

LAUNCH OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROJECT ON CLIMATE CHANGE, WATER AND CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN EUROPE AND NEIGHBORING REGIONS

FEBRUARY 22, 2010 (BARCELONA, SPAIN)-A major EU-funded climate-research initiative, CLICO (Climate Change, Hydro-Conflicts and Human Security), launches next week to examine climate change, water supply and associated conflict risk in Southern Europe and neighboring regions. CLICO will be revealed during a press conference on February 24th, where program coordinators from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), Dr. Giorgos Kallis and Dr. Christos Zografos, will draw attention to the risks for human security in Mediterranean communities as a result of water-supply stresses caused by climate change. The launch will be followed by a panel discussion on February 26th, entitled “Climate Change and Water Wars: Facts and Myths” between Dr. Neil Agder, Dr. Nils Petter Gleditsch and Dr. Fabrice Renaud. Locations and times for the press conference and panel discussion are provided below.

CLICO

CLICO (Climate Change, Hydro-Conflicts and Human Security) is funded by the European Commission and is the only project coordinated by a Spanish University in the Social Science and Humanities research area. With a budget of 3,8 Million Euros—3/4 of which is provided by the European Commission--CLICO involves 14 research teams from Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The teams includes some of the worlds’ leading scientists on the study of climate change and conflict. This three-year project will focus on the potential for water-resource conflict in various parts of the Mediterranean basin, the Middle East and Sahel, including the lower Ebro in Catalonia and the Andalusia-Morocco biosphere. It is the first EU research project to bring together Palestinian and Israeli research partners to examine the water issues that exist between the two communities.

Press Conference

Date: 10:30, 24th February, 2010

Venue: UAB Casa Convalecencia, Avenida Sant Antoni Maria Claret 171, Barcelona

Speakers: Christos Zografos, Giorgos Kallis

Panel Discussion

Title: “Climate Change and Water Wars: Facts & Myths”

Date: 18:00, 26th February, 2010

Venue: Ateneu Barcelones, C/ Canuda, 6, Barcelona

Panelists: Neil Adger (UEA), Nils Petter Gleditsch (PRIO), Fabrice Renaud (UNU)

*With simultaneous translation into Spanish

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