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# Climate Budget Training Course

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

7 May 2026

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## General information

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Meeting hosts (for technical questions):  
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# Agenda

10.00–10.15 EEST

**Short overview of the Climate-4-CAST project and the training course**

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

10.15–10.25

**Climate budgeting: approaches to action assessments**

Kim Tatum, HafenCity University Hamburg

10.25–10.55

**Climate Action Decision Support (CADS) Tool functionalities on scenario changes and visualization of results**

Michael Mechenich, Kausal Ltd

10.55–11.05

*Short break*

11.05–12.05

**Actions' impact assessment methods and outcomes: city case examples**

- Tampere, Finland, by Emmi Nieminen
- Aarhus, Denmark, by Anders Rosenstand Laugesen
- Norderstedt, Germany, by Toya Engel

12.05–12.20

**M5 Practical training, matchmaking and mentoring exchange**

Olena Zinchuk, UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

12.20–13.00

**Moderated discussions and Q&A in the breakout rooms**



# Overview of the Climate-4-CAST project, the training course and introduction into emissions calculations for climate budgeting

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

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# Climate-4-CAST

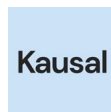
The project provides **local public authorities** with an open-source **Climate Action Decision Support (CADS) Tool for climate budgeting**. The tool helps cities to visualise and analyse various action scenarios for meeting climate goals to better plan public budgets with climate neutrality measures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

## Duration

11/2023 – 10/2026

## Budget

3.77 M €, including  
EU funding 3.02 M €



## 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*)



# 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** 📁



Module 2: Obtaining mandate and setting cooperation [[materials](#)]

26 Jan 2026

Module 3: Climate actions portfolio and emissions data inventory [[materials](#)]

31 Mar 2026

Module 4: Analysing costs & benefits, building scenario and interpreting results [[online](#)]

7 May 2026

*Module 5: Hands-on practical CADS tool training [Turku, Finland]*

*1-2 Sep 2026*

*Module 6: Using results for decision making, communicating with politicians and citizens [Brussels] Oct 2026* | 7

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# M5 Practical training, matchmaking and mentoring exchange

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## Digital contact cards

- **Why:** to escape the constraints of the online module formats, network and build connections to the other experts, capitalising on exchange outside the training course
- **How it works:** our city partners have included digital contacts into their slides and submitted the cards – now it is your turn!

[Link to submit digital contact card through webform](#)

- **What next:** little elves will match submitted replies and send email suggestions to connect with your climate budget twin
  - Possibility to exchange and receive mentoring support at M5 Practical CADS tool training

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**I'm doing climate budgeting** for 18 months  
**I have expertise in** building cross-departmental cooperation

**I'd like to learn about** effectiveness of climate actions in varying contexts

**My city is good at** testing the innovative approaches

**I want to twin with a city that** has results in climate budgeting in mobility sector

**I'll be attending hands on training in person on 1-2 September 2026 in Turku**

# M5: Practical application of decision support tool

## In person meeting in Turku (FI) 1-2 September 2026

### What's included

- CADS tool operationalization and application in pilot cities
- Tool's main segments, charts, scenario exercises and cities' user experiences working with it
- Hands-on session with the simulated data enhanced by practical clinic with mini-tasks
- Opportunities for city-twinning, peer support and discussions on further functionalities and use cases expansion
- Site visits to Turku Positive Energy District, Biodiversity Park and Nature-based Solutions for Climate Adaptation

### [More information and preliminary agenda](#)

Registration: <https://www.lyyti.in/ClimateBudgetCourseM5>



### For whom

- ✓ Climate specialists who want to apply in practice knowledge from the training course
- ✓ Organisations that followed Climate-4-CAST progress and are ready to test the developed tool
- ✓ Cities that need to transfer the operational skills internally in the team



**Thank you, please join moderated discussion in a breakout room and hope to see you in Turku!**

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