AGENDA | Climate Resilience Roadshow

Delivering climate resilience in Baltic Sea cities

25-26 November 2026
Gdańsk, Poland

VENUE: Haxo hall at the Hevelianum science center, Gradowa 8, 80-802 Gdańsk

DAY 1 | 25 NOVEMBER 2026
HOW TO PREPARE FOR WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

09.00-10.00	*Coffee and registration*
10.00-12.00	**Session 1: The new reality of global crises**
10.00-10.45	**Opening words and the outline of the shared climate challenge** • City of Gdańsk • Dominik Littfass, Head of Media and Communications, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat • Agnieszka Ilola, Head of Secretariat, Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission
10.45-12.00	***Wake-up workshop: What do global megatrends like geopolitical, climate and economic crises mean for my city?*** Magnus Qvant & Silvia Haslinger Olsson, Co-Founders, Nordic Urban Resilience Institute in Malmö
12.00-13.30	*Lunch*
13.30-16.30	**Session 2: The risks Baltic Sea Region needs to prepare for**
13.30-13.50	**Keynote on building resilient societies** Yigyeong Oh, Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Implementation Expert, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
13.50-14.05	**Building urban resilience in the Baltic Sea Region** Amy Delis, Project Assistant, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat
14.05-14.20	**Local climate resilience and urban adaptation challenges from Ukraine** Maiia Dushak, Head of Office of Grant and Project Activities at the International Relations Department, Odesa City Council

14.20-14.35 **Preparing cities for an age of climate extremes: Urban flooding, heat waves and resilience**
Ingrid Trønnes Mæhre, Crisis Management Expert & Sigurd Paulsen, Head of Crisis Management, Municipality of Kristiansand

14.35-14.50 **Planning today's cities for tomorrow's coast: Integrating climate risks into spatial planning decisions**
David Cabana, Scientist, Climate Services Center Germany

14.50-15.20 ***Networking coffee break***

15.20-16.20 ***Panel discussion: Turning future scenarios into local action***
Moderator: Katie Goldie-Ryder, Project Coordinator, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat

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16.20-16.30 **Wrap-up**

19.00 ***Joint networking dinner***

DAY 2 | 26 NOVEMBER 2026
RESILIENT STRUCTURES AND EMPOWERED LOCAL COMMUNITIES

08.30-09.00 ***Bus transportation to the site visits***

09.00-11.30 **Thematic study visits**

- Regional Crisis Management Centre | Wojewódzkie Centrum Zarządzania Kryzysowego
- Clean Energy Port | Port Czystej Energii
- Gdansk Water Ltd. | Gdańskie Wody Sp. z o.o.

11.30-12.00 ***Bus transportation from the site visit***

12.00-13.00 ***Lunch***

13.00-17.00 **Session 3: City governance, approaches and tools**

13.00-13.05 **Introduction of the day**

13.05-13.25 **Building climate adaptation into city governance and practice**
Kajsa Rosqvist, Project Director, City of Helsinki

13.25-13.40	**Local perspective on crisis preparedness in Gdańsk** Wojciech Szpakowski, Technical Director, Gdańsk Water Ltd.
13.40-13.55	**Preparedness and response of Latvia's rescue service: A national approach** State Fire and Rescue Service of Latvia
13.55-14.10	**From silos to collaboration: Aligning municipal and community stakeholders** Darina Detolli, Project Manager, Association Klaipeda Region
14.10-14.15	***Recharge break***
14.15-14.35	**ClimaResponse Digital Planning Platform for local governments *(with Q&A)*** Aron Larsson, Professor, Mid Sweden University
14.35-14.55	**CREWS project tool to link local authorities with civil society in crisis management *(with Q&A)*** Mārīte Ieviņa, Project Coordinator, City of Jelgava
14.55-15.20	***Networking coffee break***
15.20-16.50	***World café: Multilevel governance and cross-sectoral cooperation in climate resilience***
	• **Achieving meaningful community engagement** Heidi Tuhkanen, Senior Expert, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Tallinn & piloting cities from ClimaResponse project • **From climate risk to planning decision: tools for resilient coastal development** David Cabana, Scientist, Climate Services Center Germany, Baltic PlaNet platform project • **Baltic flood resilience and digital solutions** Malte Götte-Ortiz, Project Manager, Carpe Europe e.V., BALTFLOODS project
16.50-17.00	**Key takeaways and the road ahead**
19.00	***Dinner (on own costs)***