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Bouncing forward: Designing SUD strategies for resilience

Country-specific Event

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AGENDA (PROVISIONAL)

Timing	Content
Day 1 (23 April)	
09:30 – 10:00	<p>Registration and welcome</p> <p>Space Center, Cēsis (here)</p>
10:00 – 10:45	<p>Why are we here? (Plenary)</p> <p>This session will feature opening remarks from institutional representatives and an overview of the two-day program.</p>
10:45 – 12:15	<p>Setting the stage for urban resilience (Plenary)</p> <p>The session will offer a lively panel discussion on resilience and civil protection in the Latvian context, featuring experts, practitioners and policy makers.</p> <p>The respective contributions will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilience-based planning • National risk assessments and multi-hazard mapping • Data-driven approaches: predictive analytics, real-time data, and citizen science • Implications of the evolving geopolitical landscape <p>Speakers: Colonel Mārtiņš Baltmanis, chief of State Fire and Rescue Service. Kyle King, expert on emergencies and security. Sadales tīkls. Aiga Grasmāne, director of the Climate Policies department, Ministry of Climate and Energy.</p> <p><i>Moderated by Inese Vaivare.</i></p>
12:15 – 13:15	<p>Lunch break</p>
13:15 – 15:15	<p>Practical solutions for urban resilience (Break-out)</p> <p>The objective of this workshop is to equip participants with ideas and practical tools to enhance urban resilience in their sustainable urban development (SUD) strategies.</p> <p>The focus will be on two areas in particular: climate adaptation and dual-use infrastructure.</p> <p>The breakout sessions will be organized in two rounds. The case studies presented will be following: Region of Kvarken, Finland / Sweden.</p>

	City of Cēsis , Latvia. and two new cases coming soon!
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 16:45	Building your roadmap towards resilience: part 1 (Plenary) Participants will explore and reflect on applicable learnings from practices implemented in Latvia and abroad. The objective is to discuss the applicability to their municipality, with support of experts and facilitators. During this session, the participants will create a basis for their tailored roadmap which will be finalized on day 2.
19:30	Evening activity Venue tbc
Day 2 (24 April)	
09:00 – 12:30	Simulation exercise (Plenary and Break-out) This interactive exercise will simulate a large-scale movement of people in crisis situations, reflecting real-world challenges. The scenario will incorporate key urban planning and emergency response factors, including rural-to-urban transitions, dual-use infrastructure, critical assets, public communication, and crisis management strategies.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:30	Building your roadmap towards resilience: part 2 (Plenary) Participants will follow up on the work done on Day 1, elaborating a list of concrete steps and actions to take to build resilience in the context of their municipality.
14:30 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 16:00	What did we achieve? (Plenary) This session will feature shared reflections, main takeaways and ways forward.