

Resilience and Climate Adaptation at ICLEI Europe

To create a healthy environment in which to live and work, local and regional governments must reconcile their development ambitions with adaptation to climate change. Facing increasingly frequent climate hazards means that communities need to find ways to approach disaster risk reduction and resilience-building in a collaborative and community-driven way.



In accordance with ICLEI's Global Resilience Planning Cycle, we support local and regional governments in managing new extremes, and support planning for and with communities as they aim to:

- ★ understand shocks and stresses which may impede secure, sustainable development, and assess urban risks and vulnerabilities (Analyse);
- ★ develop and implement options for building resilience to risks, such as floods, heat waves, droughts and more, to ensure a city can achieve its sustainable development goals (Act);
- ★ scale up their resilience building activities, increase stakeholder engagement and link with national and international networks, campaigns and initiatives (Accelerate).

"We feel obligated to build a good future for the next generations. All European cities face a huge urbanisation task, and it's important to consider touchstones such as resilience for climate change, good living, beauty, in order to be able to provide the best living conditions for the future. Let's learn how to urbanise in harmony with the environment."

Harriët Tiemens

Director of the Green Metropolitan Region of Arnhem-Nijmegen (The Netherlands), and member of ICLEI Europe's Regional Executive Committee



ICLEI INVOLVEMENT IN STRATEGIC FRAMEWORKS

The [European Urban Resilience Forum \(EURESFO\)](#), is a joint initiative between ICLEI Europe and the European Environment Agency. For more than a decade now, EURESFO has offered a unique exchange platform where city representatives and stakeholders from various local and regional institutions come together to discuss strategies and actions for adapting to climate change and building urban resilience.

ICLEI is a core partner on [Making Cities Resilient 2030 \(MCR2030\)](#), an initiative that works to reduce disaster risk in urban areas. ICLEI Europe is also Co-chair of the Regional Coordination Committee in Europe and Central Asia.

The [ICLEI Ukraine Roadmap for Post-conflict Resilience and Recovery](#) operates as an overarching framework for supporting Ukrainian cities in achieving their sustainability and post-war recovery targets. It also establishes the grounds towards realising cities' demand-led war fragilities, and develops a mechanism for empowering governance decentralisation efforts. This will help shift investments from a humanitarian response into energy, reconstruction and human security urgent needs, together with strategic planning for long-term opportunities in achieving Climate Neutrality, Adaptation and Resilient sustainable development in association with the [European Local Green Deal \(LGD\)](#).

IMPACT

ICLEI is involved in

16 projects

under the Mission:

Adaptation to Climate Change
– Pathways2Resilience,
REGILIENCE, CLIMATEFIT,
CARDIMED, Land4Climate,
NBRACER, Regions4Climate,
MED-IREN, REGILIENCEplus,
AdaptationHubs, UNDERPIN,
Commit2Green, FairFuture,
SystR, Re-HUBS and AGORA and
additionally in the Mission for
Restoration of Waters and Oceans,
through the Co-Waters project.

12 editions

of the European Urban
Resilience Forum (EURESFO)
have been held, gathering
city representatives, experts,
and stakeholders from local
and regional institutions to
discuss strategies, initiatives,
and actions affliating to
climate change adaptation,
disaster management, and
the cultivation of
urban resilience.

More than

1000 cities

worldwide have now
signed the Making
Cities Resilient
2030 initiative.



OPPORTUNITIES

European Resilience Partnership: The European Resilience Partnership is an initiative, initiated by ICLEI aiming to break silos between societal, environmental, and economic resilience actions by building capacity through enabling collaboration across different sectors, governance scales, financing tools, and initiatives. By doing so, it will also support local and regional governments in their journey to become more resilient. If you are interested in joining the Partnership, please write to: urbanresilienceforum@iclei.org

Cities REFRESH: Safeguarding Europe's quality of life starts in our cities and towns. By building resilience locally and harnessing the strength of our communities, we can make heat-exposed spaces safer, bring life back to currently deserted heat islands, and turn hostile places into inclusive oases. Local governments are already working to make this happen. As temperatures rise, cities and towns hit REFRESH to redefine our urban environment, protecting and supporting communities, and rethinking spaces for a cooler future. [Join the campaign now](#)

Sign up for the [ICLEI Europe Urban Resilience Newsletter](#)

RESOURCES

The [Regional Resilience Journey](#) provides regions with a framework for a transition to climate resilience. The framework, developed as part of Pathways2Resilience, supports regions in implementing adaptation strategies that are just and transformative.

The [European Resilience Management Guideline](#) provides cities with an operational framework that supports them in local-scale resilience planning. The guideline was co-created alongside 15 cities as part of the Smart Mature Resilience (SMR) project.

The [ARCH HUB](#) hosts an array of resilience-building tools aimed at the cross-section of disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, and the protection of cultural heritage.

[Building Resilience through Adaptation at the Local Level](#) report, produced as part of the Policy Support Facility (PSF), under the Covenant of Mayors - Europe.

The [Quick Guides on Natural Hazards](#) developed by the REGILIENCE, IMPETUS, and TransformAr projects, give local and regional decision-makers clear actions to prepare for, respond to, and build resilience around different hazards.

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ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network working with more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development.