BALTEX Project Identification

1. Title of Project: Coastal Meteorology in the Northern Baltic Sea

2. Principle Investigator: Prof. Hannu Savijärvi

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4. Duration of the project (at least start date):

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5. Scientific Objective:

- a) to better understand mesoscale atmospheric dynamics and thermodynamics in the coastal zone with large spatial variations in the surface roughness and temperature
- b) to develop improved methods for high-resolution forecasting the wind, temperature, fog, clouds, and precipitation in the coastal zone

6. Methodology and Approach:

Mesoscale atmospheric models are applied to simulate the dynamics of coastal zones. The following models are applied: HIRLAM, AROME, MM5, and the 2D model of the University of Helsinki.

7. BALTEX Phase II objective(s) addressed:

Objective 1. Better understanding of the energy and water cycles over the Baltic Sea basin Objective 3. Provision of improved tools for water management, with an emphasis on more accurate forecasts of extreme events.

8. Project internet address

8.1 Additional remarks

The project is a network of scientists working with similar topics, but there is no centralized funding for the project.

9. Communicated by BALTEX SSG member (name):
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10. Registered at BALTEX Secretariat