

Special session: User Requirement Assessment for accessing Climate Data and Information in Europe session

Background

This session is organized by **ISENES-2**, the 2nd phase of the Infrastructure project of the European Network on Earth System modellers and the new FP7 project **CLIPC** (Climate Information Platform for Copernicus), developing the new "one-stop-shop" EU Climate Information Portal. Both projects aim to provide access to climate information and data of direct relevance to a wide variety of users, from scientists to policy makers and private sector decision makers. This session aims at receiving feedback on developments to date in ISENES, and to inform participants about the user consultations activities over the coming years in the context of ISENES-2 and CLIP-C. Both research programs will integrate their user requirement activities. The session will address, amongst others, the climate4 impacts portal (<http://climate4impact.eu/impactportal/general/index.jsp>), which is being developed with the recommendations of the 2011 ISENES1/CIRCLE-2 workshop in mind, which was held at the EEA in Copenhagen on "Bridging Climate Research Data and the Needs of the Impact Community" (see <http://www.circle-era.eu/np4/256.html>).

For whom?

The sessions is of interest to professionals working in the field of climate change adaptation, climate change and climate change impact modellers who make use of e.g. climate data, climate models transformed data products and climate change impact indicators.

Objectives and anticipated results

1. Articulation of user requirements (in order to ensure the climate information portals to develop and communicate climate data and information which is of relevance to the users) Changes and developments in relation to the 2011 workshop (see background) will be discussed.
2. Formulate recommendations to IS-ENES and CLIP-C for an integrated strategy for user consultation in the coming years.
3. Inventory of users interested to participate in future consultation activities.

Session program

time	activity	method	person
15 min.	Short introduction to IS-ENES and CLIP-C. Objectives and program of this session	PPT presentation	Lars Barring (SMHI)
40 min.	Discussion on user requirements in two sub-groups: 1. Experts involved in agenda setting (research, reconnaissance, advice) 2. Experts involved in planning and implementation of climate (adaptation) policies or projects.	Round table discussion in two groups with four questions: 1. What data or information do you need? 2. For whom? 3. Why? 4. How to communicate these data?	facilitated by Erik van Slobbe (Wageningen University)
15 min.	Presentation on the climate4 impacts portal	PPT presentation	Cristian Page (CERFACS)
20 min.	Formulation of recommendations to IS-ENES and CLIP-C for an integrated strategy for user consultation in the coming years	Plenary brainstorm	facilitated by Erik van Slobbe