

Welcome to the Climate Budget Summit

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Union of the Baltic Cities

- Leading network of cities and municipalities in the Baltic Sea Region established **35 years** ago.
- Today over **70 member cities** in **9 countries** around the Baltic Sea.
- **8 thematic Commissions** focusing on sustainable development, urban planning, youth, health, culture, safety, education and business.



Climate Budget Summit agenda



13.30-13.45 Welcome to the Climate Budget Summit

Climate budgeting and how it can help achieving ambitious

13.45-14.00 local climate goals

JÖRG KNIELING, HafenCity University Hamburg

Climate governance and latest trends from the Eurocities Pulse

14.00-14.15 Mayors Survey

SYLWIA SŁOMIAK, Eurocities

Panel discussion: Setting ambitions and targets, prioritising investments for climate action and providing decision-support

Moderator: JÖRG KNIELING, HafenCity University Hamburg

14.15-15.45

- GUNĀRS ANSINŠ, City of Liepāja
- ELINA RANTANEN, City of Turku
- BENNO HAIN, Ministry of Environment, Climate, Energy and Agriculture, City of Hamburg
- VALDIS RATNIKS, City of Riga | Riga Energy Agency
- SYLWIA SŁOMIAK, Eurocities

15.45-16.15 COFFEE AND NETWORKING

Turning climate targets into actionable decisions with the Climate Action Decision Support Tool

16.15-16.30

HANNA MERILÄINEN, City of Tampere

Cities leading the change: Towards net-zero with climate budgeting

16.30-17.15

- EMMI NIEMINEN, City of Tampere
- MADS BÆK PEDERSEN, Municipality of Aarhus
- RASMUS GRELSSON, Municipality of Östersund

Celebrating over 100 local government alumni of the climate budgeting training course

17.15-17.30

OLENA ZINCHUK, UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

17.30-19.00 COCKTAILS AND NETWORKING

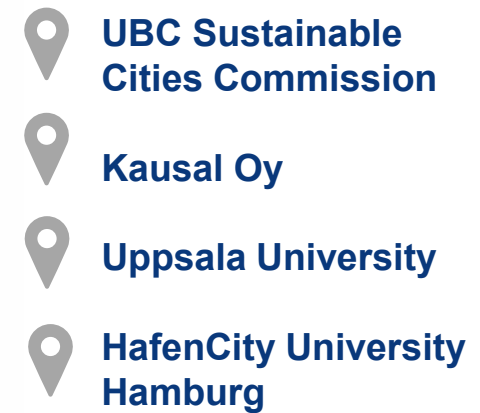
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Climate-4-CAST Partnership

- 6 pilot cities
- 4 supporting institutions for research, tech, and communication tasks



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