



British Embassy
Vilnius



1st 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)