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Project note

CASCADE – Community Safety Action for Supporting Climate Adaptation and Development project is a unique, innovative project bringing together civil protection specialists and climate change adaptation experts to fight the impacts of climate change jointly. As an EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region’s Flagship project under Policy Area Secure, CASCADE operates as a pilot example for cross-sectorial cooperation in the region.

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1. SUMMARY

CASCADE – Community Safety Action for Supporting Climate Adaptation and Development project is a unique, innovative project seeking to improve urban resilience in cities and towns, as well as the overall macro-regional resilience. CASCADE brings together civil protection specialists and climate change adaptation experts to jointly fight the impacts of climate change.

CASCADE's aim is to adapt existing risk assessment methodology to the climate change context and tailor it to the local level. This methodology will be used in a training course for city officials, responsible for civil protection. CASCADE also strives for initiating a region-wide policy dialogue on the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction as an effective platform for cross-sectorial cooperation between different levels of governance and for greater policy coherence on climate risk assessments

Nine partners representing seven Baltic Sea Region countries are involved in the project. The materials and results of CASCADE are replicable for all Baltic Sea Region countries.

This mid-term project review summarizes the findings and results of the project so far (as of February 2020). It is intended to serve as an example of an innovative way to respond to the challenges related to climate change via a cross-sectorial approach.

2. THE CASCADE PROJECT

2.1. Foreword

Natural disasters like floods, storms or heat waves with cascading effects are growing by magnitude and number in all regions in the world, including the Baltic Sea Region. In order to address these evolving challenges related to climate change risks, better cooperation between national and local levels and different sectors is needed. Preparedness to climate change related consequences demands close collaboration between specialists in climate change adaptation and civil security and protection experts.

A project concept, to establish cross-cutting cooperation between different levels and actors in the Baltic Sea Region to tackle the above-mentioned challenges, was developed in a smaller project called *CRCC*¹. The project's aim was to establish extensive cooperation between Policy Area (PA) Secure and Horizontal Action (HA) Climate in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and to merge civil security and climate change adaptation, along with increasing the cooperation between

¹ The CRCC -Making Communities Resilient to Climate Change: Cross-Sectorial Cooperation in Capacity-building- project (July 2016 – March 2018) received funding from the Swedish Institute's Seed Funding Facility and served as a platform for developing a concept for a larger project application.

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national and local levels in terms of risk assessment. CASCADE – Community Safety Action for Supporting Climate Adaptation and Development project concept was created as the main output of that project.

2.2. CASCADE – Community Safety Action for Supporting Climate Adaptation and Development

This new innovative project bringing together civil protection specialists and climate change adaptation experts began its work in January 2019 and the project will run until the end of 2020.

The CASCADE project addresses climate change risk management at the local authority level in the Baltic Sea Region. It contributes to the objective “build up resilience and prevention towards emergencies and threats at the local level” of Policy Area Secure within the EU Strategy for the BSR, and it applies the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

CASCADE's aim is to increase the connection between local administrations and national civil protection authorities and to create closer contacts between practitioners and climate change and/or risk management experts, creating mutual learning processes. One objective is also to improve the capacity to understand, assess, and treat current and future climate change related risks on the local level, focusing on the Baltic Sea Region conditions. Another goal is to increase practical risk management capabilities of local authorities, creating positive cascading effects through training civil protection experts and city planners, who will use the developed training material to enhance the capacity of urban communities.

To reach these goals and objectives CASCADE develops a comprehensive portfolio of risk management methodologies and tools related to climate change. To utilize this methodology established, CASCADE develops training courses in disaster risk reduction for civil protection experts and city planners. Thirdly, CASCADE initiates a region-wide policy dialogue on the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to form cross-sectorial cooperation between different levels of governance and for greater policy coherence on climate risk assessments.

In July 2019, the project was granted EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region's Flagship Status under Policy Area Secure. The flagship status is a recognition for CASCADE's aims to improve urban resilience in cities and towns in the Baltic Sea Region, as well as the overall macro-regional resilience and CASCADE now operates as a pilot example for cross-sectorial cooperation in the region.

2.3. Project Consortium

CASCADE project consortium consists of wide range of specialists on different fields and levels of governance. The main work is done on local levels: cities, local rescue services and specialized institutions that participate in the consortium:

- Southwest Finland Emergency Services (FI)
- The Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat

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- Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) (SE)
- Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre (SEI Tallinn) (EE)
- Union of the Baltic Cities – Sustainable Cities Commission
- Union of the Baltic Cities – Safe Cities Commission
- The Main School of Fire Service (PL)
- Liepaja Municipal Police (LV)
- Hamburg Fire and Rescue Service (DE)
- Frederiksborg Fire and Rescue Service (FBBR) (DK)
- Åbo Akademi University / Centre for Lifelong Learning / Baltic University Programme (FI)



The CASCADE project consortium at the project kick-off event in Hamburg, February 2019.

3. THE CASCADE CONTRIBUTION

CASCADE addresses the challenges related to climate change risks, with better cooperation between national and local levels and different sectors. Close collaboration between specialists in climate change adaptation and well-prepared civil security and protection experts is CASCADE's answer to climate change related consequences. To reach better collaboration, cooperation and preparedness among the civil security and protection experts, a starting point for CASCADE was to create an extensive portfolio of risk management methodologies and tools related to climate change.

3.1. Guidelines on Integrated Climate Change and Disaster Risk response management

The project partner in charge of this work is The Main School of Fire Service (SGSP) from Warsaw Poland.

3.1.1. Portfolio of Reviewed Risk Assessment Methods and Tools

A comprehensive portfolio of selected climate change risk assessment methodologies has been elaborated and the selection was done on the basis of scientific articles. The document collects existing and widely used risk assessment methods and tools and they were reviewed concerning their potential to be adapted, developed and used in the context of climate change, and its present and future influence on the up-to-now well recognized threats' and risks' characteristics (e.g. floods, forest fires, hurricanes, etc.).

The selection criteria were strictly related to the guidelines which were prepared as the second input from the project partner.

3.1.2. Guidelines and Appendices of the Risk Assessment

The guidelines show methodology of climate change risk assessment and risk management. These guidelines are to be used by risk assessors and officers, local authorities responsible for the societal welfare and other actors, such as critical infrastructure owners. The main goal of the guidelines is to show the entire process of risk assessment and risk management at the local level, particularly in cities.

This process consists of several stages: the first stage is to solve the problem of core team and stakeholder's selection involved in the process. Another step is to illustrate how to assess the consequences caused by identified hazards. Next, it is important to know how to invest to reduce the risk to acceptable level and then resilience matrix of cities is described.

Based on the guidelines, several lessons were prepared for the curriculum of *Train the Trainers*-course. There will be a pilot training organized in Hamburg to implement the curriculum. Additionally, workshops will be organized in Warsaw for testing the guidelines and afterwards, the final version of guidelines will be prepared.

3.2. Capacity Building on Integrated Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Management

Another aim of the project is to develop training courses in disaster risk reduction for civil protection experts and city planners. The partner in charge of creating these training courses is Hamburg Fire and Rescue Service (LFS) from Germany and the whole project consortium is involved in the development of the curriculum for the courses.

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The objectives of this work is to increase the knowledge and capacity of civil protection experts and city planners by developing training courses in disaster risk reduction (DRR), including climate risk assessment and the Sendai Framework for DRR, to promote the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR at the local level, to enhance the dialogue between the national and local level authorities and experts and to utilize the risk management methodology developed described in the previous chapter. One of the main objectives in the project proposal is to conduct a training for a specific target group in order to sensitize the responsible players to the growing challenges of climate change. This training will take place in fall 2020 in the city of Hamburg.

There have been many milestones in creating this training course during this first half of the CASCADE project.

3.2.1. Developing the Course Curriculum

As a first step, this included the creation and implementation of a survey in the participating countries. The aim of the survey was to gain knowledge about the user in contact with the topics of climate change and civil protection as well as training methods. The purpose was to find out what the various knowledge levels of the countries are, including the relation to training courses that already had been carried out in the past.

The results of the survey were presented during a two-day workshop in Hamburg in September 2019. More than 20 invited guests of the course worked with central questions on topics such as disaster protection, risk assessment and training methods. Based on the results of the workshop, the creation of a curriculum for the trainers and training materials was started under the leadership of our Danish partner Frederiksborg Fire and Rescue Service.



Heidi Tuhkanen from SEI Tallinn presenting in a workshop in Hamburg.

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In addition to the ballot meeting with the Danish and Polish project partners in December 2019 in Hamburg, another workshop was organized in February 2020 in Copenhagen where the curriculum continued to advance.

The pilot training of the trainers will take place in Hamburg in April 2020. This is where the currently developed curriculum and the associated methods and approaches are tested for the first time in order to receive feedback as well as to provide knowledge and skills to experts. The results of this pilot training are then incorporated into the last training workshop in Hamburg mentioned above. This last training is intended to be carried out by the trainers who have received training within the course in April. It will become clear within the next few weeks and months whether this procedure is to be carried out, since the implementation of such training requires a very high level of technical expertise and experience.

Nevertheless, after completing the CASCADE project, the trained players will pass on their knowledge within their countries as multipliers in order to increase the resilience of those responsible in civil protection in relation to climate change.

3.3. Initiating Policy Dialogues

As the third main goal of the project, CASCADE initiates a region-wide policy dialogue on the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to form cross-sectorial cooperation between different levels of governance and for greater policy coherence on climate risk assessments. This is done with the project partner CBSS Secretariat in the lead and together with UBC Sustainable Cities Commission, SEI Tallinn and Åbo Akademi Baltic University Programme.

The purpose of the Policy Dialogue part of the CASCADE project is to enhance and strengthen the other project activities. This is done through engaging in discussions with relevant stakeholder groups from across the Baltic Sea Region. To ensure the involvement, collect input and to anchor the project with a broad range of end-users of the project's results is at the core of the Policy Dialogue. The purpose is also to ensure the impact of the results. In the first phase of the project the focus of the Policy Dialogue has been on collecting data and information to discuss more specifically the needs and challenges, as well as the expectations on the project and what it should deliver. In the second phase of the project focus will be on validation of the tentative results.

3.3.1. Objectives of the Policy Dialogue

The main objective of the CASCADE Policy Dialogue is to mainstream climate risk assessment into management and policy planning on the national and local level, to ensure coherence of relevant policies in the macro-region, as well as to ensure sustainability and ownership of the project's results through anchoring the results at the relevant policy level, and with the relevant stakeholders. This is achieved through:

- Preparing the Policy Dialogue discussion through:
 - Mapping and analyzing commitment, implementation, legislation and challenges related to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), and
 - Mapping and analyzing of the existing policies and regulations related to long-term climate risks assessment in the BSR.
- Promoting Policy Dialogue and the results from the other project activities, namely the Development of Guidelines on Integrated Climate Change and Disaster Risk Response Management and the Capacity building on integrated Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction management, and the Sendai Framework, through establishing contacts, and planning meetings with relevant stakeholders in the BSR.
- Carrying out Transnational Policy Dialogue meetings and national consultations in all the project's target countries: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Sweden.
- Ensuring strategies for ownership and continuity.

3.3.2. Preparing for the Policy Dialogue

Two contact lists were compiled to map out who to contact in the target countries for the project, for discussing the Sendai Framework implantation and the current status of legislation related to Climate Change Adaptation.

1. List of contacts for the National Focal Points for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
2. List of contacts for collecting national data on climate change risks legislation and practices

3.3.3. Reports produced for the Policy Dialogue:

1. [The Sendai Framework in the Baltic Sea Region: Challenges – good practices – way forward](#)

The report is drafted by the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat (Policy Area Secure, EUSBSR). The material for the report has been collected through discussions with the National Focal Points for the Sendai Framework (or other national representatives responsible for DRR) in Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Sweden. The discussions focused on national and local DRR strategies, international cooperation, and risk assessments and warning systems.

2. [The Role of Local Governments in Adapting to the Climate: Overview of regulatory requirements and support mechanisms in the Baltic Sea Region](#)

The report is drafted by the Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre, with support from the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat (HA Climate, EUSBSR). The report focuses on legislation and support mechanisms on the local level for the work with Climate Change Adaptation. The report also puts forward recommendations for future work.

3. [Policy brief: Joining forces to effectively work with CCA and DRR](#)

After the first Transnational Policy Dialogue meeting in the CASCADE project, during the Union of the Baltic Cities XV General Conference in Kaunas, Lithuania, 16 October 2019, a policy brief was presented that highlights the conclusions from the discussions. The conclusions are the first step towards formulating policy recommendations.

3.3.4. Policy Dialogue Sessions

1. Live stream seminar on DRR strategies in Sweden, Stockholm, 19 March 2019

The speakers for the seminar were Janet Edwards and Minna Bodin (the National Focal Point for the Sendai Framework for DRR in Sweden) from the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB). MSB, as one of the partners in the CASCADE project, provided expertise on prevention, specifically implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Sweden at the national and local levels.

2. Discussions with National Focal Points for the Sendai Framework, May – July 2019

May – July 2019, the CBSS Secretariat (Policy Area Secure) engaged in discussions with the National Focal Points, or other national representatives, for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, from the member states of the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) in the Baltic Sea Region: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Sweden. The focus of the discussions were the three “increase” targets of the seven global targets of the Sendai Framework, namely national and local Disaster Risk Reduction strategies (target E), international cooperation (target F) and risk assessments and warning systems (target G). The discussions also covered the overall work with Disaster Risk Reduction in the specific country: how it is structured, which stakeholders that are involved, legislation and political support, mandates to work with coordination, support and resources, and specific challenges connected to these different parts of the work, as well as potential solutions to overcome some of the obstacles.

A questionnaire was elaborated and sent to all the participants prior to the discussions. The questionnaire was developed by the CBSS Secretariat’s Civil Security team through consultations with the other CASCADE project partners, as well as with representatives from the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) in Europe. The outcome of the discussions is the report: “The Sendai Framework in the Baltic Sea Region: Challenges – good practices – way forward”.

3. CASCADE Transnational Policy Dialogue, 16 October 2019

“The global temperature has increased, and we are witnessing extreme weather leading to unprecedented challenges ... now we need to be preparing for other risks that we have not previously prepared for – every country needs to be prepared for a wide range of risks” stressed Elena Višnar Malinovská from the European Commission’s [Directorate-General for Climate Action](#) opening the first transnational Policy Dialogue meeting in the CASCADE project, 16 October, during the [XV UBC General Conference](#) in Kaunas, Lithuania. The session was entitled “Local perspectives for

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solving climate change related security risks – joining forces to effectively work with Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation”.

During the session two reports were presented and discussed:

- [The Sendai Framework in the Baltic Sea Region: Challenges – good practices – way forward](#)
- [The role of local governments in adapting to the climate: overview of regulatory requirements and support mechanisms in the Baltic Sea Region](#)



Nina Jernberg from CBSS presenting the report on the SENDAI framework in the Baltic Sea Region during the XV UBC General Conference in Kaunas, Lithuania

The objective of the session was to collect the input from the cities in the Baltic Sea Region regarding challenges and needs related to Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation. “The purpose of the Policy Dialogue in the CASCADE project is to connect various stakeholders from different levels and sectors to discuss challenges and to identify potential solutions” explained Nina Jernberg, Policy Officer for PA Secure (EUSBSR) from the CBSS Secretariat during her presentation of the work with the report on Sendai Framework implementation in the Baltic Sea Region.

The session was opened by Risto Veivo, Co-chair of the [UBC Sustainable Cities Commission](#) and Kaspars Varpins, Chairman of the [UBC Safe Cities Commission](#). In his opening remarks, Mr Veivo explained that: “we are trying to combine the workstreams of the two commissions and create a strong sense in the UBC to work towards building resilience”.

In the panel discussion, moderated by Valdur Lahtvee, Policy Officer for HA Climate (EUSBSR) from the CBSS Secretariat, the cities of Gdansk, Jelgava, St. Petersburg and Kaunas were represented. The city representatives shared various good practices of how they are working with Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction and provided their feedback on the two newly released reports.

4. VISIBILITY FOR THE PROJECT

Communication approach of the CASCADE project is to focus more on involvement and direct exchange of experiences and learning than one-way dissemination and communication. The project has been promoted in various events in the Baltic Sea region and on European level.

Examples of these events can be found below.

Events where CASCADE was promoted	Date and place	Target Audience
Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	13.-17.5.2019 Geneva, Switzerland	European States consultation-government representatives and civil society organizations
2019 European Climate Change Adaptation Conference (ECCA)	28.-31.5.2019 Lisbon, Portugal	Climate change specialists, government, NGOs, EU projects
EUSBSR Annual Forum	12.-13.6. 2019 Gdansk, Poland	EUSBSR stakeholders: EC, funding institutions, national, local and regional authorities, international and pan-Baltic organizations, project partners, NGOs, youth.
Turku Europe Forum	30.8.2019 Turku, Finland	Local authorities, municipalities, the general public
17 th European Week of Regions and Cities Session: Delivering disaster resilience at the local level on 8.10.2019	7.-10.10. 2019 Brussels, Belgium	European national civil protection agencies, local municipality representatives, researchers, NGO's and private sector.
UBC General Conference	16.-18.10.2019 Kaunas, Lithuania	Baltic Sea Region Municipalities
Baltic Maritime Forum	October 2019 Kaliningrad, Russia	Researchers from the BSR, mainly within the fields of maritime science and technology
Greening the City, UBC Planning Cities Commission Meeting	October 2019 Gdynia, Poland	City planning departments in Baltic Sea Region Municipalities
Baltic Excellence Programme in Civil Security	18.-20.11.2019 Tinglev, Denmark	Civil protection experts from agencies in 8 BSR countries, Danish municipalities
12th Steering Group meeting of Policy Area Secure in the EU Strategy of the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)	26.-27.11.2019 Stockholm, Sweden	Members from all 8 EU countries in the Baltic Sea Region, along with the Union of the Baltic Cities – Safe Cities Commission, the CBSS' expert group Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings (TF-THB) and the Children at Risk unit at the CBSS Secretariat.
Local and Regional Climate Adaptation course	28.11.2019 University of Karlstad, Sweden	University of Karlstad students
Understanding Risk Forum Europe	27.-29.11.2019 Bucharest, Romania	Understanding Risk Europe (UR Europe) brought together over 350 experts In Bucharest, Romania to explore how technology and innovation can help create more resilient societies

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Maira Mora, Director General of the Permanent Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States presenting CASCADE at the plenary session of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction, Rome, Italy, 22 November 2018.

The CASCADE project decided to avoid producing printed products and use more existing communication networks and platforms in the region and Europe-wide in communication and dissemination of the project results. Please find below a list of Newsletters and Campaigns where the CASCADE project appeared.

Newsletters and Campaigns	Day of Publication	Link or other information
PA Secure Newsletter 2019/2	28.6.2019	Link to PA Secure Newsletter 2019/2
PA Secure Newsletter 2019/3	2.10.2019	Link to PA Secure Newsletter 2019/3
International Newsletter of the City of Turku	10.10.2019	Link to the Newsletter October 2019
Launch Campaign for WP4 reports on International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	13.10.2019	#DRRDay / #cascadeBSR
Climate ADAPT Website: Reports launched on how Disaster Risk Reduction works with Climate Change Adaptation in the Baltic Sea Region	21.10.2019	Link to Climate Adapt Website
UBC Sustainable Cities Bulletin	25.10.2019	Link to UBC Sustainable Cities Bulletin 3 2019
The Baltic Cities Bulletin: "Safe city for everyone"	29.10.2019	Link to the online Bulletin Autumn 2019
UNDRR Europe and Central Asia bulletin	31.10.2019	The launch campaign was mentioned in the list of IDDR activities in Europe.
PA Secure Newsletter 2019/4	19.12.2019	Link to PA Secure Newsletter 2019/4
Climate ADAPT Newsletter	December 2019	Link to Climate Adapt Newsletter 12/2019

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Newsletters and Campaigns	Day of Publication	Link or other information
The report on Sendai Framework implementation in the BSR was uploaded on the Prevention Web	n/a	Accessible for DRR professionals globally
UBC Sustainable Cities Bulletin	13.2.2020	Link to UBC Sustainable Cities Bulletin 1_2020

The business card for the CASCADE project is its mobile-friendly website, www.cascade-bsr.eu that includes information about the project and the project consortium and about project activities, news, project publications and promotional material among other things. Later the CASCADE project website will also include the online tool, a special section to present the main outcomes of the project. The CASCADE project does not have separate project accounts on the social media channels. However, the project partners use their already existing channels on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for project dissemination. The hashtag for the CASCADE project in social media is #cascadeBSR.

Please find below the news articles published either on the project website or elsewhere.

News articles on CASCADE website and elsewhere	Link to article
CASCADE discussed Climate Change Risks with municipalities:	Link to article: cascade discussed climate change risks with municipalities
Video message delivered by Commissioner Christos Stylianides	Link to video: message delivered by commissioner Christos Stylianides
CASCADE granted with EUSBSR Flagship status:	Link to news article: CASCADE granted EUSBSR Flagship status
The content and methods of the CASCADE training courses were planned in Hamburg:	Link to news article: CASCADE training courses were planned in Hamburg
PA Secure presents EUSBSR cooperation and CASCADE at ECCA:	Link to news article: EUSBSR cooperation and CASCADE presented at ECCA
CASCADE levels up climate change risk management and civil protection work in Baltic Sea Region:	Link to news article: CASCADE and climate change risk management and civil protection work Baltic sea region



European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides mentioned the CASCADE project during his message delivered at a panel session on 'Delivering disaster resilience at the local level' during the European Week of Regions and Cities 2019.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The first year of the project has provided a good base for moving forward and finalizing the project's results. In the policy dialogue part of the project it was important to start with anchoring the project with all the National Focal Points for the Sendai Framework and discuss with them how the implementation is progressing in their countries, and what the main challenges are. It was also important to map out the situation for the local level in terms of legal requirements and overall situation in relation to climate change adaptation. Both these preparatory work processes were presented in the reports produced for the continued discussions in the policy dialogue.

The first transnational policy dialogue meeting focused on involving local level representatives, and to discuss the initial findings from the dialogues with the National Focal Points for the Sendai Framework. This was the first step in the development of policy recommendations, which will be presented by the end of the project, which will be one of the main results of the policy dialogue. The policy brief presented after the policy dialogue meeting is the first building block towards conclusions and recommendations.

The policy recommendations, as one of the main results of the policy dialogue and the project, will be presented as two position documents: one focusing on the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, and the other one on the integrated approach to local risk assessments. To build up to these two position documents, national consultations will be organized in each of the project's target countries, to collect input and to elaborate recommendations that are truly based on the situation on the ground; meaning the reflections from those people responsible for CCA and DRR on the local level. The verification of the draft recommendations will be conducted in a second transnational policy dialogue meeting towards the end of the project.

The CASCADE project aims to contribute to a better prepared Baltic Sea Region with safer and more resilient communities and also it acts as a unique example of a cross-sectorial and multi-authority approach on addressing the challenges climate change brings to our region.

To reach the project's aims, moving forward in the second year of the project it is very important to ensure the long-term impact of the results and the sustainability. This involves ensuring commitment from relevant policy contexts to continue the discussions on CCA and DRR issues, as well as ensuring the continued and successful dissemination of the results – the training course and the guidelines – through the UBC network.