



# EUROPEAN URBAN RESILIENCE FORUM

## 2024 TOPICAL REPORT 1

THEMATIC STREAM:  
MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE,  
COOPERATION AND JUST TRANSITION:  
RESILIENCE LEAVES NO ONE BEHIND



### TOPICS OVERVIEW

This stream investigated challenges and solutions related to 3 important - and connected - components of resilience:

- Multi-level governance: the need to include different levels of government from local to regional, national and European into resilience-building.
- (Inter-departmental) collaboration: the cross-cutting and transversal nature of resilience makes it key to overcome silos for implementation, by mainstreaming resilience across various sectors.
- Just transition: the need to put people at the centre, in particular most vulnerable groups, to ensure a fair and just climate resilience.



## MAIN TAKE-AWAYS

### Multi-level governance is about communication

The human dimension needs to be considered: understanding the cognitive, emotional, and practical aspects of individuals driving climate action is crucial. When collaboration is difficult between governance levels due to political differences, concepts and ideas need to be “translated” across such differences.

### Integration of mitigation and adaptation in multi-level governance

Formal and informal spaces for multi-level collaboration should integrate adaptation and mitigation concerns, identifying synergies and specific solutions. Need shared narratives but also shared governance spaces and integrated strategic action plans. Integrated planning tools can also help bridging multi-level governance challenges: for example, the Climate Action Strategiser in course of development within the [LOCALISED](#) project.

### EXAMPLE FROM THE GROUND

#### Spanish National Platform [citiES 2030](#)

citiES 2030 is a multi-stakeholder space for collaboration and innovation aimed at supporting the transition of Spanish cities towards climate neutrality, within the framework of the European Missions. It is actively working on the integration between mitigation and adaptation in the Spanish context.

### Frontrunner cities driving multi-level collaboration

Successful local practices need to be made visible, so that they can inspire and be scaled up to regional and national levels. This can also help to secure funding from national level, which is crucial to support action beyond individual projects. E.g. Cluj Napoca in Romania.

### Need collaborative frameworks involving governments, the private sector, and communities

Specific governance instruments like [Local Green Deals](#) or [Climate City Contracts](#) can support articulating multi-level and multi-stakeholder collaboration around both mitigation and adaptation, to align policies and actions effectively.

### Better data needed for meaningful involvement of citizens

We need data and creative ways for collecting information, to identify the areas on the territory that are most at risk, and the vulnerable households whose needs must be considered. A creative solution is to reach people where they are and when they have time, instead of expecting them to join events organised by the municipality (e.g. questionnaires administered on local buses).

### Trust-building and early involvement of citizens for a just resilience

Building trust with communities, especially vulnerable groups, through early and honest engagement is crucial. For doing so, engaging local groups, NGOs, associations that are already active on the territory is key, from social services to schools, to civil protection volunteers to street workers.

### EXAMPLE FROM THE GROUND

#### Cluj Napoca, Romania

In 2017, Cluj-Napoca established the [Civic Imagination and Innovation Centre \(CIIC\)](#), to encourage debate and collaboration among community representatives and city stakeholders about urban projects. The CIC exemplifies how cities can actively involve citizens in climate action, leveraging local knowledge and fostering a collaborative environment for innovation.





## From “vulnerable” to “valuable” communities

As Malmö found out through the engagement of citizens for planning heat-related measures, migrant communities can already have a lot of knowledge and strategies to adapt to climate change from their own country and culture of origin. We can learn a lot from marginalised communities: knowledge sharing needs to be fostered, with the help of cultural mediators.

### EXAMPLE FROM THE GROUND

To learn more about what Malmö, Dresden, Utrecht and Messina are working on, check out the full report from the workshop “[Co-creating inclusive climate adaptation solutions](#)”

## Digitalization for just resilience

Digitalization holds significant potential for accelerating climate action. Achieving this through inclusive processes and cooperative partnerships is essential for harnessing the full potential of technology in building sustainable and resilient communities. Digitalisation can prioritise vulnerable populations and contribute to just resilience by sharing transparent data and tailoring responses on communities.

### EXAMPLE FROM THE GROUND

#### Dublin, Ireland: Digitalization

[Smart Dublin](#) is an initiative to engage with smart technology providers, researchers and citizens in solving challenges and improving urban life. It offers a model of collaboration and flexible tendering process to design co-creation with enterprises, while keeping citizens as key partners.

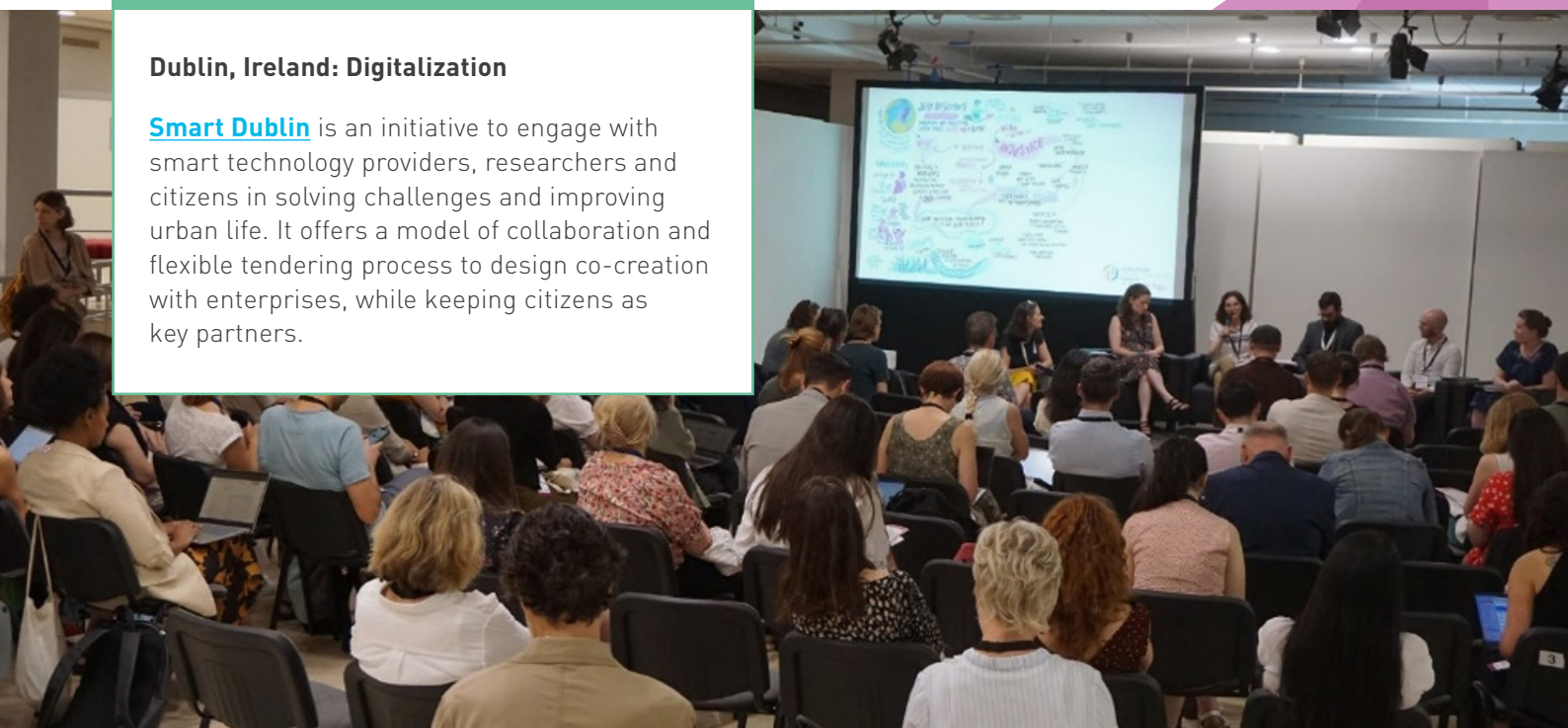
## Towards resilient cultural landscapes

Cultural landscapes are crucial for tourism and local economies, but also vulnerable to climate change, often due to bad management: maladaptation is one of the biggest threats to cultural heritage. A holistic framework is needed to address conflicts and increase the resilience of cultural landscapes as complex adaptive systems, including co-production of knowledge with local communities.

### EXAMPLE FROM THE GROUND

#### [Historical Irrigation System at L’Horta de València \(Spain\) – RescueME project](#)

L’Horta de València encompasses many intertwined systems, from physical heritage to agricultural and socioeconomic systems, which face shocks from hazards like heat waves, droughts, agricultural abandonment and urban and infrastructure expansion. To address these hazards, Impact Chains were developed within RescueME, working with local stakeholders to analyse the intersection of hazards, exposure, and vulnerability. This exercise allowed partners to better identify a set of appropriate solutions for the area, but challenges remain for Valencia as they gather data from various sources, and adapt to political changes at the local scale.





## SESSIONS

- [Multi-level governance: coordinating for climate adaptation](#)
- [Just Resilience across Europe – Building our collective capacities on the “what, why and how”](#)
- Workshop: [Co-creating inclusive climate adaptation solutions: an interactive workshop exploring tools and practices for citizen engagement](#)
- Workshop: [What kind of tools and practices do city and regional administrations need to make urban resilience a reality?](#)
- [Digitalization for Climate Action: Co-Creation, Collaboration, and Just Transitions](#)
- [Does Culture Count for Resilience? Opportunities and Challenges for More Resilient Cultural Landscapes'](#)

## RESOURCES

- [Community Hub](#) of the [Adaptation AGORA project](#)
- [Policy recommendations](#) from the [acting project](#), which focuses on producing knowledge and innovations to advance behavioural change for an inclusive and equal European Green Deal.
- Utrecht's experience with citizen science: the [Heat Stress Campaign “Green Neighbourhood, Cool Neighbourhood”](#) and the [UrbanReLeaf](#) project
- Multi-scale assessment developed by [RescueME](#) project: the [Atlas of EU Coastal Heritage Landscape Typologies and Climate Change Impacts](#)



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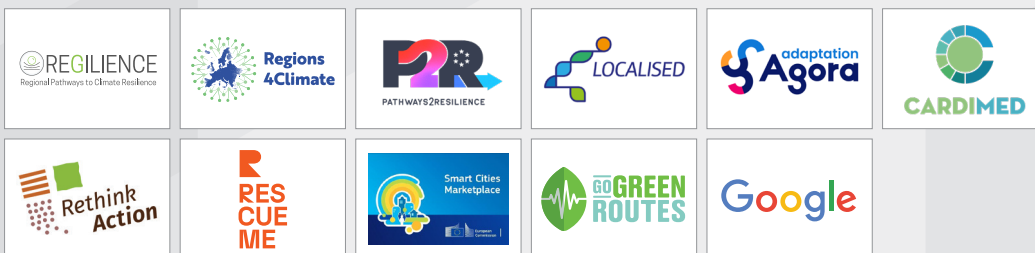
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