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**

- **Emil Rojek**, First Vice-Voivode, Pomeranian Voivodeship Office
- **Piotr Grzelak**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Gdańsk, Vice-President of the Union of the Baltic Cities
- **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 at the Gradova restaurant in Hevelianum***

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 regional climate resilience through local action**
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
- **Yigyeong Oh**, Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Implementation Expert, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- **Agnieszka Ilola**, Head of Secretariat, Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission
- **Magnus Qvant**, Co-Founder, Nordic Urban Resilience Institute
- **Maiia Dushak**, Head of Office of Grant and Project Activities at the International Relations Department, Odesa City Council

16.20-16.30 **Wrap-up**

19.00 ***Joint networking dinner at the Śliwka w Kompot Rooftop Gdańsk***
Szafarnia 10, 80-755 Gdańsk

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

08.30-09.00 ***Bus transportation to the study visits***
(Buses start from the Hotel Mercure Gdańsk Stare Miasto, Heweliusza St. 22)

09.00-11.30 Thematic study visits (parallel)

- **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 study visits to Hevelianum***

12.00-13.00 ***Lunch at the Gradova restaurant in Hevelianum***

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**
Kristaps Kolbergs, Head of Operational Management Department, 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 & Tomas Eglynas, Researcher, Klaipeda University

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) at the PG4 craft beer restaurant***
Podwale Grodzkie 4, 80-895 Gdańsk