

To prepare for CIRCLE-2 SHARE Workshop “From National Adaptation Strategies to concrete adaptation actions”

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Dear Participant, Chair person and Speaker,

Soon we will meet in Vienna, Austria during two days, to share knowledge and experiences gained “from National Adaptation Strategies to concrete adaptation actions” in support of climate change adaptation policy, identification of research needs and opportunities for joint research.

The workshop will focus not only on strategies but also on concrete adaptation actions, the prioritisation of adaptation actions, the governance challenges of adaptation related to stakeholder engagement and communication, financing and costs as well as practical experience in the downscaling of NAS, including monitoring and evaluation, and to set the stage and ambience for our work together.

1. What are the objectives of the meeting?

This Workshop will supply one of the activities and Areas of Interest of the ERA-Net (European Research Area) CIRCLE-2 project (an FP7 coordination action consisting of research funding and managing institutions across Europe) and its related partners. Already in the first phase of CIRCLE, a successful Workshop on “Supporting the exchange about and development of National Adaptation Strategies (NAS) across Europe”¹ was held in Budapest, 2009.

We aim to share knowledge and experience gained “from National Adaptation Strategies to concrete adaptation actions” (e.g. practical adaptation measures) in support of climate change adaptation policy, identification of research needs and opportunities for joint research. One key focus will be on good practice examples and on how to implement adaptation actions.

The topic of National Adaptation Strategies and related adaptation actions is one of the Areas of Interest for CIRCLE-2 partners and contributing partners that have been selected to be further explored by this workshop. Diverse national efforts have been made in the recent years to develop adaptation strategies and plans at the national, regional and local level. Also the relation to the implementation of the White Paper on Adaptation and the EU Clearing House has confirmed the need for transnational knowledge exchange. Especially in the light of the development of a European Adaptation Strategy, joint efforts are needed across sectors, scales and borders.

¹ <http://bit.ly/nRAdTJ>

The selected speakers of the plenary sessions will set the stage for efforts on national levels related to Adaptation Strategies and adaptation actions.

The following panel discussion will identify the challenges on NAS, adaptation actions and its implementation and the linkage between the different scales and levels.

After the plenary the participants of the meeting will be jointly working in working groups on the following two topics on day 1:

- Working Group 1: Prioritization of impacts and adaptation actions
- Working Group 2: Governance challenges (multi-level, multi-sector, multi-actor, cross-regional) of adaptation with focus on stakeholder engagement and communication

A few introductory presentations will kick-off the working spirit, which will be actively chaired. Participants will change then to the other working group, so everybody is involved and can actively contribute to the efforts in both working groups.

Two working sessions foreseen for day two are:

- Working Group 3: Costs of Climate Change
- Working Group 4: Monitoring and Evaluation

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An interactive panel on day 2 will highlight good practise examples of adaptation actions starting with a few kick-off presentation form EU and national levels to identify good practice. The discussion will then focus on the following points:

- Good practice examples from different categories, e.g. sector, region or type of action?
- Major gaps in knowledge and research recommendations for national programmes and funding agencies?

Decision makers, researchers, practitioners from different countries and participants from funding agencies shall create a link between the need of transnational research initiatives – like CIRCLE-2 where different national funding organizations are working together - and the possibilities to perform such research. The outcomes of the workshop should support the development of a climate change and adaptation policy on a transnational scale.

Participant preparation, preparation of speakers and chair persons

Speakers – we kindly ask all speakers to send us a short abstract (maximum 400 words), on the main points you would like to make. The presentations should be short, as indicated in the programme (Plenary

speakers: 5 Minutes and maximum 3 slides focussing on the 3 guiding questions, working group speakers: 5 Minutes presentation). All speakers of the plenary will be in the panel discussion, so there is time to discuss upcoming questions. If you plan to use PowerPoint, limit the number of slides to the key message. Please send the abstracts to markus.leitner@umweltbundesamt.at before Friday 7th of October 2011. The abstracts will be distributed to all participants at the Workshop.

Chair persons – we expect chair persons not only to serve as technical chairs, but actively think about what their session should achieve and guide the discussion accordingly. In order to allow such a dialogue, speakers should be strictly kept to their allocated time. The chair person will be supported by a Rapporteur.

All participants – we kindly ask you in advance to reflect on the issues national adaptation efforts and adaptation actions within your country, and at your position. Please focus on good practice examples or other regional or local adaptation efforts related to the workshop aims! What are your national challenges? What do you see as the next steps? What type of research/approach could help you to move forward?

Before the workshop a short questionnaire will be sent to you focussing on main issues of adaptation strategies/plans and adaptation actions, like Challenges for NAS development, Challenges for NAS implementation, Good practise adaptation actions, Research gaps and needs (e.g. sensitivity to climate, understanding adaptation contexts and capacities, knowledge for climate adaptation, living with uncertainty). We kindly ask you to answer this questionnaire, which will also help to focus on your needs during the Workshop.

2. Why to attend this workshop?

We hope to create an environment in which we all will be able to move from a technical exchange of ideas into a real dialogue. This requires a team effort, built on trust and mutual interest. In order to set us all off in this direction we would kindly ask you all to think in advance about how the meeting is useful for you and what are your expectations of the meeting?

3. What are the next steps after the workshop?

After the workshop the organizing committee will prepare and distribute the proceedings of the workshop. Other possible outputs are:

- one or more papers highlighting the outcomes of the workshop,
- set of recommendations for EU and national impacts, vulnerability and adaptation research programmes,
- proposal for good practice guidance on how to turn generic, strategic recommendations from National Adaptation Strategies (NAS) into adaptation actions (incl. e.g. guidance on indicators for monitoring/reporting purposes)
- continuing possible networks created at the Workshop

Please, reflect on which outcomes would be of particular use to you, and if you would like to be part of a continued dialogue.

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5. General information

How to find your way to the Meeting

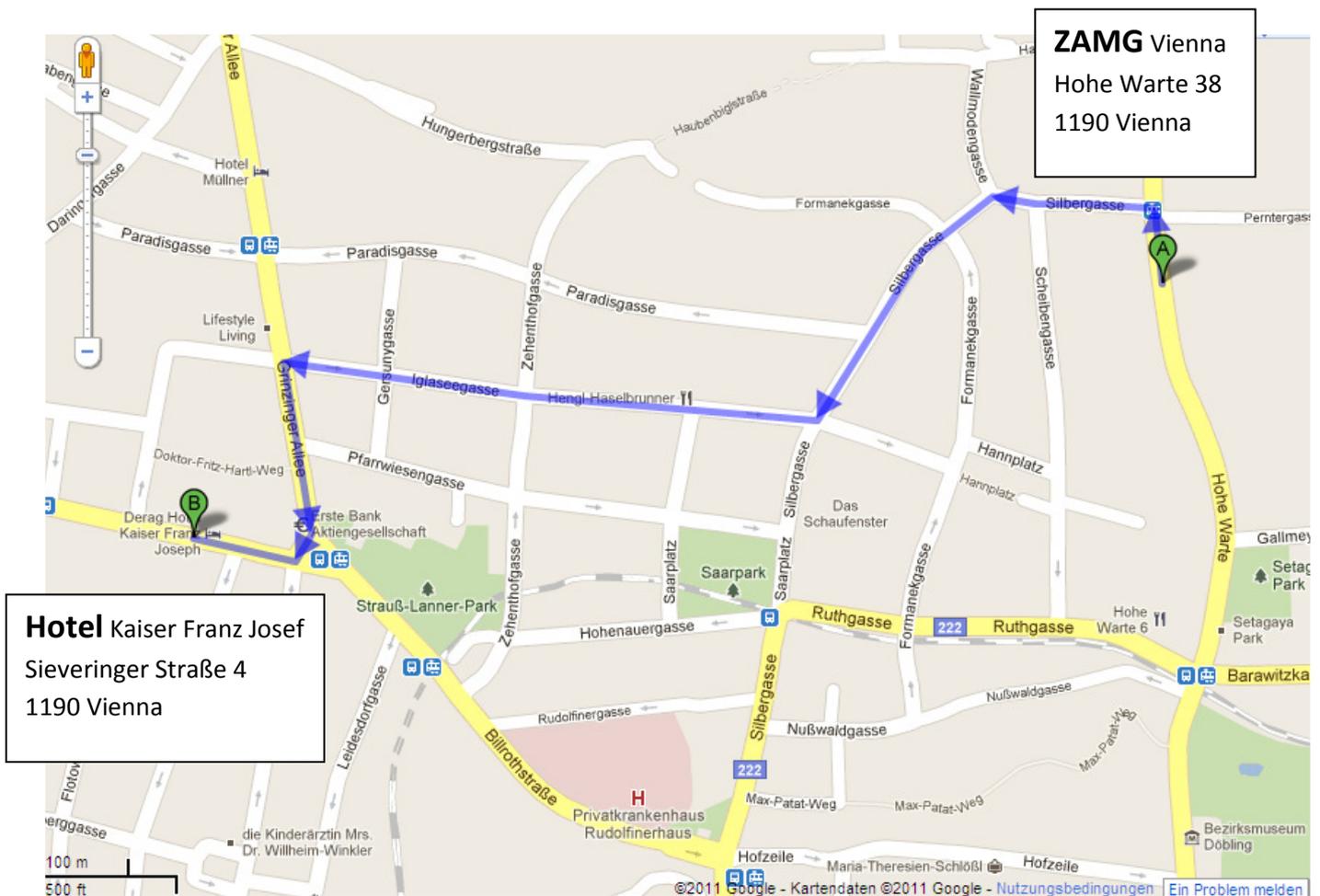
The meeting takes place at the **ZAMG - Central Institute for Meteorology and Geodynamics, Austria in Vienna.**

Address:

Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie und Geodynamik

Hohe Warte 38

1190 Vienna



Venue - Arrival by train

From Stations Wien Westbahnhof or Wien Meidling to ZAMG:

- ➡ Take underground U6 in direction "Floridsdorf", leave U6 at "Nußdorfer Straße" and change to tramline 37 in direction "Hohe Warte". The tramway stops just in front of ZAMG (tram stop "Perntergasse").

Venue - Arrival by plane

All international flights arrive at Vienna International Airport (Schwechat). From the airport you have several opportunities to reach the city and the hotels:

From the Vienna International Airport to ZAMG – www.zamg.at:

- ➡ Take the shuttle bus to station "Westbahnhof" and go ahead as described above. Alternatively you can take the City Airport Train (CAT) to "Wien Mitte", change to underground U4 in direction "Heiligenstadt", at stop "Spittelau" change to underground U6 to "Nußdorfer Straße" (1 station, direction "Siebenhirten"), take tramline 37 in direction "Hohe Warte" and leave at stop "Perntergasse" in front of ZAMG.

Recommended Hotel - Arrival by plane

From Vienna Airport to [Hotel Kaiser Franz Joseph](http://www.hotelkaiserfranzjoseph.com) - www.hotelkaiserfranzjoseph.com

We have pre-reserved Hotel rooms, if you do book the hotel online at <http://www.deraghotels.de/en.html>, please use the CODE: DD-NAS-RAS to get reduced prices.

If you want another hotel we can recommend the homepage of the Vienna Tourism Bureau: <http://www.wien.info>.

- ➡ The easiest way is to take the suburban railway **S7** to **Handelskai** (direction *Floridsdorf*). From there you can take the suburban railway **S45** to **Oberdoebling** (direction *Hueteldorf*) and when you get-off at the train station, the hotel is a 7 minutes' walk away (for instructions please refer to the map).
- ➡ The other possibility is to get to the city centre first – station **Landstrasse/Wien Mitte**. You will be able to get to this station either by suburban railway **S7** (direction *Floridsdorf, Wien Mitte or Wien Nord*) (25 min travel time, ticket: €3,40/pers.) or with the **CAT** - City Airport Train (15 min travel time, ticket: €9/pers.) which will take you non-stop to the city centre.

From **Landstrasse/Wien Mitte** you can take subway **U4** (green line) to **Heiligenstadt** and there you transfer to bus **38A** to station **Friedlgasse** (direction *Sievering*).

- ➔ A taxi from the airport to the city centre will cost approx. €35 to €40, depending on traffic.

Hotel - Arrival by Train

From Stations Wien Westbahnhof or Wien Meidling to Hotel Kaiser Franz Joseph

- ➔ Take underground U6 direction “Floridsdorf”, leave at stop „Nußdorfer Straße“, take tramline 38 direction “Grinzing”, leave at stop „Sieveringer Straße“, walk to crossroad with a clock in the middle, turn right into „Sieveringer Straße“, after approx. 50 m the hotel is situated on the right side.

Further Tourist information about Vienna

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www.vienna.cc

www.wien.gv.at

You are very welcome to our Meeting!

See you and Servus in Vienna

The organizing committee

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