

# BALTIC PLANET

## NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026

### Welcome to the first edition of Baltic PlaNet newsletter!

This newsletter will shortly introduce you with our project, its activities, latest achievements and upcoming events.

#### What is Baltic PlaNet about?

The **Baltic Climate-Resilient Coastal Planning Network (Baltic PlaNet)** is a project platform that brings together coastal municipalities of the **Baltic Sea Region (BSR)** to unify their responses to **extreme weather events** through joint spatial planning, offering practical tools, training, and peer exchange to protect natural and urban areas. Baltic PlaNet capitalises on the knowledge and tools provided by 11 EU-funded projects, offering a suite of methods, tools, and ready-to-apply strategies in the field of climate change adaptation. More about capitalised projects [here](#).

#### Join the Baltic PlaNet network!

**Be part of a community shaping climate-resilient coasts in the Baltic Sea Region.**

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### OUR APPROACH:



#### TOOLS

- Baltic Sea2Land Navigator Platform
- Coastal Extreme Events Data Hub



#### GUIDANCE

- Adaptation pathways for spatial planning
- Guidelines for assessing climate strategies
- Policy recommendations for the region



#### CAPACITY BUILDING

- Webinars & training
- Stakeholder engagement methods
- Knowledge exchange network

## PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Building the Foundation of the Baltic Sea2Land Navigator

**The Baltic Sea2Land Navigator** is project's core platform to support climate-resilient coastal spatial planning in the BSR. Recent work has focused on **integrating climate information, improving the platform's usability, and advancing climate data integration and the future data repository, discuss technical solutions for data access.**

Looking ahead, the Navigator will continue to be developed, alongside **international workshops (first in autumn 2026)**, engaging planners, experts, and stakeholders to provide valuable feedback and help ensure that the platform responds to the real needs of coastal municipalities facing increasing climate risks.

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### Coastal Adaptation and Multilevel Governance

The project has made strong progress in further understanding **the mechanism of Coastal Adaptation and Multilevel Governance in the Baltic Sea Region.** Activities have focused on establishing cooperation mechanisms between different governance levels, engaging coastal municipalities and stakeholders, and **gathering practical experience through local workshops and pilot activities.** The stakeholder engagement processes initiated in Latvia have successfully generated **valuable insights on flood risk, social vulnerability, and climate adaptation needs,** while preparations are advancing for similar activities in Poland and Estonia in autumn 2026.

In parallel, partners are consolidating knowledge from previous projects and assessing coastal extreme weather events to support **the development of adaptation pathways and resilience planning approaches.** The work is progressing towards one of the projects deliverables, which will provide **guidance and recommendations for intergovernmental cooperation in coastal climate adaptation and planning.**

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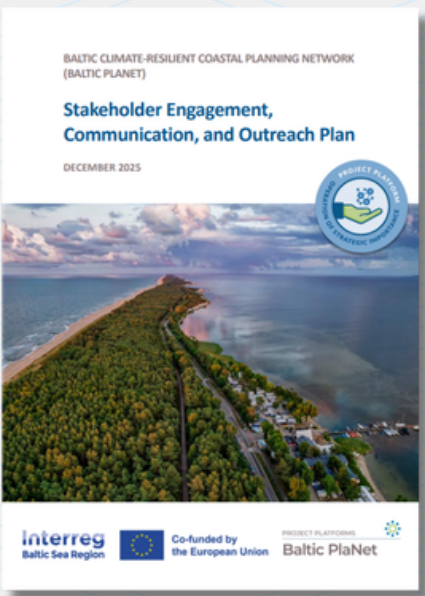


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### Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building to Advance Climate-Resilient Coastal Planning in BSR

Baltic PlaNet continues to advance climate-resilient coastal planning by actively **engaging with planners, policymakers and other stakeholders** through major European events and regional meetings, including the **EUSBSR Annual Forum**, **European Maritime Day** and the **Land-based Planners' Forum**. Alongside the publication of **Stakeholder Engagement, Communication and Outreach Plan**, the project is preparing a **capacity-building programme** for spatial planners, with the first webinar on climate change and future coastal climate projections taking place in October 2026.

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### First Project Deliverable: Baltic PlaNet Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, and Outreach Plan

This plan defines how the project platform Baltic PlaNet will systematically engage stakeholders, disseminate results, and build long-term capacity across the Baltic Sea Region. The plan was prepared during the first six months of project implementation, and provides strategic guidance for the full project duration (July 2025 - June 2028).

[READ FULL DOCUMENT HERE](#)

## RECENT PROJECT ACTIVITIES



### Community Voices Informing Climate Resilience in Jūrmala, Latvia

On 6 May 2026, Baltic PlaNet brought together Latvian stakeholders - residents, local authorities, planning regions, the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development, community organisations, and researchers - in Jūrmala, Latvia, for the workshop *Our Coast, Our Future: A Community Conversation About Flooding and What Comes Next*.

The workshop demonstrated the value of integrating local knowledge with scientific and planning expertise. Discussions highlighted the need for stronger preparedness, targeted support for at-risk residents, and closer cooperation between communities and decision-makers.

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### Baltic PlaNet at the 17<sup>th</sup> EUSBSR Annual Forum 2026

This May, Baltic PlaNet team travelled to Tallinn to participate in the EUSBSR Annual Forum 2026 — the flagship event of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. Under the theme of resilience, the Forum brought together around 500 policymakers, planners and practitioners from across the region.

Project was present at the Networking Village to promote the project and engage with stakeholders from different countries and governance levels. Visitors had the chance to complete the Baltic Sea region resilience quiz and join the Baltic PlaNet stakeholder network.

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### Baltic PlaNet at the European Maritime Day 2026

On 21-22 May 2026, the Baltic PlaNet project platform participated in the European Maritime Day (EMD) 2026 held in Cyprus.

Event provided an important opportunity to connect Baltic Sea Region experiences with wider European maritime priorities and to exchange knowledge on climate resilience, spatial planning, and sustainable coastal development.

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## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

### Sea2Land Navigator Workshop

#### Autumn 2026

This co-creation workshop will explore the challenge of how to incorporate climate risks in the Sea2Land Navigator to enable spatial planners develop more robust and helpful plans. Workshop will present new design proposals for integrating climate change angle into the Sea2Land Navigator. Participants will play an active role in shaping the tool, contributing their expertise and feedback to ensure it meets real planning needs.

### Community Engagement Workshops in Estonia & Poland

Following the successful [workshop in Jūrmala](#), Baltic PlaNet will continue its community engagement activities this autumn in Gdańsk, Poland, and Lääne-Harju, Estonia. Bringing together local stakeholders, authorities, and researchers, these workshops will explore flood risks, social vulnerability, and adaptation priorities to ensure local knowledge plays a central role in building climate resilience across the Baltic Sea Region.

### Online Capacity-Building Webinars

#### Webinar “Understanding Climate Change” (October 2026)

Exchange of foundational understanding of climate science, and climate change impacts, exploring future climate projections for the region and assessing the specific impacts on coastal zones in the Baltic Sea Region.

#### Webinar “Climate Action Tools and Techniques” (February 2027)

Explore practical tools and techniques for addressing climate change. Participants will learn how to develop effective climate adaptation plans, integrate climate considerations into spatial planning processes.

#### Webinar “Collaborative Climate Action” (May 2027)

Importance of collaboration and cooperation in addressing climate change - learn how to work effectively with different stakeholders, influence policy processes, and build public support for climate action.

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### Lead partner:

- Helmholtz-Zentrum Hereon GmbH, Germany

### Project partners:

- HELCOM/ Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission
- Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development, Latvia
- VASAB Secretariat
- Kurzeme Planning Region, Latvia
- Tallinn University, Estonia
- Lääne-Harju Municipality, Estonia
- Association of Sea Cities and Municipalities, Poland

### Associated organisations:

- Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC)
- Vidzeme Planning Region, Latvia
- Foundation for Environmental Education
- Saulkrasti Municipality, Latvia
- Council of the Baltic Sea States
- Riga Planning Region, Latvia
- Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture, Estonia

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