

## Local and regional representatives set to come together and take next steps in building a climate resilient future at EURESFO22

For almost a decade, the [European Urban Resilience Forum](#) (EURESFO) has served as an exchange platform for city representatives, experts and stakeholders from the local and regional stage to reflect and strategise on adapting to climate change, building urban resilience, and managing disasters. The unique event has provided an exceptional platform for governments from across Europe and abroad to explore future opportunities for action and collaboration.

EURESFO is a European initiative driven by [ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability](#) and the [European Environment Agency](#) (EEA), and this year will be co-organised by the [City of Athens](#) (Greece). All local and regional governments seeking to shape a climate-resilient future are once again invited to take part in the discussion and meet-up in **Athens on 14 and 15 September** (Venue: Technopolis City of Athens). **Registration is [now open](#)**.

Some topics that will be highlighted in the [programme](#) are: coastal resilience and tackling heat waves and wildfires; mainstreaming climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction; the importance of data availability and accessibility; financing for resilient cities; nature-based solutions for equitable development; regional pathways towards resilience transformation, and many more!

This year's event will also offer a **masterclass on how to deal with urban heat**, from inception to planning to monitoring, as well as host a **Marketplace** with various exhibitors, short project pitches, climate resilience assessments, and decision support tools.

About EURESFO22 taking place in the City of Athens, **Vasileios Latinos**, Urban Resilience and Climate Adaptation Coordinator at ICLEI Europe, says, *"Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of our times and moving the event to a region that suffers severely from the effects of climate change seemed somewhat necessary! Since the EURESFO last convened in 2021, the world has experienced extreme climate events and disasters, occurring simultaneously in various countries. Plus, we have had at least two more COVID-19 waves, and an ongoing war in Ukraine. This is the moment to take stock, address the issues cities are facing, and talk about solutions!"*

The event will keep its informative, open and interactive character, maintaining its 'PowerPoint free' format. Participants are encouraged to share experiences and points of view on a variety of topics that will explore challenges in urban resilience planning and implementation.

For more information and to register, visit the [EURESFO website](#). Follow the [@Urb\\_Resilience](#) Twitter account for the latest updates and programme announcements for #EURESFO22.

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