

Klimanavigator - Climate Navigator

Gateway to climate knowledge in Germany



Information

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Partners

- Currently more than 60 partners out of the German science community

Funding

- Climate Service Center

Project Duration

- Start: August 2010
- Will be continued

Objectives

- Synthesis of knowledge
- Network of science institutions and projects
- Decision support tool
- Network of neighbouring platforms

Milestones

- September 2010: Kick-off workshop with interested partners
- July 2011: Klimanavigator goes online
- Autumn 2012: implementation of a faceted search
- Summer 2013: Integration of a new section „Links“

CONTEXT

More than 60 German research institutions and networks are represented on www.klimanavigator.de, a common platform, where information about their work, and the latest findings from climate research and adaptation can be found.

Thus Klimanavigator as a gateway to climate knowledge provides an information portal for those who have to respond to climate change. The internet portal gives an overview of the present state of research and is estimated as a decision support tool for appropriate mitigation and adaptation measures.

The portal collects the German climate research institutions to publish their scientific knowledge in a non-scientific language. Economists, policymakers, administration and the media are bound to find the names of scientific experts and institutions by an elaborated research tool.

METHODS

The chapter „Dossiers“ is edited by the Klimanavigator-Coordinator CSC. It gathers information to a special issue looked upon from various points of view. Publications of outstanding German scientists are presented side by side, current knowledge is being synthesized, scientifically reviewed and disseminated.

The latest news from climate and adaptation research is presented in an own chapter, dedicated to the press releases of the portal members. Via RSS-feed the press releases are collected from the different partner institutions.

Thirdly, portraits of the member institutions, that are individually edited by themselves, draw a map of science in Germany and help to find appropriate cooperation partners.

A fourth chapter is dedicated to commented links with similar platforms in neighbouring subjects. The overview gathers platforms in Germany, Europe and worldwide.

Further development is being planned.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Klimanavigator is being managed by the partners in common. The main decisions concerning the concept and shape of the portal are made by the partners' assembly. An elected editorial committee decides about the content between the assemblies. The Climate Service Center (part of the Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht) concentrates on facilitating the cooperation, and delivering the technical support.

PRODUCTS

- Map and navigator of climate and adaptation science in Germany
- Representation of science in Germany and Germany as a country of science
- Dossiers on important issues related to climate change and adaptation