



invitation needs for regional response to risks of climate change





The course for the global climate policy will be set in Durban with the scientific expertise being delivered by the IPCC – however, it is of no less importance which measures will be taken on the local and regional level in order to protect our climate and tackle the consequences of climate change. Climate change will have far-reaching consequences – but what exactly will be the consequences in the places we are living in? What are the scientific findings upon which local and regional decision-makers can base their long-term and far-reaching decisions?

Hamburg – European Green Capital 2011 – is a port city on the river Elbe and the centre of a metropolitan region. Hamburg is directly affected by both sea-level rise and inland flooding. It is also a research location with excellent institutes and clusters in the fields of climate and climate impact research. Our event has two intentions: On the one hand we invite experts to show us how researchers, scientists and decision-makers co-operate in these fields; via our panel discussion, on the other hand, we want to provide a platform for dialogue on where we need to direct EU funds for research, innovation and cohesion in order to support the regions faced with this Herculean task to protect the climate and adapt to climate change appropriately.

8 November 2011, from 6.30 pm, at the Hanse-Office

<u>Welcome</u>

Dr Claus Müller (Hanse-Office, Director Hamburg)

Chair

Dr Benno Hain, Coordinator for Climate Protection & Head of the Coordinating Center for Climate Issues, Ministry of Urban Development and Environment Hamburg

<u>Climate Impact Research from a **European** Point of View</u>

Dr Ing Wolfram Schrimpf, European Commission, GD Research & Innovation

<u>Regional climate research and climate service in Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein</u>

Prof Dr Hans von Storch, Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht, Centre for Materials and Coastal Research

Regional Management of Climate Impact Research

Hans-Jochen Hinz, Director Landesbetrieb (government-owned company) Roads, Bridges and Waters, Hamburg, Ministry for Economy, Transport and Innovation

- Which scientific and financial requirements are needed for regional planners?

<u>Discussion</u>

The discussion will be followed by a reception.



RSVP by 4 November 2011 to events@hanse-office.de



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