

ASTRA Project – Fact Sheet 06/06

<http://www.astra-project.org>



Latest news

- **SEAREG/ASTRA project was awarded the Amber tree award during the Baltic Sea INTERREG IIB conference in Malmö, Sweden.**
- **The second ASTRA conference will take place on the 26-28 October 2006 in Gdansk, Poland. More information available soon.**

"Developing Policies & Adaptation Strategies to Climate Change in the Baltic Sea Region" (ASTRA)

Focussing on the Baltic Sea Region (BSR), the project "*Developing Policies & Adaptation Strategies to Climate Change in the Baltic Sea Region*" (ASTRA) assesses regional impacts of the ongoing global change in climate and, then, develop adequate strategies and policies for climate change adaptation.

The project is co-financed by the Interreg III B programme of the European Union, with a project budget of 2,2 Mio Euro. The time frame of the ASTRA project is from June 2005 to December 2007.

Background

The impact of climate change, along with the societal impacts of natural hazards, play an important role in the spatial and economic development of regions.

- The economical losses caused by natural hazards are rising continuously.
- Climate change has potential long-term effects on the living environment, sea level rise and coastal protection.

Positive responses towards these impacts on development are mid to long term strategies that are supported by decision makers and other stakeholders, including regional and local planners.

Aims of the ASTRA project

- 1) Climate modelling / climate impact research
- 2) Adaptation strategies
- 3) Risk awareness / policy recommendations

Astra's partners comprise various research institutes and regional planning offices around the Baltic Sea Region, broken down to 19 inner and 16 outer circle partners. Lead partner of the project is the Geological Survey of Finland (www.gtk.fi).

Geological Survey of Finland

Betonimiehenkuja 4, 02151 Espoo, Finland

Contact Persons:

Philipp Schmidt-Thomé (Project co-ordinator)

Michael Staudt (Project manager)

E-Mail: michael.staudt@gtk.fi

www.gtk.fi



Project part-financed by the European Union (European Regional Development Fund) within the BSR INTERREG III B NP programme

www.bsrinterreg.net