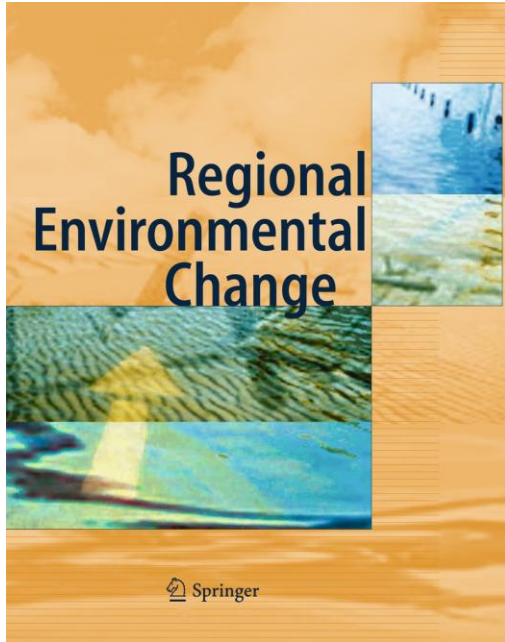


Special Issue

Place Attachment and Climate-related Hazard in Small Remote Communities



Climate change is also affecting the Nordic countries, and there are vulnerable geographical areas that will be particularly affected by an increasing number of devastating natural events.

The Climate Change Resilience in Small Communities in the Nordic Countries project (CliCNord) will examine how the small rural communities in the selected areas understand their situation, how they handle adverse events and build capacity, and under what circumstances they need help from the established system and civil society organizations. Against this background, a framework will be developed that can be disseminated to other vulnerable communities and authorities with responsibility for ensuring safety and adequate capacity for climate change resilience. The framework will enable both the small communities and the authorities to work together on tasks concerning prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery – all phases needed to secure communities against hazardous events.

CliCNord will include several very different hazards affecting local communities across the Nordic countries. The hazards, which are regarded as a direct consequence of climate change, are coastal flooding due to storm surges, cloudbursts, wildfires, temperature extremes, landslides, slush avalanches, flash floods, and storms. There are in total eight cases in five countries (Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands). The project takes its point of departure in disaster cycle management, and the methodologies are predominantly qualitative and inspired by social science.

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