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Climate Budget Training Course

Module 2: Obtaining mandate and setting cooperation

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General information

This event is recorded – recordings of the presentations will be available at the UBC SCC Climate Budget Training Course page

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Meeting hosts (for technical questions):
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Agenda

10.00–10.10 EET

Welcome to the training: Introduction of the Climate-4-CAST project and the training course

Olena Zinchuk, UBC Sustainable Cities Commission
Donald Alimi, HafenCity University Hamburg

10.10–10.30

Overview of C40 Climate Budgeting Programme and advice to the cities

Astrid Svensson, C40

10.30–11.00

How to start climate budgeting process: prerequisites and foundation, local context

Kimberly Tatum, HafenCity University Hamburg
Hannes Anagrius, Uppsala University

11.00–11.20

Moderated discussions and Q&A in the breakout rooms

11.20–11.30

Short break

11.30–12.00

Building understanding and capacity across departments

Inga Pelša, City of Riga | Riga Energy Agency
Philipp Sindelar, Stadt Wien

12.00–12.10

How to start climate budgeting in a specific strategic sector

Herbert Brüning, City of Norderstedt

12.10–12.30

Next modules of the training

Olena Zinchuk, UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

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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

A01: City of Bergen

A02: Växjö municipality

A03: Municipality of Luleå

A04: Vejle Municipality

A05: County of Herzogtum Lauenburg

A06: City of Hamburg

A07: City of Turku

A08: City of Gothenburg

A09: City of Copenhagen

A010: Municipality of Oskarshamn

A011: City of Gdansk

A012: Municipality of Randers

A013: Skanderborg Municipality

A014: City of Krakow



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from 6 countries
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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)

Oct 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)

Quick Training Course facts

📖 Kick-off at [1st Climate Budget Summit](#) in Malmö, Oct 2025 and [UBC Talks Webinar](#), Dec 2025

General knowledge ▶▶ Specific Skills

📡 Separate registration links for each module

📖 Possibilities for peer exchange, support and joint exercising

Practical module working on **the CADS-tool with simulated data** 📊

☂️ Wrap-up at **2nd Climate Budget Summit** in Brussels, in Oct 2026

Results compiled in **Training Material Package** 📁

FULL SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION



ubc-sustainable.net/news/climate-budget-training

Module 2: Obtaining mandate and setting cooperation

today

Module 3: Climate actions portfolio and emissions data inventory

31 March 2026

Module 4: Analysing costs & benefits, building scenario and interpreting results

7 May 2026

Next modules of the Training Course

Olena Zinchuk, UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

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- **Module 3: Climate actions portfolio and emissions data inventory**
[online / 31 March 2026] [registration link](#)
- **Module 4: Analysing costs & benefits, building scenario and interpreting results**
[online / 7 May 2026] [registration link](#)
- **Module 5: Hands-on practical CADS tool training**
[in person or online / June or September 2026]
- **Module 6: Using results for decision making, communicating with politicians and citizens**
[Climate Budget Summit in Brussels / October 2026]

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Modules 3 and 4

M3: Climate actions portfolio and emissions data inventory [online / Tue 31 March 10-13 EET]

*What climate actions can we take in a limited financial environment? Which is more effective?
→ reliable CO₂ emissions calculations*

Climate actions; emissions inventories, baseline calculations, scopes; data sources & national guidelines; carbon sinks & offsets

Theory + practice examples from cities
Moderated discussions

Further exchange & peer support, homework / mini-CB projects, preparation for the next module

aims

topics

in the events

outside them

M4: Analysing costs & benefits, building scenario and interpreting results [online / Thu 7 May 10-13 EET]

CB process further entails evaluation of financial costs and benefits of climate actions (and inactions!), supporting transparent and informed decision-making

Financial impact assessment approaches; non-monetary benefits; scenario building and future variables to consider; CADs and other relevant tools

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Exchange & peer support

Within the training module events and in between/outside the module events

Let's vote!

- Moderated discussions in breakout rooms, on same or different topics
- Peer-matching with other cities & exchange; organised or free-form
- Homework related to the module topic / climate budgeting stage
- Own mini-CB pilot exercise with a chosen climate action

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Within the training module events and in between/outside the module events

RESULTS

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|  | Moderated discussions in breakout rooms, on same or different topics | 70% |
|  | Peer-matching with other cities & exchange; organised or free-form | 70% |
|  | Homework related to the module topic / climate budgeting stage | 30% |
|  | Own mini-CB pilot exercise with a chosen climate action | 40% |



Thank you, and see you March 31!

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