

## **Newsletter 4: December 2007**

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### **CIRCLE**

#### **Implementing an European Research Area (ERA) for the field of climate change**

##### **Second CIRCLE joint call launched**

The countries of the Nordic group have launched a pilot joint call. The aim of this call is to enhance Nordic research cooperation in the areas specified below. The funding organisations of the call are: the Academy of Finland, the Research Council of Norway and the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. The deadline for this call was December 10 2007.

The research conducted within this call should increase knowledge of options, premises and barriers for climate change adaptation including the relationship between adaptation and mitigation. The theme for project proposals is research on consequences of climate change for policy making in important sectors in the Nordic countries, e.g.

- What are the synergies and trade-offs between adaptation and mitigation to climate change in policy making?
- How do the Nordic countries compare and differ with respect to adaptation needs and implementation ability?

Additional value of Nordic cooperation should be clearly addressed and will be one of the evaluation criteria.

For more information on this call, please follow this link: <http://www.circle-era.net/research-calls/circle-nordic-call/>

## 1. CIRCLE NEWS

### Annual progress meeting in Toulouse

Three major results of the CIRCLE APM held in Toulouse from October 24-26 2007:

1. A CIRCLE research agenda has been set up as draft version during the meeting with support from the CIRCLE advisory board and the CIRCLE partners.
2. A CIRCLE research database will support all connecting activities among the partners and beyond soon.
3. The CIRCLE partners decided to proceed the successful way that CIRCLE has been taken also after 2009 when the recent contract with the EC is finalised.

<http://www.circle-era.net/events/apm-toulouse-2007/>

## 2. OTHER NEWS

### ➤ Portugal

#### Portugal News I:

Portugal is currently holding the Presidency of the European Commission (EC) taking over from Germany on 1 July 2007 and handing it over to Slovenia on 01 January 2008. Under this presidency an **Informal Meeting of Environment Ministers** took place in Lisbon between the 31<sup>st</sup> of August and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. The addressed theme was Water Scarcity and Drought (WS&D). Information on the meeting as well as the principle conclusions from the presidency are available at: [http://www.eu2007.pt/UE/vEN/Reunioes\\_Eventos/Informais/ReuInfMinAmb4.htm](http://www.eu2007.pt/UE/vEN/Reunioes_Eventos/Informais/ReuInfMinAmb4.htm)

#### Portugal News II:

The Climate Change - Impacts, Adaptation and Mitigation research group (CC-IAM) of the Faculty of Sciences/University of Lisbon convened and organised, on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of September, an **international conference on Climate Change Impacts on Tourism**. The conference was part of the CLITOP project - the climate change impacts and adaptation measures for tourism in Portugal, funded by FCT. Programme and presentations as well as more information about the project can be found at: [www.siam.fc.ul.pt/clitop](http://www.siam.fc.ul.pt/clitop).

#### Portugal News III:

The scientific **results of project MISP** (Mitigation Strategies for Portugal) were presented on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (FCG) headquarters, in Lisbon. The project was coordinated by the Climate Change - Impacts, Adaptation and Mitigation research group (CC-IAM) of the Faculty of Sciences/University of Lisbon with the support of FCG. The main emphasis of this 2-year research project was to establish methodologies for the post-Kyoto burden sharing as regards Portugal. Further information can be obtained at: [www.siam.fc.ul.pt](http://www.siam.fc.ul.pt).

### ➤ The Netherlands

The Dutch programme Climate changes Spatial Planning (CcSP) organised an international conference in The Hague around the midterm evaluation of the programme. The concept of “climate proofing” was introduced and has successfully triggered a nation-wide debate on climate adaptation. This debate has led to the development of a national wide policy plan on climate adaptation and additional funding for a more design oriented research Programme on adaptation and planning, to start in 2008. See: <http://www.klimaatvoorruijnte.nl/pro3/general/start.asp?i=3&j=1&k=0&p=0&itemid=266&i=1&j=0&k=0&p=0>

### ➤ Norway

A number of newly launched projects under Norway’s research programme on climate change (NORKLIMA) will explore how climate change affects humans and society and what we can do to adapt to the changes. For more information please visit: <http://www.forskningradet.no/servlet/Satellite?c=GenerellArtikkel&cid=1190048434197&p=1177315753918&pagename=ForskningradetEngelsk%2FHovedsidemal>

### ➤ Sweden

#### Sweden News I:

Five major environmental agencies in Sweden launched a website concerning adaptation, with the intention to offer gathered information on vulnerability and adaptation, based on knowledge available at the agencies today. On the website, the visitor can find introductory texts on the impacts of climate change accompanied with scenario data for a large number of climate parameters covering different Swedish regions. There are also texts on risk management, on how to develop an adaptation plan and several examples on how adaptation can be integrated in the daily work. The website is mainly for those working with adaptation within the administration of a municipality or a county. The website can be found at: [www.smhi.se/klimatanpassning](http://www.smhi.se/klimatanpassning)

#### Sweden News II:

A new interdisciplinary programme – the Swedish Research Programme on Climate, Impacts and Adaptation (SWECIA) – will be launched in January 2008. It extends and brings together research on climate, biology/ecology, economics and social sciences. At the heart of SWECIA is the pursuit of a common climate-economics-impacts modelling framework and assessment capacity covering both climate and human processes in the context of climate forcing, -change, -impacts and adaptation. In addition to modelling approaches, SWECIA will look into the adaptation process itself, such as learning from past and present success stories and by identifying bottlenecks. The adaptation process will be studied not least by means of regional and sectoral case studies. The first case studies will focus on the region of Stockholm and the energy sector. The programme owner and main financier is the Swedish Foundation for strategic environmental research ([www.mistra.org](http://www.mistra.org)). SWECIA will be hosted by the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI). For more information, please contact Prof. Markku Rummukainen at SMHI, or visit <http://www.mistra.org/mistra/english/researchresults/researchprogrammes/activeprogrammes/mistra/sweciaklimaeimpactsandadaptation.4.a791285116833497ab800017356.html>

### Sweden News III:

“As warm as in Germany or Northern Africa? Climate scenarios for the research programme CLIMATOOLS” is the first report from the Swedish research programme on adaptation (only published in Swedish). The CLIMATOOLS research programme aims at maintaining or increase the capacity of sectors and regions in Sweden and delivering services to the society by providing decision makers with tools for decision on issues of climate change. The tools are developed in scenario based case studies. More information about the programme can be found at the programme website: [http://www.foi.se/FOI/Templates/ProjectPage\\_5846.aspx](http://www.foi.se/FOI/Templates/ProjectPage_5846.aspx)

## 3. Congresses and other announcements

### Clavier

Climate Change and Variability: Impact on Central and Eastern Europe - supported by the EU 6th Framework Programme.

The overall aim of CLAVIER addresses ongoing and future climate changes and their possible consequences in Central and Eastern European Countries. The CLAVIER target regions are Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. For more information visit: [www.clavier-eu.org](http://www.clavier-eu.org)

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