Target Areas
BalticClimate activities are pilot implemented in 7 Target Areas in Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia and Sweden.

Partners
BalticClimate team is comprised of 23 Project Partners from Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden plus further 16 Associated Organisations, including from Russia. The five project Work Packages are transnationally managed by:

- Academy for Spatial Research and Planning (ARL), Germany
- Environmental Projects Ltd (State Ltd “Vides Projekti”), Latvia
- Centre for Climate Science and Policy Research (CSPR), Sweden
- Regional Council of Central Finland (RCCF), Finland
- Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre (SEIT), Estonia

Baltic Challenges and Chances for local and regional development generated by Climate Change

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Aim of the project
BalticClimate works to make the climate change phenomenon understood as a challenge as well as a chance for overall and sustainable development of the economics, environment and social sector in all Baltic Sea Region countries. The project enables municipalities, local and regional stakeholders to deal with the issue of climate change in a cooperative, integrated and sustainable way. Thus, BalticClimate makes municipalities and regions more competitive for the future to maintain and enhance the common existing identity of the Baltic Sea Region.

Duration and Budget
The project is implemented from 2009 to 2011. The budget of BalticClimate is contributed from ERDF (within the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013) as well as own contributions of all Project Partners and amounts to a total of 4,220,720 €.

Approach
BalticClimate’s project process is divided into three main stages: Inventory phase, Vulnerability Assessment phase and Capitalisation phase. Challenges and chances generated by climate change are identified in special Target Areas and deeper analyses focus on selected Implementation Cases in the sectors of transport, energy, housing and agriculture. The development of climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies and measures takes spatial, socioeconomic, demographic, ecological and cultural factors into consideration in order to lead to an overall sustainable development in each Target Area. Based on the activities implemented locally and regionally with scientific guidance the approach is to be generalised and integrated in a Toolkit. This central project output is characterised as

- A process-oriented pathfinder
- ICT-based
- Multilingual
- Transferable and easy to apply

The BalticClimate Toolkit will be widely distributed to be applied for free within all Baltic Sea Region countries in order to further multiply the achieved project results on local and regional level.