



## **Raising Public Awareness through Science based Education**

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Climate research can have an impact in society only if it goes hand in hand with increasing awareness in the public. Science communication in synergy with school education and sound public relation work in policy, science and industry is a key tool in order to prepare the citizens in a sustainable way for scientific results, policy measures and technological innovation. Research institutes in atmospheric and climate science can dedicate only a small fraction of their activities to educational work and the translation of scientific knowledge for schools and the public. However, after few years of work carried out within European research projects we hosts now one of the largest Internet based climate science information service. It is accessible via: [www.espere.net](http://www.espere.net) and attracts about 9,000 visitors daily. The reader finds understandable, well structured and reliable information, explanations and advise on a stable and established platform. We demonstrate with this platform the usefulness of networking between scientists or science communicators with a sound background in science, located in the research institutes, teachers and other representatives in the educational system. We would like to encourage to extend the model to other research institutes and co-operate with partners beyond science for efficient networking in dissemination.