

## Press information

### **Climate change has now arrived in Hamburg – The Europa Passage will be transformed into a climate centre**

First Hamburg Climate Week/Climate Night from 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Hamburg, 30.07.2009 – Whilst everyone else is just talking about climate change Hamburg is making it a real life experience in the Europa Passage. Over 40 climate players from the entire Hamburg region will be transforming the Europa Passage from the 19<sup>th</sup> until 26<sup>th</sup> of September into a climate theme park. During the first Hamburg Climate Week/Climate Night visitors will be able to explore the subject of climate change with over 60 activities - ranging from exhibitions to glass research labs, from solar handicraft to climate theatre, says Frank Schweikert from the Hamburg agency ALDEBARAN, which also owns a research and media ship with the same name.

"In the past 30 years the rise in temperature in Hamburg is becoming more and more noticeable", explains the meteorologist Gudrun Rosenhagen from the German meteorological services: "Since we began keeping record in Hamburg the average temperature has risen by one degree centigrade." Visitors at the Europa Passage can even have a go at measuring the weather with professional equipment themselves. School classes can come and take part in a climate multimedia show. The Climate Weeks/Climate Nights largest partner is the project KLIMZUG-NORD, a collaboration of 12 colleges and research establishments, 11 administration offices and similar authorities as well as 10 private companies. KLIMZUG-NORD project partners demonstrate the effects of climate change on cities, on the countryside and also on an estuary of the river Elbe in Hamburg. The climate researcher professor Dr. Hartmut Graß stressed the fact that the now occurring climate change is the fastest that our earth has ever seen: "Among others it will cause us humans to migrate, thus causing large scale political change on earth and that within one generation"

With the presentation of the most modern technologies and research projects during the first Climate Week/Climate Night the metropolitan region of Hamburg wishes to show its full force in climate expertise. Thanks to the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg we will also be showing some material with which Hamburg won the "Green City of the Year 2011" last spring. Media partner of the Climate Week/Climate Night is the "Klima" magazine from Hamburg.

An absolute highlight of the Climate Week is the Climate Night, taking place on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> September as part of the EU's programme "Researchers Night". Between 6pm and midnight there will be diverse lectures, a podium discussion, films and even a Climate theatre



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performance. In the course of the Reeperbahn Festival there will be a climate discussion between the renowned Hamburg climate researcher Hartmut Graßl and a popular Hamburg pop star.

Further information to the events can be found under:  
[www.klimawoche.de](http://www.klimawoche.de) and [www.klimanacht.de](http://www.klimanacht.de)

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