

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

- City of Gdańsk
- Agnieszka Ilola, Head of Secretariat of the Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission
- Markus Helavuori, Deputy Director General of the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat

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, Nordic Urban Resilience Institute, Malmö

12.00-13.30

Lunch

13.30-17.30

Session 2: The risks Baltic Sea Region needs to prepare for

13.30-13.50

Topical keynote on building resilient societies

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13.50-14.05

Building urban resilience in the Baltic Sea Region

Amy Delis, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat

14.05-14.20

Local climate resilience and urban adaptation challenges from Ukraine

Maiia Dushak, Odesa City Council

14.20-14.35

Preparing cities for an age of climate extremes: urban flooding, heat waves and resilience

Ingrid Trønnnes Mæhre & Sigurd Paulsen, Municipality of Kristiansand

14.35-14.50

Planning today's cities for tomorrow's coast: integrating climate risks into spatial planning decisions

David Cabana, Climate Services Center Germany



14.50-15.15	Networking coffee break
15.15-16.15	Panel discussion: Connecting the dots and preparing for tomorrow Moderator: Katie Goldie-Ryder, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat
16.15-16.30	Wrap-up
19.00	Joint networking dinner

DAY 2 | 26 NOVEMBER 2026

RESILIENT STRUCTURES AND EMPOWERED LOCAL COMMUNITIES

08.30-09.00	Transportation to the site visits
09.00-11.30	Site visits • Port of Clean Energy • Gdańskie Wody (City of Gdańsk Water Management Authority)
11.30-12.00	Transportation from the site visit
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-17.00	Session 3: City governance, approaches and tools
13.00-13.15	Opening of day 2
13.15-13.30	Governance case on climate resilience <i>tbc</i>
13.30-13.45	Local perspective on crisis preparedness in Gdańsk <i>tbc</i>
13.45-14.00	Working across city departments to avoid fragmentation of responsibilities and working in silos Klaipeda Region
14.00-14.20	ClimaResponse Digital Planning Platform for local governments with Q&A Aron Larsson, Mid Sweden University
14.20-14.40	CREWS project tool to link local authorities with civil society in crisis management with Q&A Mārīte Ieviņa, City of Jelgava
14.40-15.15	Networking coffee break
15.15-16.45	World café: Clinic to achieve concrete change <i>[Table islands: short pitch & discussing methodologies, concrete steps, experiences and lessons. Switch every 30 min]</i>



- **Achieving meaningful community engagement**
Heidi Tuhkanen, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Tallinn & piloting cities from ClimaResponse project
- **From climate risk to planning decision: tools for resilient coastal development**
David Cabana, Climate Services Center Germany, Baltic PlaNet platform
- **Baltic flood resilience and digital solutions**
BALTFLOODS project

16.45-17.00

Synthesis of key messages and wrapping up

19.00

Dinner (on own costs)