

Prepared and resilient cities

Lessons learned from disaster risk reduction projects

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Regional Identity

- Culture
- Higher education
- Youth

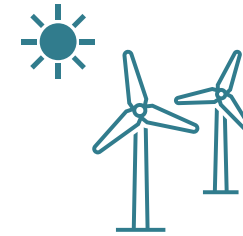
Laying the foundations for a more resilient region by establishing a deeper understanding for each other



Safe & Secure Region

- **Civil Protection**
- Anti-trafficking
- Child Protection

Making everyone feel safe and secure and maintaining networks to jointly respond to threats, hazards and emergencies



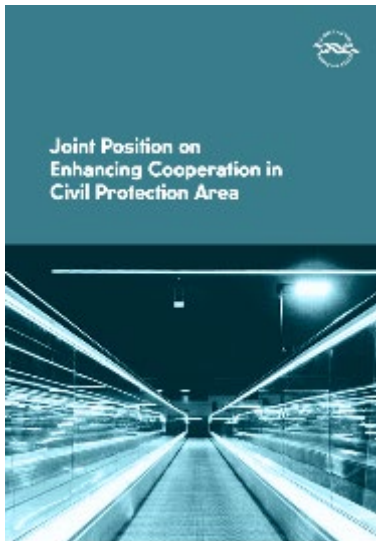
Sustainable & Prosperous Region

- **Climate Dialogue**
- Science Cooperation
- Sustainable Development
- Sust. Maritime Economy

Focus on UN SDGs ("localising") and the transition towards a competitive green economy



CBSS Civil Protection Network (CPN)
Since 2002 – senior experts and DGs



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Myndigheten för
samhällsskydd
och beredskap

**CBSS Civil
Protection
cooperation
platforms – CPN
and PA Secure**

**EUSBSR Policy Area Secure
Steering Group since 2013**



EUSBSR PA Secure Steering Group



-  **Denmark**
[Danish Emergency Management Agency](#)
-  **Estonia**
[Estonian Rescue Board](#)
-  **Finland**
[Ministry of Interior, Department for Fire and Rescue Services + SPEK](#)
-  **Germany**
[Hamburg Fire and Rescue Service + BBK](#)
-  **Latvia**
[State Fire and Rescue Service of Latvia](#), International Relations Division
-  **Lithuania**
[Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania](#), Civil Protection Board
-  **Poland**
International Cooperation Department, [The National Headquarters of the State Fire Police](#)
-  **Sweden**
[Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, MSB](#)
-  **Norway**, Directorate for Civil Protection (DSB)
-  **Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC)**, [Safe Cities Commission](#)



DDR and Climate Change Adaptation

Assisting Ukraine

Children and youth in
disaster risk reduction

Cooperation with civil
society and volunteers

Submerged munitions

~8 000 000 EUR
2023-2025



Key Tools & Actions



Foresight and Anticipation:

- Develop an EU comprehensive risks and threats assessment.
- Set up a crisis dashboard for decision-makers.
- Strengthen the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC).
- Develop an EU catalogue for training and a platform for lessons learned.
- Establish an EU Earth Observation Governmental Service (EOGS).



Resilience of Vital Societal Functions:

- Embed preparedness by design into EU policies and actions.
- Adopt minimum preparedness requirements.
- Revise the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.
- Propose an EU stockpiling strategy.
- Propose a Climate Adaptation Plan.
- Ensure supply of water and other critical natural resources.



Population Preparedness:

- Improve early warning systems.
- Increase awareness about risks and threats.
- Develop guidelines to reach a population self-sufficiency of minimum 72 hours.
- Include preparedness in school education curricula and training of educational staff.
- Promote preparedness in youth programmes.
- Attract talent to reinforce EU's preparedness.



Public-Private Cooperation:

- Establish a public-private Preparedness Task Force.
- Develop public-private emergency protocols.
- Revise the public procurement framework.
- Establish a European Centre of Expertise on Research Security.



Civil-Military Cooperation:

- Establish comprehensive civil-military preparedness arrangements.
- Develop standards for civilian-military dual use planning and investment.
- Organise regular EU exercises to promote comprehensive preparedness.



Crisis response coordination:

- Set up an EU crisis coordination hub.
- Boost rescEU – EU-level reserve of response capacities.



Resilience through External Partnerships:

- Advance mutual resilience with candidate countries.
- Integrate preparedness and resilience into bilateral partnerships and multilateral institutions.
- Strengthen and deepen EU-NATO cooperation on preparedness and resilience.
- Develop mutual resilience through external economic and development policies.



EU Preparedness Union Strategy

Enhances the EU's ability to anticipate, prevent, and respond to the new threats and crises.

Key Risks



Natural disasters:

floods, wildfires, earthquakes, and extreme weather events exacerbated by climate change.



Human-induced disasters:

industrial accidents, technological failures, and pandemics.



Hybrid threats:

cyberattacks, disinformation campaigns and FIMI (foreign information manipulation and interference), and sabotage of critical infrastructure.



Geopolitical crises:

armed conflicts, including the possibility of armed aggression against Member States.



Core Principles



Integrated All-Hazards
Approach



Whole-of-Society
Approach



Whole-of-Government
Approach

CASCADE

COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION FOR
SUPPORTING CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Website: bsr-secure.eu



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Regionalisation and tailoring of the Sendai Framework.**
- 2. Broader integration of climate risk into national risk assessments**
- 3. Improved understanding of current, emergent, and future risks at the local level.**
- 4. Strengthened opportunities for collaboration, networking and discussion related to climate resilience among local authorities.**





Handbook for Local Climate Change Adaptation Planning in the Baltic Sea Region

CliMaLoc
2023



- Step 1: Assess Local Climate Data and Trends
- Step 2: Climate Risk and Vulnerability. Tips for well-designed assessment
- Step 3: Review existing plans and priorities
- Step 4: Identify HOTSPOTS
- Step 5: Prioritise adaptation actions
- Step 6: Develop an adaptation strategy
- Step 7: Develop an adaptation action plan, including budgeting
- Step 8: Implement
- Step 9: Monitor. Evaluate. Adjust.
- Step 10: Report. Share. Communicate.



MECHANISM FOR ENHANCING CHILD PARTICIPATION IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



Radošā apvienība jauniešiem
TREPES

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CITIES



Climate resilient city

Risk and vulnerability assessment

Cross-sectoral working group on resilience

Trained officials

Engaged and prepared community, volunteers

Evacuation plan, shelters

International collaboration



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