

Climate Change and Variability: Impact in Central and Eastern Europe

The European Commission recently has decided to fund a project titled \204Climate Change and Variability: Impact in Central and Eastern Europe\223 with the acronym \204CLAVIER\223. This 3-year project, a so called \204specific targeted research project (STREP)\223 within Framework Programme 6, is planned to start in Autumn 2006. Within CLAVIER three representative Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC) will be studied in detail: Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria. Researchers from 6 countries and different disciplines will identify linkages between climate change and its impact on weather patterns with consequences on air pollution, extreme events, and on water resources. Furthermore, an evaluation of the economic impact on agriculture, tourism, energy supply and the public sector will be conducted.