners:

- Austria: Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Culture
- Belgium: Federal Public Planning Service for Science Policy
- Finland: Academy of Finland
- Finland: Finnish Environment Institute
- France: Agence de l'Environnement et de Maîtrise de l'Énergie
- France: Ministère de l'Écologie et du Développement Durable
- Germany: German Aerospace Centre- Projektträger (DLR-PJT)
- Germany: Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- Hungary: Ministry for Environment and Water Management
- Israel: Ministry of the Environment
- Italy: Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio
- The Netherlands: Foundation for Climate Change and Spatial Planning
- Norway: Research Council of Norway
- Portugal: Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)
- Sweden: Swedish Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning
- Sweden: Swedish Environment Protection Agency

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“ A dynamic field of research like global change needs permanent feedbacks and updates as well as a trusting partnership to create a long- and far-ranging co-operation. ”

to set up working links by connecting the national programmes for their mutual benefit. The fourth and major strand is to fulfil the means of an ERA-NET by establishing transnational research programmes and joint calls for proposals.

Four down, four across

These strands will be complemented by four cross-sectional activities – project coordination, establishing a platform for continued coordination after CIRCLE has ended, and supporting the establishment of groups within the consortium which want to address similar issues, such as Mediterranean countries, Nordic countries, Continental central and eastern Europe, mountainous countries and Atlantic coastal

countries. Finally, CIRCLE will develop an active, targeted approach to disseminating its information and experience.

When the ERA-NET ends in 2009, ideally all the relevant national research programmes of the EU, Associated States and any future new Member States will be part of the forum set up by CIRCLE. The facility for systematic assessment and adaptation to climate change in Europe will complement FP7 and subsequent EU research Framework Programmes. This may lead to a larger-scale Article 169 initiative, contributing substantially to the European Research Area, and supplementing international initiatives like the IPCC and UNFCCC regimes. From 2013, CIRCLE envisages becoming the key European platform in this area.