

STRENGTHENING LOCAL RISK GOVERNANCE FOR A CLIMATE- RESILIENT EUROPE

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Across Europe, communities are facing an increasingly complex and interconnected risk landscape shaped by climate change, technological disruptions, geopolitical instability, public health emergencies and other cascading hazards.

This high-level policy workshop will bring together representatives from European institutions, local and regional governments, civil protection authorities, emergency services, academia, international organisations and the private sector to examine how stronger local governance, improved coordination and innovative risk intelligence can enhance preparedness for future crises while supporting sustainable and climate-resilient communities.

A key feature of the workshop will be the collection of feedback on the European adaptation of an innovative digital platform developed by Aston University researchers. Originally designed to support disaster risk governance and policy analysis in Southeast Asia, the platform is now being tailored to the European context. Participants will have the opportunity to help shape this risk-informed decision-making tool, ensuring it meets the needs of European local and regional authorities in strengthening resilience, planning, and disaster risk management.

Registration

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Agenda

9:45–10:15	Registration and Networking Coffee
10:15–10:45	Welcome: Laura Southgate , Aston University; Diane Catherine , Urban Transitions Mission, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Opening Keynote: Bella Nestorova , Team Leader, Disaster Risk and Resilience, DG ECHO, European Commission
10:45–12:00	Session 1: Building Climate-Resilient Communities: Integrating Disaster Governance, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Sustainable Urban Development Panellists: Laurent Alfonso (France); Gottlieb Basch (Portugal); Peter Chissnall (Eureka Network); Diane Catherine (Urban Transitions Mission); tbc (DG CLIMA, European Commission)
12:00–12:45	Lunch
12:45–14:45	Session 2: Learning from Crisis Presenters: Fabio Silva (Portugal); Elsa Pastor (Spain)- <i>Remote</i> ; Johan Remijin (the Netherlands)
14:45–15:00	Coffee Break
15:00–16:00	Session 3: Local Risk Intelligence for Action: Data, AI and Governance for Better Disaster Decision-Making Presenters: Zarni Htun & Kishor Rai (Malteser-International, Myanmar); Laura Southgate (Aston University); Tom O'Brien (University of York); Komal Raj Aryal (Aston University); Ahmet Cenk Sari (Aston University)
16:00–17:00	Session 4: Co-Production and Next Steps Moderators: Komal Raj Aryal (Aston University) & Tom O'Brien (University of York) Presenter: Peter Chissnall (Eureka Network)
17:00–17:15	Closing Remarks: Laura Southgate , Aston University
17:15 +	Networking and Drinks Reception