

CLIMATE CHANGE, WATER AND SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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CLIMB & CLIWASEC Final Conference

Hosted by the

Representation of the Free State of Bavaria

at Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels



Conference Rationale

The Mediterranean region is experiencing a broad range of threats to water security. According to climate projections, the region is at risk due to its pronounced susceptibility to changes in the hydrological budget and extremes, which is expected to have strong impact on the management of water resources and on key strategic sectors of regional economies. Related developments have capacity to exacerbate tensions, and intra- and inter-state conflict among social, political, ecological and economic actors. Effective adaptation and prevention policy measures call for multi-disciplinary analysis and action.

In order to better assess the manifold consequences and uncertainties in climate impact on man-environment systems, a coordinated topic has been programmed in EU-FP7, bringing together the three projects CLICO (SSH), WASSERMed (ENV) and CLIMB (ENV) to establish the research cluster CLIWASEC (Climate Change, Water and Security; www.cliwasec.eu). Goals of this activity were to improve scientific synergy and policy outreach and to initiate and maintain a sound and successful dissemination process on regional, national and international levels.

This Conference highlights the research findings on climate change impacts, water and security issues in the Mediterranean region as seen from the three projects and the cluster. It brings together scientists, stakeholders and policy makers to discuss and exchange on related implications on policy and decision making from international, national and regional perspectives and provides recommendations on future research needs. Presentations and panel discussions will focus on a jointly delivered policy position paper, which will be published in the course of the event.

(Draft) Conference Agenda

08.00 – 09.00	Registration (and Coffee)
09.00 – 09.25	Welcome and Opening Dr. Angelika Schlunck (Director of the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU) NN (DG Climate) (tbc) Ralf Ludwig (CLIMB Co-ordinator)
09.25 – 09.40	An EU perspective on Climate Change Research – from FP7 to Horizon2020 Dr. Andrea Tilche (Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation)
09:40 – 10:00	Climate Change, Water and Security? An Introduction to the CLIWASEC cluster Roberto Roson & Ralf Ludwig
10.00 – 12.45	Climate Change Impacts on the Hydrology of Mediterranean Basins 10:00 – 10:15 Introduction to the CLIMB project (Ludwig) 10:15 – 11:00 Climate Change impacts on the watershed scale – Results from and Implications for the CLIMB case studies (Bellin et al.) 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break 11:15 – 12:00 Reducing Uncertainty, Assessing Vulnerability and Quantifying Risk (Prettenthaler et al.) 12:00 – 12:45 Stakeholder Intervention and Open Discussion (3 interventions, max. 10 min each, with discussion)
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch Break (on-site)
13.45 – 16.30	Climate Change, Water and Security in the Mediterranean 13:45 – 14:15 WASSERMed (title of presentation(s) to be announced) (Roson) 14:15 – 14:45 CLICO (title of presentation(s) to be announced) (Kloos) 14:45 – 15:15 Climate Change, Water and Security in the Nile Delta – a report from the common CLIWASEC case study (Vamvakeridou-Lyroudia, Mabrouk and Ludwig) 15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break 15:30 – 16:15 CLIWASEC Joint Policy Position Paper - Implications of and Adaptation to Climate Change in the Mediterranean (Roson, Kloos and Ludwig)
16.15 – 17.45	Open Panel Discussion (Moderator: Isabelle La Jeunesse/Thomas Ammerl) CLIWASEC and beyond: Perspectives for the Science-Policy Interface in Mediterranean Climate Change Impact and Adaptation Research Panelists: Angela Liberatore (DG-RTD, Directorate on International Cooperation) (tbc) Philippe Quevauviller (DG-Enterprise) Roberto Roson (WASSERMed) Julia Kloos (CLICO) Ralf Ludwig (CLIMB) 3 x CLIMB Stakeholders (tbd)
17.45 – 18.00	Closing of the Conference Lessons learned, Conclusion and Farewell (Ludwig)
18.00 – 20.00	Evening reception (on-site)