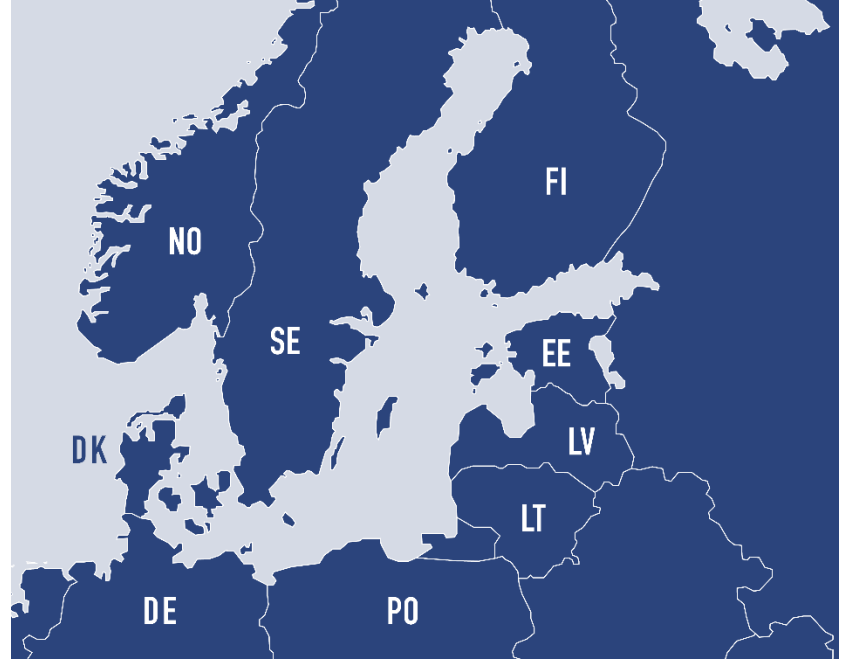


**UBC TALKS**

# Climate and disaster risk preparedness

# Union of the Baltic Cities

- Leading network of cities and municipalities in the Baltic Sea Region established 30+ years ago.
- Today over **70 member cities** in **9 countries** around the Baltic Sea.
- **8 thematic Commissions** focusing on sustainable development, urban planning, youth, health, culture, safety, education and business.



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Helsinki, taken at dusk. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there are several large, modern buildings with flat roofs. One building has a dark roof with some greenery. Another has a light-colored roof. In the background, there are more buildings, including a large one with a red roof and a crane. The city is surrounded by water, and there are many trees and green spaces. A large white text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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# Agenda (in CEST)

- 09.30–09.40**    **Welcome to the webinar from UBC Safe and Sustainable Cities Commissions**  
Agnieszka Ilola, Head of Secretariat, UBC Sustainable Cities  
Kaspars Vārpiņš, Chairman, UBC Safe Cities
- 09.40–10.00**    **Introduction to the topic and its importance: Understanding local climate resilience and disaster risk management**  
Antti Mäkelä, Senior Scientist, Finnish Meteorological Institute
- 10.00–10.15**    **Strengthening community preparedness in the Baltic Sea Region**  
Andriy Martynenko, Adviser, Council of the Baltic Sea States
- 10.15–10.55**    **Showcase of solutions and moderated discussion with experts from Gävle, Kristiansand and Tampere**  
Erik Glaas, Climate Adaptation Strategist, Gävle Municipality  
Annika Kettunen, Climate Change Adaptation Planning Officer, City of Tampere  
Øyvind Hellang, Senior Researcher, NORCE Norwegian Research Centre, Kristiansand
- 10.55–11.00**    **Closing words**

## General information

- **Webinar is recorded** – recording will be available on [ubc-sustainable.net](https://ubc-sustainable.net)
- **Attendees are muted**, ask your questions via the Q&A box!
- Hosts:  
**Agnieszka Ilola**  
**Kaspars Vārpiņš**
- Facilitation:  
**Mariia Andreeva**

# UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

- Secretariat in Turku, Finland
- Provides **platforms for networking and knowledge exchange**, amplify local voices in **regional policy development**, experienced in **coordination of international projects**.
- Our focus is on turning the **green transition** and **climate goals** into tangible actions at the local level.

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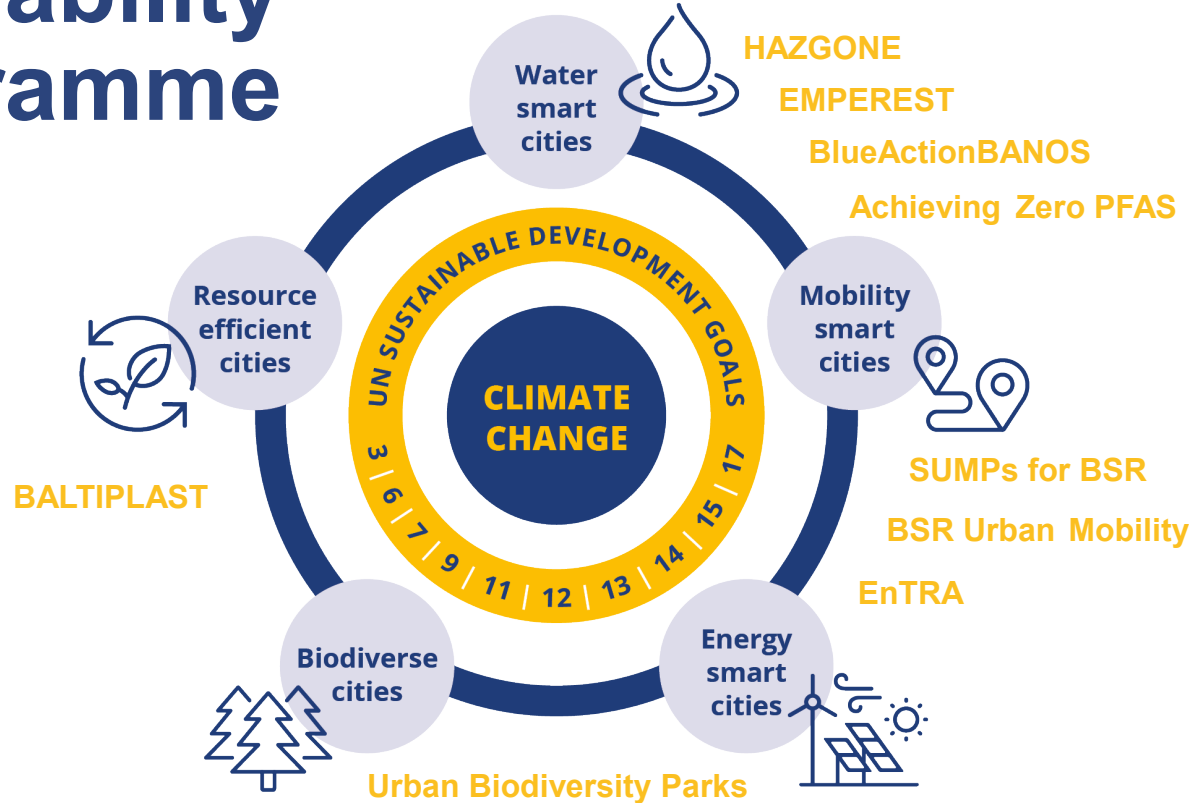
# UBC Sustainability Action Programme 2030

Our current projects reflect local needs and gaps:

**ClimaResponse**

**Climate-4-CAST**

**ChemClimCircle-2**





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Responsive Local Action for Climate Change Adaptation  
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# Welcome!

- **30.9-1.10.2025: Future-proofing Our Port Cities**
- **1.10.2025: Climate Budget Summit**
- **2.10.2025: Creating Climate-Proof and Nature-Positive Cities Together**
- **3.10.2025: Local strategies and solutions against micropollutants and PFAS**

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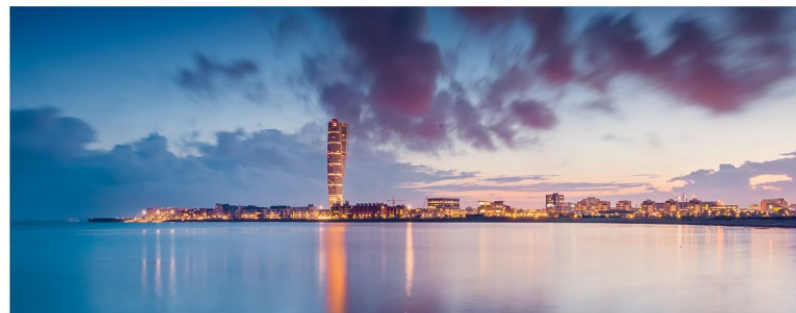
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## Welcome to the UBC Sustainable Cities Commission meeting 2025

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# UBC Safe Cities Commission

- UBC Safe Cities Commission cooperates in order to improve security services as well as assure better safety standards and procedures for all Baltic Sea Region (BSR) citizens
- The problems which seem to be completely solved in some cities still exist in others. Commission work allows not only knowledge expanding, but also gaining and sharing of experiences – joint efforts can help make BSR a safer and tidier place to live in

# Resilience and disaster risk in BSR

The Baltic Sea Region faces a range of natural and human-made hazards, including:

- **Extreme weather events** (e.g., storms, floods, heatwaves) intensified by climate change
- **Coastal hazards** due to rising sea levels and erosion
- **Technological and industrial accidents**, especially in port cities
- **Geopolitical tensions**, which can lead to hybrid threats or disruptions in critical infrastructure

# Work on disaster preparedness

- **Project PA Secure Kids** - <https://cbss.org/securekids/>
  - Crisis communication with children, Guide for including children, etc.
- **Project Connecting Resilient Cities** - <https://resilient-cities.eu/>
  - 4 conferences and action plans – Electricity blackouts, Crisis communication, Sheltering people, Resilient citizen
  - Concluding conference on September 10-12, 2025 in Rostock (registration open)
- **Projects VOALA (focus on NGO's) and BYFORES (focus on youth)**
  - Cooperation between volunteers and local authorities to enhance society's resilience
- **Projects NEEDS, From NEEDS to SEEDS, RAZOM, CASCADE, etc.**