

## The Baltic Sea Region

The Baltic Sea Region covers almost 20 % of the European continent and spans different climate and population zones. The highly populated and industrialized south may be characterized by intensive agriculture and land use together with mild, humid mid-latitude climatic conditions, in contrast to the boreal and rural north featuring subarctic conditions in winter. About 85 million inhabitants live in the region.



The region represents an old cultural landscape which for centuries has developed a vivid exchange not only of goods, but also of cultural and scientific ideas. Climate change is expected to impact on both land and sea in a regionally varying manner, which may require different adaptation measures.



## The Venue

Hamburg is the metropolis of northern Germany and the gateway to both northern and eastern Europe. This city at the water's edge has for centuries had a cosmopolitan flair. Hamburg has benefited from its good economic, cultural and political relations with cities, regions and states all around the Baltic Sea ever since the Middle Ages.



The „Speicherstadt“ is an ensemble of historic storehouses at the banks of the Elbe river. Since 1991 it is listed a heritage site in Hamburg. The HafenCity quarter and the new Elbe Philharmonic Hall are in close vicinity, representing a completely new and highly attractive quarter of Hamburg. The conference venue is in one of the historic storehouses of the “Speicherstadt”.



Please submit your case study  
on regional climate change adaptation  
until 14 January 2011.

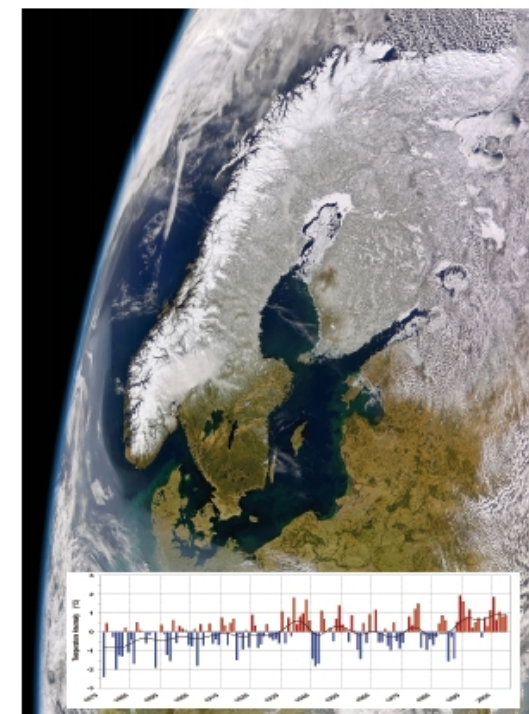
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## A BSSSC / BALTEX Conference



## Adapting to Climate Change Case Studies from the Baltic Sea Region



**Hamburg**  
Germany  
31 May 2011



## Background and Purpose

Actions towards establishing sustainable adaptation measures to climate change are currently taking place at various levels. One is the research community at large, where in an increasing manner dedicated projects are being launched to both identify regional and local impacts of climate change and, accordingly, identify suitable adaptation options. Several of these projects are being undertaken in close co-operation with relevant decision makers from various sectors, including policy and economy. Additionally, an increasing number of examples emerge where adaptation to regional climate change has reached the level of practical decision making and innovation.

The key objective of the conference is to give practitioners and decision makers at the regional political level in the Baltic Sea Region a platform to present and discuss concrete examples of regional or local adaptation to climate change.

The conference shall also summarize up-to-date findings on regional climate research and research actions targeted at supporting decision making in the context of regional adaptation to climate change in the Baltic Sea Region.

Conference language will be English.



## Conference Outline and Call for Case Studies

**Monday, 30 May 2011**

*18:00 Informal Get-Together*

**Tuesday, 31 May 2011**

*9:30 Morning Sessions*



### Session 1: The Science Base

Actual scientific evidence on past and future possible climate change based on the BALTEX Assessment of Climate Change for the Baltic Sea Region (BACC)

### Session 2: From Science to Politics

Examples of transfer of scientific knowledge to local and regional decision makers and ongoing national and international projects on regional adaptation



*14:00 Afternoon Sessions*

### Session 3: Case Studies

Demonstration and discussion of various practical examples including concepts, action plans and implementation by local and regional authorities in the Baltic Sea Region in the context of adaptation to climate change

*19:00 Reception in the Hamburg Town Hall for all conference participants*

For Session 3, an active participation of local and regional authorities is particularly desired!

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## BSSSC and BALTEX

The Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC) is a political network for decentralised authorities (subregions) in the Baltic Sea Region. The BSSSC was founded in Stavanger, Norway, in 1993. Its participants are regional



authorities of the 10 Baltic Sea littoral states. The BSSSC co-operates closely with other key Baltic Sea Region and European organisations and institutions. More information on BSSSC is available at [www.bsssc.com](http://www.bsssc.com).

BALTEX is an international research programme for the Baltic Sea Region, encompassing processes in the atmosphere, on land and in the sea. Particular focus of BALTEX is on regional climate change, water management and various aspects of air and water quality, where interdisciplinary approaches are an important aspect of the research. The assessment of regional climate research results has become an important aspect of BALTEX activities in the past years. The present co-operation with BSSSC is part of the outreach component of BALTEX with the overall aim to support research knowledge transfer to stakeholders and decision makers.

## Conference Organizers

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