



E-CLAT Climate change and tourism conference

Theme: Tourism and Climate Change Mitigation

11-14 June 2006, The Netherlands

The e-CLAT research network is proud to announce an international conference on Climate Change & Tourism. The theme of the conference is 'Tourism and Climate Change Mitigation'.

Tourism is responsible for emitting large amounts of greenhouse gases, in particular through (air) transport, which makes it a major agent of climate change. The tourism sector is growing large and rapidly, and its energy intensity is considerable and rising. This makes tourism sensitive to a broad spectrum of mitigation policies, ranging from sector-specific technical requirements to general increases in fuel prices. Climate change will also have a direct impact on tourism, as it interferes with the climatic differences between regions that determine a large share of the (international) tourism market. Climate change will upset the current competitive positions of tourist destinations, calling for adaptation measures.

The e-Climate Change And Tourism (e-CLAT) research network is dedicated to studying all interactions between climate change and tourism. After its foundation in Milan in June 2003, the e-CLAT research community has convened or participated in a number of workshops¹. Most of these were predominantly or

¹ E-CLAT organised a range of meetings: Milan in 2003, Warsaw in 2003, Genova in 2004. Other conferences on this topic were organised by the International Society of Biometeorology (Crete in 2002 and 2004), and the World Tourism Organisation (Djerba in 2003).

entirely dedicated to the adaptation side of the e-CLAT research field.

The forthcoming e-CLAT conference wishes to cover the full spectrum of climate-tourism relationships, with a special emphasis on aspects of mitigation, including the following themes:

1. **Methods & Data**
Research into the link between tourism and climate change and the mechanism behind it: how much do the different sub-sectors of tourism and the different phases of a trip contribute? How can this be calculated? What models and data are available? And how can tourism emissions be included in national emissions inventories?
2. **Emission Reductions**
Investigation of options for the tourist industry/sector to reduce tourism's impact on the global climate. Assessment of the potential to reduce GHG emissions: i) by reducing transport volumes (e.g. changing destinations and increasing length of stay), ii) shifting transport modes, iii) improving energy-efficiency or switching to carbon neutral energy for tourism transport, iv) improving energy efficiency for accommodation and activity operations, v) encouraging the use of renewable energy sources, and vi) offsetting carbon emissions through carbon sinks.
3. **Policy Options and instruments**
Analysis of options stakeholders have to change the nature of the link between tourism and climate change. Changing consumer attitudes and preferences and other socio-cultural issues may be discussed here, as well as the impacts of general or tourism-specific climate change mitigation policies (e.g. emission charges or levies, and emission trading).



More information on the themes can be found in the Mitigation Research Agenda developed by e-CLAT (download on www.cru.uea.ac.uk/tourism/).

Deliverables

All accepted abstracts will be published on the website of E-CLAT (www.cru.uea.ac.uk/tourism/). The un-reviewed draft papers will be distributed to the delegates by means of the website and a CD-ROM before or at the beginning of the conference. All reviewed final papers will be published in the NHTV Academic Series.

Organising committee

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- Stefan Gössling (Lund University, Helsingborg, Sweden)

Venue

For the conference we have found a lovely venue in De Spreeuwel (pronounce 'spra-well'). This resort is located in the province Noord-Brabant in the south of The Netherlands. The place is surrounded by woods, heath and natural pools and some rural farmland.

Costs

Attending the conference will cost €300,-. This includes access to all workshops and presentations, all meals and refreshments during the day and three nights accommodation from Sunday 11th of June

till the morning of Wednesday 14th. Also the Conference CD-ROM and the Conference proceedings are included.

Application and timetable

Please use the attached registration form to submit an abstract. All authors intending to attend the meeting have to submit a separate form. Abstract deadline is January 31st 2006. Confirmations for accepted papers will be sent on February 25th 2006. The conference is only open to delegates whose abstract has been accepted. A maximum of two authors per paper may attend. However more authors may be mentioned on the paper, but they cannot be accepted for attending the conference, unless these authors have an accepted abstract of their own as first or second author.

Draft papers deadline is May 1st 2006. Papers online from May 25th. Review of full papers will be ready on the 1st of August, with a deadline for the final paper on the 1st of October.

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