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***

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***

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** • 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***
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
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)***