

# Welcome to the Climate Budget Summit!

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# Climate-4-CAST

The project provides **local public authorities** with an open-source **Climate Action Decision Support (CADS) Tool for climate budgeting**. The tool helps cities to visualise and analyse various action scenarios for meeting climate goals to better plan public budgets with climate neutrality measures and monitor results of their implementation.

## Duration

11/2023 – 10/2026

## Budget

3.77 M €, including  
EU funding 3.02 M €



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## Associated Organisations

**AO1:** City of Bergen

**AO2:** Växjö municipality

**AO3:** Municipality of Luleå

**AO4:** Vejle Municipality

**AO5:** County of Herzogtum Lauenburg

**AO6:** City of Hamburg

**AO7:** City of Turku

**AO8:** City of Gothenburg

**AO9:** City of Copenhagen

**AO10:** Municipality of Oskarshamn

**AO11:** City of Gdansk

**AO12:** Municipality of Randers

**AO13:** Skanderborg Municipality

**AO14:** City of Krakow



**10 Project Partners**  
from 6 countries  
supported by  
**14 Associated**  
**Organisations**

## Climate-4-CAST in a Nutshell

- **Context:** Achieving EU's 2050 climate neutrality goal requires cities to embed climate action into everyday governance and budgeting processes.
- **Challenge:** Local authorities often struggle to turn climate commitments into action due to budget constraints, limited capacity, and siloed decision-making.
  - Climate budgeting offers a structured approach, but implementation remains a challenge.
- **Solution:** Climate-4-CAST develops the CADS Tool — an open-source, decision-support platform that helps cities to strengthen climate budgeting processes.

### FINAL OUTPUT

- Open-source Decision-Support Tool for climate budgeting (*tool code package*)
- Guide on the Tool integration in local climate and fiscal governance processes (*operationalisation guidelines*)

## Climate-4-CAST in a Nutshell

- **How it works:** The CADS tool translates emissions data and policy impacts into easy-to-understand formats, allowing cities to compare action scenarios and align spending with climate targets.
- **Proof it works:** Pilot cities are applying the CADS Tool to real-world actions — early results show how the tool helps integrate emissions data into political processes, engage stakeholders, and prioritise cost-effective actions, offering a replicable model for other cities.

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## Where are we now?

Nov 2023

### WP1: Preparing solutions (2023 - 2024)

Establishing transnational cooperation and co-developing the tool (Nov 2023 – Apr 2024)

Setting up the technical functions of the tool (Nov 2023 – Apr 2024)

Co-creating the operationalisation framework (Nov 2023 – Apr 2024)

### WP2: Piloting & evaluating solutions (2024 - 2026)

1st tool iteration piloting (May – Oct 2024)

Co-evaluation and tool iteration (May 2024 – Apr 2026)

2nd tool iteration piloting (May – Sep 2025)

Finalising the decision-support tool and operationalisation guidelines (Nov 2025 – Apr 2026)

### WP3: Transferring solutions (2025 - 2026)

Two Climate Budget Summits (end of 2025 & end of 2026)

Climate Budget transnational professionals' training course (end of 2025 – end of 2026)

Review of tool for transfer and use case expansion (May 2025 – Oct 2026)

Oct 2026

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# Thank you

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