



# **ECRA General Assembly 2017**

## **Climate Change and Vulnerable Regions**

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# ECRA General Assembly 2017

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Coudenberg 3  
1000 Brussels



*European Climate Research Alliance  
General Assembly, 7-8 March 2017*

## **Climate Change and Vulnerable Regions**



**The European Climate Research Alliance (ECRA)** is an association of leading European research institutions in the field of climate research.

**ECRA** is a bottom-up initiative launched in 2011, and focusing on the objective to bring together, expand and optimize European expertise in climate research by sharing existing national research capacities and infrastructures.



**European Climate Research Alliance:  
4 October 2011, European Parliament**

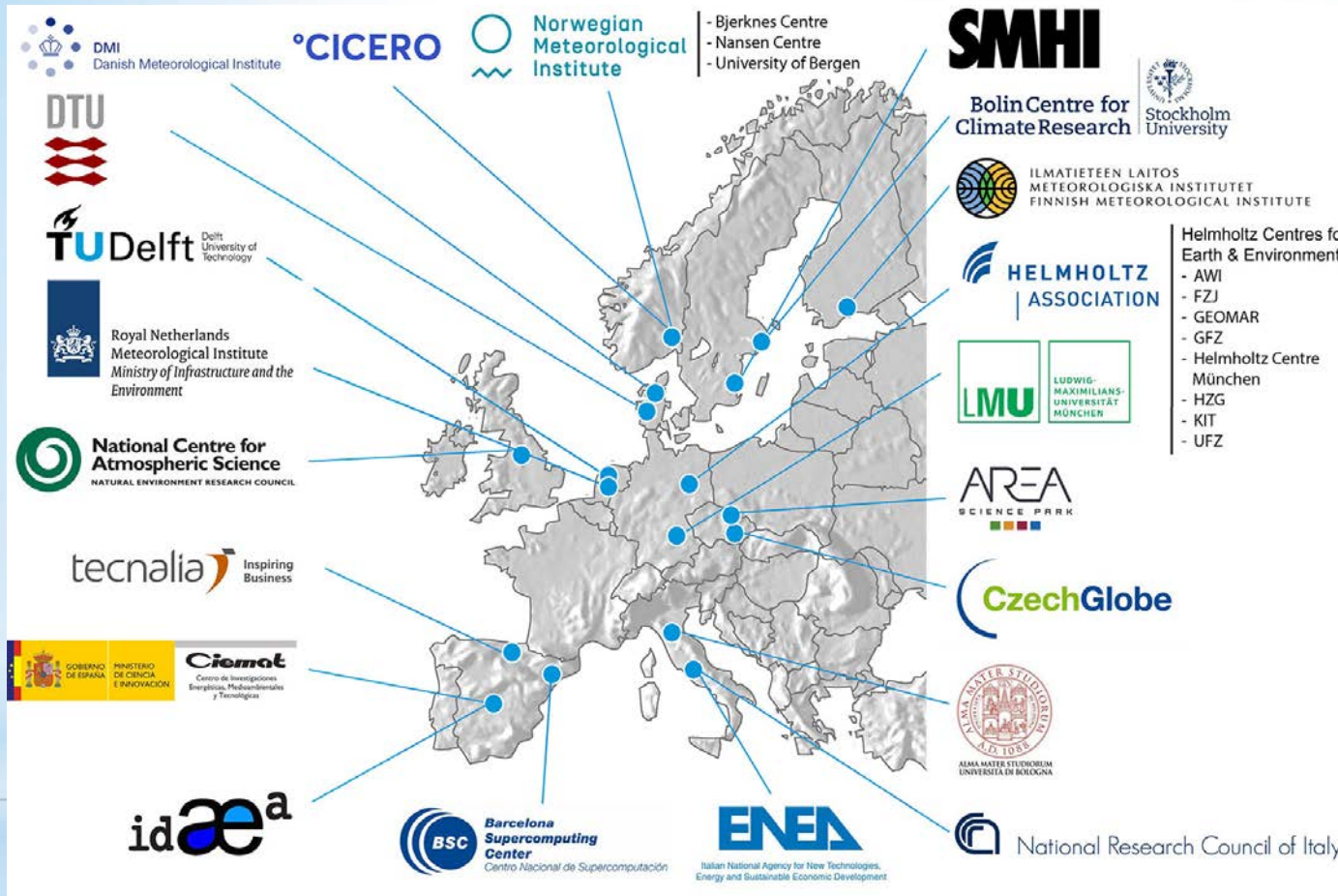


## “Added Value” for European Research

- **Bottom-up approach** for research strategy based on scientists and participating scientific institutions
- **Platform for joint research planning and activities** in European climate research (national/European)
  - Common strategy to tackle research questions
  - Exchange of information (science, funding)
  - Exchange of personnel (within CPs)
  - Optimised use of existing infrastructure (e.g. data centres)
- **A unified voice** for climate research in Europe



# ECRA – Members



## 23 Member Institutions:

- 9 Partners
- 14 Participants/ Associates

10 countries participate in ECRA

# ECRA – Tasks

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1. Work in **ECRA Collaborative Programmes** (*participation is open to all*): *Develop White Paper/Strategy*
2. Develop **training, education and outreach activities** (*particularly for young researchers*): *Organize ECRA Side events, support EU research proposal (e.g. COST action) etc.*
3. Provide **advice to policy and public** in respect to climate change: *Stakeholder consultations for HORIZON 2020, briefing documents in European Parliament etc.*
4. Develop **links to other climate initiatives** and **sustained partnerships with industry** to strengthen the interplay between research outcomes and innovation and to foster the early take-up of promising results: *Partnerships with industry in progress*

# ECRA Activities: 2011-2017

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- **16 x ECRA Workshops** (Collaborative Programmes)
- **2 x Parliamentary Lunch Briefings:** European Parliament 2013, Brussels
- **3 x ECRA Side events at Conferences:** EGU 2013, CORDEX 2013, CORDEX 2016
- **2 x ECRA General Assembly**



# ECRA – Collaborative Programmes

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- **Arctic Climate Stability and Change (Arctic)**  
*coordinated by AWI/Germany and Bjerknæs Centre Norway*
- **High Impact Events and Climate Change (HIE)**  
*coordinated by KIT/Germany and DTU/Denmark*
- **Sea level and Climate Change (SLC)**  
*coordinated by ENEA/Italy and NERSC /Norway*
- **Changes in the Hydrological Cycle (CHC)**  
*coordinated by CNR/Italy and LMU/Germany*

