

Newsletter October 2009

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Welcome to CIRCLE!

Implementing a European Research Area (ERA) in the field of climate change

CIRCLE is a European Networking project aiming at implementing a European Research Area (ERA) in the field of climate change and adaptation research. The aim of CIRCLE as an ERA-NET is described on our website: www.circle-era.net.

1. CIRCLE News

➤ CIRCLE Mountain call

The theme for project proposals is climate change impacts (natural and anthropogenic factors) and response options in mountainous areas including effects on water resources, infrastructure, slope stability, agriculture, tourism, public health and biodiversity. The funders have made funding pledges of up to 2.12 Million EURO. The deadline for proposal submission is January 29th 2010.

<http://www.circle-era.net/research-calls/circle-mountain-call/>

➤ CIRCLE Final and Outlook Conference

The CIRCLE ERA-Net Final and Outlook Conference on September 9th-10th, 2009 highlighted the outcomes and achievements of the CIRCLE CA project and gave an outlook on the possible future directions of CIRCLE.

<http://www.circle-era.net/results/circle-final-and-outlook-conference/>

➤ **Workshop 'Science-Policy interactions in national adaptation policy'**

This workshop was held on September 14th-15th, 2009 in the Netherlands with its objective to exchange views and experiences on science-policy interactions in support of the development and implementation of adaptation strategies in Europe, to further research and policy development, and explore opportunities for international collaboration.

<http://www.circle-era.net/results/workshop-science-policy-interactions-in-national-adaptation-policy-europe-adapts-to-climate-change/>

➤ **Workshop on Decision Support Systems**

This workshop was held in the context of project clustering activities, being one major item of scientific networking in the context of CIRCLE. For a successful application of Decision Support Systems (DSS), it is essential to maintain an intensive dialogue with the potential future users throughout the design of the system and beyond. The workshop aimed to discuss solutions for an optimal layout of this dialogue and the implementation of the results into the system, as well as to secure that the system will be used operationally.

<http://www.circle-era.net/events/circle-workshop-decision-support-systems-2009/>

➤ **Workshop on Cost Benefit in adapting to Climate Change**

This workshop is also held in the context of project clustering activities. Whereas in climate protection impacts and costs are comparable, obvious to be understood and measures can be taken rather directly, the target dimension for adaptation is not so clear. In many case the open question is to specify towards what to adapt. One way of getting more concrete here is to determine the costs on adaptation in contrast to the costs if adaptation would not be performed. This workshop was aimed towards a more concrete understanding on this topic.

<http://www.circle-era.net/events/circle-workshop-on-cost-benefit-in-adapting-to-climate-change-2009/>

➤ **Preliminary conclusions projects from the CIRCLE Nordic call**

The three funded Nordic projects within the call *Research on consequences of climate change for policy making in the Nordic countries* will be finalised later this year and in the first half of 2010. Preliminary results and posters are available.

<http://www.circle-era.net/research-calls/circle-nordic-call/>

➤ **CIRCLE Outreach publications**

All CIRCLE outreach publications are available at <http://www.circle-era.net/public-relations/>

- **Change Magazine**
http://www.circle-era.net/fileadmin/upload/documents/Change_Magazine_-_Circle.pdf
- **International Innovation**
http://www.circle-era.net/fileadmin/upload/other/CIRCLE_Feature_01.pdf
- **European Union 18 – page 514-515**
<http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/Launch.aspx?EID=2c9491f2-4d41-41db-9b06-4fc670e2a7>

2. Country news

➤ **Israel**

Decision to prepare a plan for greenhouse gas emission reduction

On June 9, 2009, the Ministerial Committee on Environmental Protection and Climate Change approved the proposal of Environmental Protection Minister Gilad Erdan to establish a directors-general team to formulate a national climate change plan for Israel. The plan will relate to Israel's preparedness and adaptation to climate change and to measures for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

<http://www.circle-era.net/recent-country-news/israel/>

3. Congresses and other announcements

➤ **CIRCLE-MED Mid Term Conference**
18th - 19th November 2009, Lisbon, Portugal

Integrated climate and energy bill

The first CIRCLE-MED joint call is dedicated to integrated coastal zone management and water management. Eight projects were selected for a total budget of 1,65 M€ and associating research bodies from France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Israel, Morocco, Tunisia, Croatia, and Albania. On this Mid Term Conference the projects will share their preliminary results.

More Information:

- <http://www.circle-era.net/events/circle-med-mid-term-conference/>
- <http://www.circle-med.net/>
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➤ **COP15 United Nations Climate Change Conference Copenhagen 2009**
7th - 18th December 2009, Copenhagen, Denmark

The COP15 conference is the fifteenth Conference of the Parties under the United Nations' Climate Change Convention. The conference will take place from December 7th -18th 2009. The ambition of the Danish government is that the COP15 conference in Copenhagen will result in an ambitious global agreement including all the countries of the world.

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

➤ **Deltas in Times of Climate Change**
29 September - 1 October 2010, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Two Dutch research programmes on climate change and spatial planning, Climate changes Spatial Planning and Knowledge for Climate, the city of Rotterdam and the Co-operative Programme on Water and Climate invite scientists, politicians, policymakers and practitioners to share their experience and knowledge in a major international conference.

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

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