

# CASCADE

COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION FOR  
SUPPORTING CLIMATE ADAPTATION

## CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS:

# TOP PRIORITY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

The innovative CASCADE project brings together civil protection specialists and climate change adaptation experts to build resilience in the region.

## MAIN FACTS ABOUT CASCADE

- **Funding Programme:** DG ECHO (European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid)
- **Duration:** 24 months (1.1.2019–31.12.2020)
- **Budget:** 867 028 euros
- **Lead Partner:** City of Turku / Southwest Finland Emergency Services
- **Partners:**
  - The Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat
  - Frederiksborg Fire and Rescue Service (FBBR)
  - Hamburg Fire and Rescue Service (LFS)
  - The Main School of Fire Service (SGSP)
  - Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre (SEI Tallinn)
  - Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)
  - Union of the Baltic Cities – Safe Cities Commission / Liepaja Municipal Police
  - Union of the Baltic Cities – Sustainable Cities Commission
  - Åbo Akademi University / Centre for Lifelong Learning / Baltic University Programme



**FOCUS: TO INCREASE PRACTICAL RISK MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY BY CREATING**

## **POSITIVE CASCADING EFFECTS**

CASCADE targets the need to develop integrated risk assessment methodologies, tailor-made for the local level, and putting them into practice for more resilient societies.

CASCADE will also strive for initiating a region-wide policy dialogue on the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The dialogue will be an effective platform for cross-sectorial cooperation between different levels of governance and for greater policy coherence on climate risk assessments.

### **RESULTS FOR RESILIENCE**

CASCADE outputs are relevant for all Baltic Sea Region countries. They include:

- An **Online Tool** for integrated climate change and disaster risk reduction management.
- Development of **Risk Assessment Methodology**, applicable to the Baltic Sea Region climate change risks in urban contexts.
- **Training courses** for city officials responsible for civil protection on how to assess and manage the climate change risks.
- **Policy dialogues** between local, macro-regional, national, and international actors for multilevel risk governance.
- **Guidelines** for local level public administration on how to operationalize the proper risk treatment options.

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