# Impact of climate change on Latvian water environment

# WP1: Impact of the climate change on runoff, nutrient fluxes and regime of Gulf of Riga

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#### WP1. GOAL

Modelling of several scenarious of the change of water environment using the existing climate change sceanrious for Baltic Sea region

#### WP1. TASKS

WP1a. Evaluate and adapt the results from the regional climate models, and design the series of data which form the state of the water objects. SCENARIOUS = MODEL DATA = FORCING CONDITIONS

WP1b. Investigate and forecast the impact of the climate change on the river runoff and its seasonal variability. **MODELLING OF DRAINAGE BASIN** 

WP1c. Adapt 3D sea state models to produce the data series for the forecast of biogeochemical processes and sea ecosystem evolution. **OCEANOGRAPHIC MODELLING** 

WP1d. Provide modelling and data analysis support for other WPs. **SUPPORT** 



TIME		2006			2007			2008			2009					
TABLES OF TASKS	Ι	II	III	IV	]	II	III	IV	]	II	III	IV	Ι	II	III	IV
1a SCENARIO							1 A									
1b DRAINAGE BASIN MODELLING										1 B						
1c SEA STATE MODELLING												1 C				
1d SUPPORT																1 D



## DELIVERABLES

RESULT	FORMAT	AMOUNT
<b>1A</b> Quantitative scenarious of the climate change	Data series	3
Regionally adapted model for the drainage basin (water, nutirents)	Model and methodics	1
<b>1B</b> Forecast of the water and nutrients discharge	Data series	3



Regionally adapted 3D sea state model	Mathematical model (methodics)	1	
3D calculations of the hydroecosysttem of the Gulf of Riga for the climate change scenarious	Data series	3	



- Investigate access to RCM numerical results
- Choose scenarious
- Get model data series from several RCM for scenarious.
- RCM data quality control.
- Deliverable: climate scenarious as data series VI
- GIS for river run-off
- Modelling of selected pilotbasion with several models.
- Development of models & software.
- Calibration and verification incl. access to data.
- Calculations of river runoff X-XI
- Deliverable: water runoff data series X-XI





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## **MISSING ARGUMENTS**

#### WHAT PROCESS CREATES THE SWITCH?



## LOST IN TRANSLATION ?

Monthly temperature (OBS = 6.2 degC, MOD = 6.9 degC)



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#### Monthly precipitation (OBS = 620 mm, MOD = 708 mm i.e. +14%)

### Increase of p, T – qualitatively ok, quantitatively nok



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### Hydrological modelling: control period

Comparison of observed Q / modelled Q (RCM forcing) 1961-1990 Average runoff: OBS 54.6 m<sup>3</sup>/s MOD 88.1 m<sup>3</sup>/s (+61% !!!)



## Hydrological modelling: scenarios

Modelled Q. Forcing by RCM data (T, p). Comparison of control period (1961-90) and scenarios A2, B2 (2071-2100)



# CONCLUSION LINE TO AVOID: DO NOT COMPARE OBSERVED CLIMATE WITH RCM FORECAST

Parameter	Tempting	Realistic
Т	+5	+4 deg C
Ρ	+150	+50 mm
Q	+60%	-5%
Nutrient	+150%	-10%

