



British Embassy  
Vilnius



1<sup>st</sup> International ASTRA Conference  
**“ARE WE PREPARED TO COPE WITH CLIMATIC CHANGES?  
 CONSEQUENCES OF THE WINTER STORM 2005”**

*May 18-20, 2006*  
*Hotel “Klaipeda”, Naujoji Sodo 1, Klaipeda, Lithuania*

*Draft Program*

**Thursday, May 18**

- 9:00 Registration of participants
- 9:30 **Opening of the meeting**
- 9:40 **Welcome of the conference participants**  
*Klaipeda City Municipality*  
*British Embassy Vilnius*  
*Lithuanian Ministry of Environment*
- 10:00 **Introduction to the ASTRA project**  
*Michael Staudt & Philipp Schmidt-Thome, Geological Survey of Finland*
- 10:10 **Introduction to the project "Awareness raising campaign on climate change"**  
*Vaiva Ramanauskiene, ECAT (Lithuania)*
- 10:20 **Climate change in Lithuania**  
*G. Stankunavicius, A. Bukantis, E. Rimkus, E. Stonevicius, Vilnius University (Lithuania)*
- 10:50 **Promoting Trans-European Risk Management in the Framework of EU's Territorial Agenda - What about Local and Regional Stakeholders?**  
*André Müller, Ministry of Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs (Germany)*
- 11:20 **Coffee**  
**I SESSION – Climate change in the BSR**
- 11:50 **Climate impact research in the BSR- state of the art**  
*Dr. Juergen Kropp, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (Germany)*
- 12:20 **An overview of adaptation strategies for climate change existing in the BSR**  
*Elena Talockaite, ECAT (Lithuania)*
- 12:50 **The winter storm 2005 as an example of an extreme event – a scoping study for ASTRA**  
*Dr. Lasse Peltonen, Helsinki University of Technology, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies (Finland)*
- 13:20 Questions and discussions
- 13:30 **Lunch**

## II SESSION – European dimension of climate change

14:30 **Climate change and European Union**

*Andrus Meiner, EEA (Denmark)*

15:00 **Adaptation to climate change from the perspective of EU NGOs.**

*Ruta Bubniene, Climate Action Network CAN-E (Belgium)*

15:30 **AMICA: European cities striving for best practice examples for integrating adaptation and mitigation**

*Manfred Stock, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (Germany)*

16:00 Questions and discussions

16:10 **Coffee**

## III SESSION – Climate change and spatial planning

16:40 **Strategic and spatial planning in Lithuania**

*Rita Palciauskaite, Land Management Institute (Lithuania)*

17:10 **The Management of the Lithuanian Coast of the Baltic Sea**

*Gintautas Zilinskas, Darius Jarmalavicius, Donatas Pupienis, Institute of Geology and Geography, Klaipeda University Institute of Maritime and Cultural Landscapes (Lithuania)*

17:40 Questions and discussions

18:00 Closing of the day

19:00 **Dinner**

## Friday, May 19

9:00 **Review and preview of the day**

9.10 **ESPACE - European Spatial Planning: Adapting to Climate Events**

*Bryan Boulton, The ESPACE Project, Environment Department, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire (United Kingdom)*

9:40 **IV SESSION PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

### Workshop A

#### **Scientific workshop**

*Facilitator: tba*

First impact results of the case studies  
Partners' presentations of case study areas

11:30 Coffee

12:00 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS (cont.)

13:30 Lunch

## **V SESSION-PLENARY**

Reporting from the work shops and panel discussion with keynote speakers (statement):

“Are We Prepared To Cope with climatic changes?”

16.30 Closing of the conference

19.00 Dinner

## Saturday, May 20

9.00 **Study trip to Curonian Spit** (whole day, estimated end 16:00)