

Conference
**Pathfinding through
Climate Change**

Riga, Latvia, November 8th – 9th, 2011



Experiences presented by
BalticClimate

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to invite you to participate in the conference
“Pathfinding through Climate Change”

which will take place in

Riga, Latvia, from 8th to 9th of November, 2011.

Today a question about the existence of climate change phenomenon stands no more. Climate is changing and we must learn to live with it. But we believe that it brings not only threats and challenges, but also presents chances and opportunities.

The conference is aimed at summing up the realizations of the project “Baltic Challenges and Chances for local and regional development generated by Climate Change.” The project has been carried out by 23 partners and further Associated Organizations from 8 Baltic Sea Region countries (Germany, Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Russia, and Sweden). The main purpose of the project is to support local and regional authorities/ actors in dealing with the issue of climate change.

Conference highlights will include:

- Climate Change in the Baltic Sea Region.
- Experiences in the Transport, Energy, Agriculture and Housing Sectors (incl. examples from the BalticClimate Target Areas).
- Climate Change and Business.
- Visualisations in the Multimedia dome, BalticClimate Idea Bazaar: Publication of the Toolkit and Posters.
- Panel Discussion with Multipliers for Policy Making, Spatial Planning and Business.

The conference will also be a platform for exchange of ideas and knowledge relevant to climate change in the Baltic Sea Region.

Please make your [Registration](#) for the Conference on-line by September 30th, 2011 the latest. You will receive a written registration confirmation via e-mail.

The official language of the Conference is English.

Organisers:

BalticClimate Project team

State Ltd. “Vides projekti”, Latvia

Academy for Spatial Research and Planning (ARL), Germany.

Conference location: 55 Elizabetes Street, Riga, Latvia (Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija)

You are warmly welcome to participate in the Conference!
We look forward to meet you in Riga!

Bernhard Heinrichs

President of the Academy for Spatial Research and Planning (ARL)/ Germany
BalticClimate Lead Partner

Ivars Ozolins

Chairman of the Board, State Ltd. “Vides projekti”/ Latvia

Monday, November 7th

- 18.00-21.00 **Registration**
19.00-21.00 **Get-together incl. opening of the Multimedia dome**
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Tuesday, November 8th

- 8.00 **Registration**
- 9.00 **Opening**
Evelyn Gustedt, Academy for Spatial Research and Planning (ARL), Germany
- 9.10 **Welcome addresses**
The Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia
Martti Ahokas, formerly Regional Council of Central Finland, Finland
- 9.30 **Keynote speech: Climate Change in the Baltic Sea Region – Approaches to Respond**
Mattias Hjerpe, Centre for Climate Science and Policy Research (CSPR), Sweden
- 10.10 **Introduction to parallel sessions for the Transport, Energy, Agriculture and Planning/Housing Sectors**
Evelyn Gustedt, Academy for Spatial Research and Planning (ARL), Germany
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.15 **Parallel sessions I**

A) Experiences in the Transport sector

Keynote: *Lars Westholm, Municipality of Gävle, Sweden*

Presentation of examples from the BalticClimate Target Areas
Paul Palmer, Regional Planning Association Westmecklenburg, Germany
Terje Villemi, Harju Public Transport Centre, Estonia
Hanna Kunttu, Regional Council of Central Finland, Finland
Kalle Pungas, Saku Municipality, Estonia
Egils Silins, Pargauja Municipality, Latvia

Moderation: *Mari Jüssi, Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre, Estonia*

B) Experiences in the Energy sector

Keynote: *Lauri Penttinen, Central Finland Energy Agency – Benet Ltd., Finland*

Presentation of examples from the BalticClimate Target Areas
Hannu Koponen, Regional Council of Central Finland, Finland
Mikhail Nikolaev / George Varlamov, Pskov State Polytechnic Institute, Russia
Moderation: *Hannu Koponen, Regional Council of Central Finland, Finland*

12.45 Lunch

14.15 **Parallel sessions II**

C) Experiences in the Agriculture sector

Keynote: *Maxi Nachtigall, Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat, Sustainable Development – Baltic 21, Sweden*

Presentation of examples from the BalticClimate Target Areas
Justas Kazys, Vilnius University, Lithuania
Antje Middelschulte, UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Schaalsee, Germany
Olga Bakumenko, Pskov State Polytechnic Institute, Russia

Moderation: *Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė, Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics, Lithuania*

D) Experiences in the Planning/Housing sector

Keynote: *Mark Fleischhauer, TU Dortmund University, Germany*

Presentation of examples from the BalticClimate Target Areas
Gabriele Hoffmann, Regional Planning Association Westmecklenburg, Germany
Lars Westholm, Municipality of Gävle, Sweden
Andreas Haberg, Municipality of Söderhamn, Sweden
Hannu Koponen, Regional Council of Central Finland, Finland

Moderation: *Sebastian Ebert, Academy for Spatial Research and Planning (ARL), Germany*

15.45 Coffee break

16.15 **Climate Change and Business: A SWOT Analysis Tool for SMEs**
Susanna Horn, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

17.00 – 19.00 **BalticClimate Idea Bazaar: Publication of the multi-language BalticClimate Toolkit; poster session; refreshments**

Wednesday, November 9th

9.00 **Lessons Learned about Challenges and Chances for Local and Regional Development**
Moderators of previous parallel sessions

10.00 **BalticClimate Film**

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 **Panel discussion with facilitators for Policy Making, Spatial Planning and Business**

Ole Damsgaard, Nordregio, Sweden
Esther Hoffmann, Institute for Ecological Economy Research, Germany
Sirkku Juhola, Aalto University, Finland
additional panelists tba;

Moderation: *Ansis Bogustovs, journalist, Latvia*

12.30 **Closing words**

12.45 Lunch

ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

I. Registration

On-line [Registration](#) is organised for the Conference. Written registration confirmations will be sent via e-mail.

The registration for the Conference is handled by the State Ltd. „Vides Projekti”. If you have any questions related to the registration, please contact the State Ltd. „Vides Projekti” by emailing: balticclimate@videsprojekti.lv, telephone +371 672 15068.

II. Conference Venue

Conference will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija which is located in the centre of Riga.

Address: 55 Elizabetes Street, Riga, Latvia.

Additional information: www.radissonblu.com/latvijahotel-riga.

How to reach the conference venue?

A) From the Riga International Airport (RIX)

Address: RIGA Airport 10/1, Marupes regions, Riga

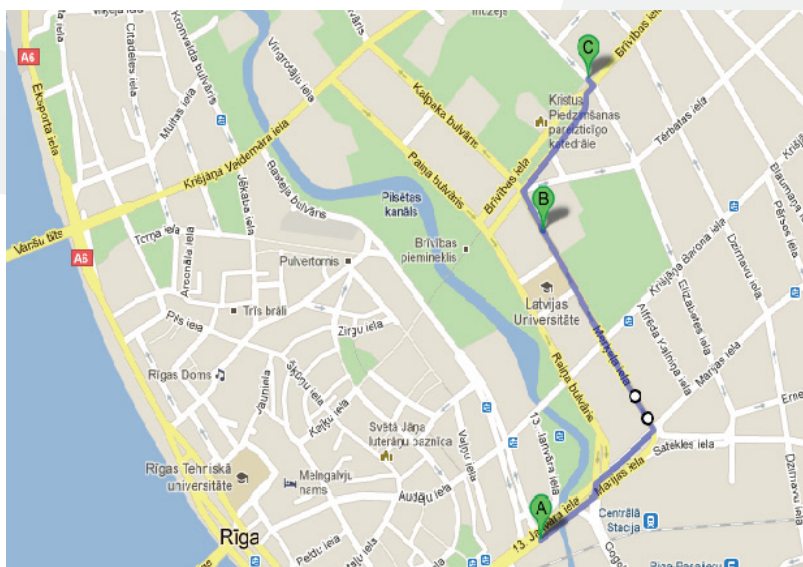
- ▶ **Bus No 22** has direct services between the airport and the city centre.

You will get out straight at the terminal on the 2nd level. To get on the bus at the airport look for bus stop located opposite the terminal behind the car park. Frequency: 10 - 30 minutes. Journey time: about 30 minutes.

A ticket for one trip can be bought from the bus driver (price LVL 0.70 or ca. EUR 1.00, cash only, Lats only) or at the airport services and tourism information bureau "Welcome to Riga", ticket vending machine at Arrivals E and in the bus station, or in the press kiosks located on the 2nd level of the terminal (price LVL 0.50).

Get out at the stop "Stockmann centrs". Conference venue – the Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija could be reached by walk (15 minutes), by bus No 21 or No 40 (10 minutes) or by taxi (8 minutes).

Take a bus No 21 or No 40 at the stop "Stockmann centrs"; get out at the stop "Brivibas Bulvaris". Then turn right and go straight till Elizabetes Street. Hotel is located on the corner of Elizabetes and Brivibas Street.



From Riga International Airport to Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

A - Bus stop "Stokman centrs", B - Bus stop "Brīvības bulvāris", C - Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

- ▶ **Taxi**

Journey time from the airport to the centre of Riga is approximately 20 minutes by taxi.

Taxi charge from airport to the city centre is approximately 9.00 LVL (ca. 13.00 EUR). Payments are accepted in cash (Lats only) or by a payment card.

- ▶ **"Airport Express" minibuses provided by "airBaltic"**

Airport Express will take you directly to the hotel. Journey time from the airport to the centre of Riga is approximately 20 minutes. Tickets could be purchased online at www.airbaltic.lv, at "airBaltic" ticket offices in the city, hotels and brought from the bus driver (cash only in Lats or Euros). The price for a ride is LVL 3.00 (ca. EUR 5.00).

B) From the Riga Central Train Station

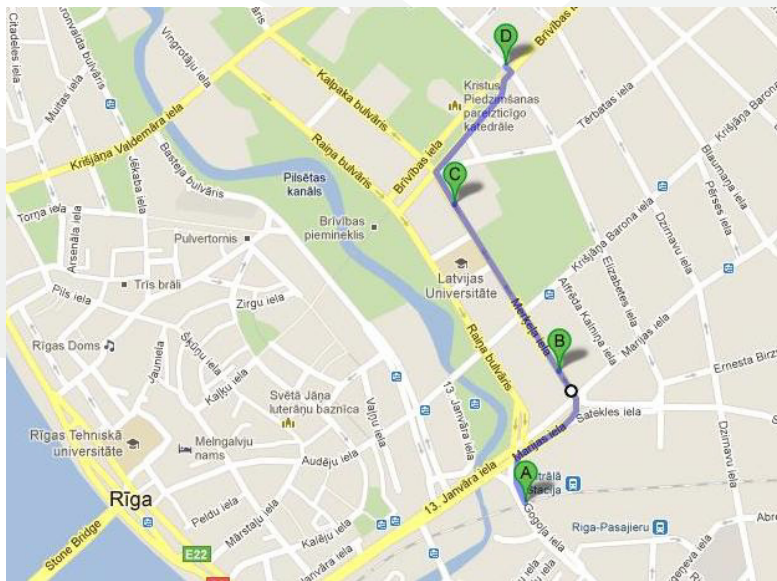
Address: Station Square 2, Riga

- ▶ International railways connecting Riga with Lithuania and Russia are available for conference visitors. Riga Central Train Station is located in the city centre. Conference venue – the Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija could be reached by walk (15 minutes), by buses No 21 or No 40 (12 minutes) or by taxi (7 minutes). Take a bus No 21 or No 40 at the stop “Merķeļa iela”; get out at the stop “Brīvības Bulvaris”. Then turn right and go straight till Elizabetes Street. Hotel is located on the corner of Elizabetes and Brīvības Street.

C) From the Riga International Coach Terminal

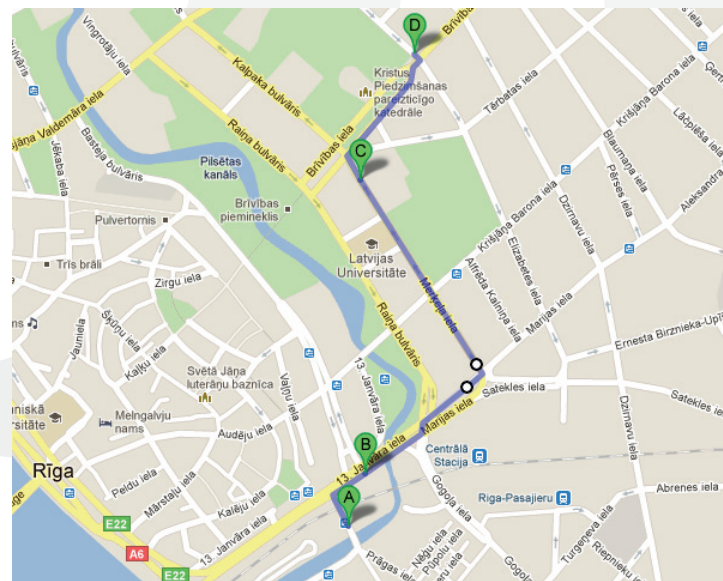
Address: 1 Pragas Street, Riga

- ▶ There is a choice of international bus lines connecting Riga with other European cities. Buses are the cheapest but least comfortable method of reaching Latvia with direct buses from Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Russia and Poland. Riga International Bus Station is located in the city centre. Conference venue – the Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija could be reached by walk (18 minutes), by bus (15 minutes) or by taxi (8 minutes). Take a bus No 21 or No 40 at the stop “Stokmann centrs”; get out at the stop “Brīvības Bulvaris”. Then turn right and go straight till Elizabetes Street. Hotel is located on the corner of Elizabetes and Brīvības Street.



From Central Train Station to Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

- A - Central Train Station*
- B - Bus stop "Merķeļa iela"*
- C - Bus stop "Brīvības bulvāris"*
- D --Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija*



From International Coach Terminal to Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

- A - International Coach Terminal*
- B - Bus stop "Stokman centrs"*
- C - Bus stop "Brīvības bulvāris"*
- D - Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija*

III. Accommodation

- ▶ Accommodation can be provided at the conference hotel at special rates and must be directly paid to the hotel by each guest. In order to benefit from these special rates, please make your reservation for accommodation by **October 23rd 2011** the latest by fax: +371 677 72221 directly to the Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija by using only the separate and attached accommodation booking form!