

International Final Conference

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Venice International University,
Isola di San Servolo,
Venice, Italy

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euro-asian research and training in climate change management

Clima

is a project funded by the European Union and supported by the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea. **Clima** is developed within the *Asia-Link Programme*, a programme dedicated to higher education networking between Europe and Asia. It aims to create a Euro-Asian network on Climate Change and Sustainable Development, to strengthen the community and to bridge the gap between science, policy making and practice.

The project responds to the need to enhance the technical and scientific capacities of young researchers and faculty, in order to understand and respond to the local impacts of global changes by promoting sustainable policies, procedures and practices.

Within the 3 years project, **Clima** has :

- trained 20 young researchers/faculty from the partner universities through 4 thematic workshop;
- developed research activity twinning the young beneficiaries work with the senior scientists/experts supervision;
- developed an on-line curriculum of post-graduate studies (Masters) for technical staff dealing with international regulations, national implementation and application of economic tools.

Activities developed

Training Session

1. Global to National Governance on Climate Change

Vrije University, Amsterdam,
The Netherlands
month 10th

2. Sustainable Integrated Coastal Management & Risk Assessment

University of Karachi, Pakistan
month 14th

3. Energy and Protection of Soil & Biodiversity

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France
month 18th

4. Integrated Water & Air Management

Renmin University of China,
Beijing, P.R. China
month 24th

International Final Conference

Presents the project outcomes to a larger public, with the aim of raising public awareness towards climate change through practices that can be performed by various stakeholders.

The conference includes speeches by high level experts from the countries involved as well as from international bodies, presentations and posters by the trainees on the research carried out within the project and a presentation of the master on-line developed within CLIMA. A Stakeholders' Round Table is foreseen within the event to foster the relations between scientists and policy-makers.

Scientific Research

20 research papers have been developed on different climate change aspects by the trainees under the supervision of international experts. 4 of the research papers developed have been already published in international journals. The best papers will be presented at the final conference; posters will illustrate all papers developed within the project.

Curriculum Development

The four training Sessions have resulted in the development of course materials for an on-line curriculum of post-graduate studies on Climate Change management which will be jointly launched at the Final Conference.

Virtual Community

An international community, based on a platform on-line, has been established by the project and constitutes the basis for sharing knowledge, support collaboration and research on a cross national perspective.

Outcomes

- a set of original and innovative research outputs in the field of Climate Change Management;
- a curriculum for an on-line Master Program to be launched jointly by the 7 partners after the project;
- a web platform to support the Master Program and to disseminate the scientific project results to a wider academic and policy-making audience.

Thursday, Oct. 9

9.15-9.30 am	Opening Remarks	I. Musu , CLIMA Scientific Coordinator	
9.30-10.10 am	Invited Speaker 1	A. Navarra , Euro-Mediterranean Center for Climate Change	Regional Short Term and Long Term Projections of Climate Change
10.10-10.50 am	Invited Speaker 2	B. Ghauri , University of Karachi	Satellite Applications in Atmospheric Monitoring and Climate Change
10.50-11.10 am	Coffee/tea break		
11.10-11.50 am	Invited Speaker 3	J. Gupta , Vrije University Amsterdam	Global Governance of Climate Change: Towards a Future Agreement
11.50-12.30 am	Invited Speaker 4	J.E. Da Vega , University of San Paulo	Global Warming and the Development Process
12.30-2.00 pm	Buffet Lunch & Poster Session		
2.00-2.30 pm	Trainees' papers presentations 1		
2.30-3.00 pm	Trainees' papers presentations 2		
3.00-3.30 pm	Trainees' papers presentations 3		
3.30-4.00 pm	Trainees' papers presentations 4		
4.00-4.20 pm	Coffee/tea break		
4.20-5.00 pm	Invited Speaker 5	Xu Huaqing , National Development and Reform Commission	National Policy and Programme on Climate Change
5.00-5.40 pm	Invited Speaker 6	Naveed Ahmad Tahir , University of Karachi	Social Implications of Climate Change for the Coastal Area of Pakistan
5.40-6.20 pm	Invited Speaker 7	J.C. Hourcade , Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales	The Importance of an Early Action on Infrastructures in Developing Countries as Precondition to Reconcile Climate Action and Development
8.00 pm	Welcome Dinner		

Friday, Oct. 10

9.30-10.10 am	Invited Speaker 8	Z. Ji, Renmin University,	Innovative International Mechanism for Development and Transfer of Climate Sound Technology
10.10-10.50 am	Invited Speaker 8	F. Francioni, European University Institute	International Cooperation for Climate Change Policy: the Economic and Human Security Dimensions
10.50-11.10 am	Coffee/tea break		
11.10-12.30 am	Master-on-line presentations and project results		
12.30-2.00 pm	Buffet Lunch and poster session		
2.00-2.40 pm	Invited Speaker 10	P. Vellinga, Vrije University Amsterdam	Climate Change and Sea Level Scenarios
2.40-3.20 pm	Invited Speaker 11	C. Carraro, Ca' Foscari University of Venice	Climate Change in a Post-Kyoto Perspective
3.20-3.30 pm	Coffee/tea break		
3.30-5.30 pm	Round Table International Stakeholders	C. Clini, Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea H. Xu, National Development and Reform Commission P. Costa, Venice Port Authority P. Qasim Raza Siddiqui, University of Karachi T. Anfodillo, University of Padova U. Margiotta, Ca' Foscari University of Venice C. Giupponi, Ca' Foscari University of Venice K. He, Tsinghua University W. Yuan, Renmin University	
5.30-5.40 pm	Concluding Remarks	I. Musu, CLIMA Scientific Coordinator	
5.40 pm	Closing Cocktail		

Partners

Leading Partner

Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy

Partners

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France

**Renmin University of China,
P.R. China**

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Land and Sea, Italy**

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**National Development and Reform
Commission, P.R.China**

Asia Link Programme

Asia-Link, higher education networking
between Europe and Asia

The Asia-Link Programme was launched at the beginning of 2002 as an initiative by the European Union (EU) to foster regional and multilateral networking between higher education institutions in EU Member States and South Asia, South-East Asia and China.

This five-year programme, which has a total budget of 42.8 million euro, aims to provide support to European and Asian higher education institutions in the areas of human resource development, curriculum development and institutional and systems development

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