

14 October 2026

Climate Budget Summit

How Local Leaders Turn Climate Ambition into Action

Venue: *Renaissance Brussels Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, Brussels*

12.00-13.30 LUNCH AND REGISTRATION

13.30-13.45 **Welcome to the Climate Budget Summit**
DONALD ALIM, Research Associate, HafenCity University Hamburg
MARIIA ANDREEVA, Communications Coordinator, Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission

13.45-14.00 **Climate budgeting and how it can help achieving ambitious local climate goals**
Prof Dr JÖRG KNIELING, Chair of Institute of Urban Planning and Regional Development at HafenCity University Hamburg, and a Vice Chair of the Hamburg Climate Advisory Board

14.00-14.15 **Climate governance and latest trends from the Eurocities Pulse Mayors Survey**
SYLWIA SLOMIK, Co-Head of Climate & Environment, Eurocities

14.15-15.30 **Panel discussion: Setting ambitions and targets, prioritising investments for climate action and providing decision-support**

- **Moderator: Prof Dr JÖRG KNIELING**, HafenCity University Hamburg
- **ELINA RANTANEN**, Deputy Mayor, City of Turku
- **Dr BENNO HAIN**, Head of Advisory Unit Climate Neutrality, Ministry of Environment, Climate, Energy and Agriculture, City of Hamburg
- **SYLWIA SLOMIK**, Co-Head of Climate & Environment, Eurocities
- **VALDIS RATNIKS**, Energy Manager, City of Riga | Riga Energy Agency

15.30-16.00 COFFEE AND NETWORKING, VIDEO TESTIMONIALS

16.00-16.15 **Turning climate targets into actionable decisions with the Climate Action Decision Support Tool**
HANNA MERILÄINEN, Project Manager, City of Tampere

16.15-17.15 **Cities leading the change: Towards net-zero with climate budgeting**

- Tampere
- Aarhus
- Östersund

17.15-17.30 **Celebrating over 100 local government alumni of the climate budgeting training course**
OLENA ZINCHUK, Senior Advisor, UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

17.30-19.00 COCKTAILS AND NETWORKING

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