

CIRCLE Project Clustering Workshop

Cost – Benefit in Adapting to Climate Change

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. These activities result in a term called “cost benefit”. This workshop is aimed towards a more concrete understanding on this topic.

The following questions will be addressed and discussed in the workshop:

- Ways to quantify costs and benefits under adaptation to climate change
- Which role and relevance do cost benefit analyses have in “real life”? Importance and acceptance
- Which best practices can be suggested for the performance of cost benefit analyses in the context of climate change adaptation?

The workshop will take place

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The workshop will be held in the context of project clustering activities being one major item of scientific networking in the context of the EU-ERA-net CIRCLE. The target auditorium is projects that are funded under the national programmes of the CIRCLE partner countries as well as CIRCLE funded projects. **Research on the topic of cost benefit in adaptation to climate change should be a one major goal in these projects.**

CIRCLE stands for “Climate Impact Research Coordination for a Larger Europe”. CIRCLE is a network of research funders throughout Europe on climate impact and adaptation. For further information see www.circle-era.net.

Draft agenda

- 10:00 Welcome and introduction by CIRCLE
Annette Münzenberg & Stephanie Janssen, DLR
- 10:15 Aim and program of the workshop
Annette Münzenberg, DLR
- 10:30 Tour de table
- 10:45 Short presentations of present project representatives on cost benefit, Part I
Moderation: Stephanie Janssen, DLR
- 11:30 [Coffee break](#)
- 11:45 Short presentations of present project representatives on cost benefit, Part II
Moderation: Stephanie Janssen, DLR
- 13:00 [Light lunch](#)
- 14:00 Key note: The role of cost benefit studies in research on climate adaptation
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- 14:30 Quantification of cost benefit in climate change adaptation
Moderation: Annette Münzenberg, DLR
- 15:15 [Coffee break](#)
- 15:45 Importance and acceptance of cost benefit in the real world
Moderation: Stephanie Janssen, DLR
- 16:30 Best practice examples for cost benefit analyses
Moderation: Annette Münzenberg, DLR
- 17:15 Wrap-up of workshop
Moderation: Annette Münzenberg, DLR
- 17:30 End of workshop