

How to Make Our Cities Resilient and Fair for Everyone: Climate Mainstreaming in Cities

**Skautský institut, Prague
11 June 2026, 9–13**



About the Event

Cities are increasingly expected to respond to climate change not only through strategies and plans, but also through everyday decision-making, urban planning, budgeting, public services, and institutional cooperation.

This event focuses on how climate mainstreaming can move from policy documents into practical implementation across departments, sectors, and levels of governance. It also highlights that climate change and climate policies affect different groups of residents in different ways. For this reason, climate mainstreaming must be not only effective, but also socially fair, inclusive, and attentive to vulnerable or less-heard groups.

The event brings together experts and practitioners from across Europe to exchange experiences, identify key challenges, and discuss practical solutions for more resilient and fair cities.

Participation Note

The event is designed as an interactive exchange of experience among experts and practitioners. Participants will be invited to contribute examples from their own work, share challenges, and discuss possible solutions with colleagues from other cities and institutions.



Programme overview

9:00 - 9:15, room Minuta

Registration & Opening

9:15 - 10:30, room Minuta

Panel Debate: Climate Mainstreaming in Cities – From Strategy to Implementation

10:30 - 11:00, room Minuta/room Rene

Coffee Break

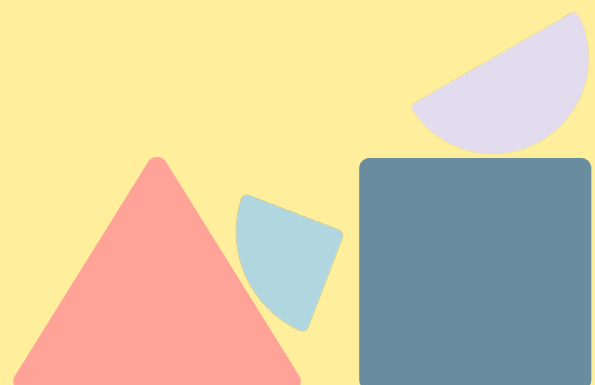
11:00 - 13:00

Paralell sessions:

→ Workshop 1: room Rene - Climate Mainstreaming in Cities and Different Target Groups

→ Workshop 2: room Minuta - Climate Mainstreaming in Cities – Key Challenges and Possible Solutions

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Sessions breakdown

9:15 - 10:30 Panel Debate: Climate Mainstreaming in Cities – From Strategy to Implementation

Zuzana Harmáčková, Global Change Research Institute CAS, Prague

Thijs Koster, Hospitality and General Visitor Economy, Amsterdam

Birte Dohlen, District of Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg, Berlin

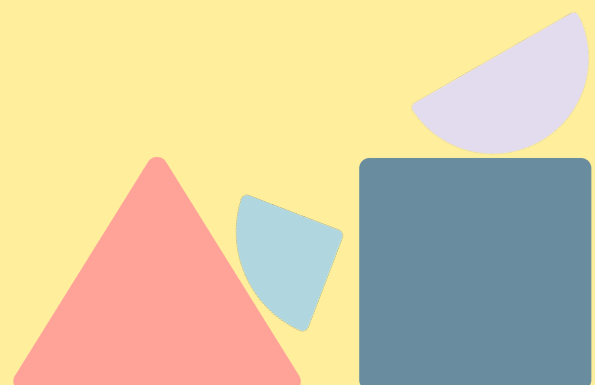
Jan Richter, Prague City Hall

TBA - Specialist from the New Prague Districts Team, Prague Institute of Planning and Development

The panel will open the event by exploring climate mainstreaming from different urban and institutional perspectives. It will address both broader horizontal challenges, such as coordination across departments, planning, budgeting, participation, and institutional capacity, and more specific vertical topics, including spatial planning, tourism, district-level climate work, concrete projects, and events.

The discussion will focus on how cities can move from climate strategies and policy commitments to practical implementation, and how specific projects or sectoral initiatives can contribute to broader climate goals.

- How can cities move from climate strategies to practical implementation?
- What are the main challenges at the policy, institutional, and project level?
- How can climate considerations be integrated across departments and specific urban sectors?
- What tools, capacities, or forms of cooperation are needed?
- How can climate policies remain socially fair and inclusive?
- What lessons can be shared from Prague, Berlin, Amsterdam, and other cities?



11:00 - 13:00 Workshop 1: Climate Mainstreaming in Cities and Different Target Groups

Working language: English, with Czech possible in smaller group discussions where needed

The aim is to introduce several discussion directions, divide participants into smaller groups, allow them to exchange experiences, and then share examples of good practice and identified challenges.

Climate change has different impacts on people depending on their socioeconomic background. This is also true for mitigation policies and adaptation measures. People with specific needs often face difficulties in accessing existing mechanisms, as these are usually designed for “standard” users. Even participation, in its default form of public meetings, can be less accessible to some groups, which further limits their capacity to provide feedback.

Considering the perspectives of different target groups is a design challenge, because their needs and barriers are not always easily communicated. However, decisions that include a wider range of experiences within the same city usually prove to be more resilient and functional. The workshop focuses on participants’ existing experiences, looking at good practices and identified challenges, and aims to match these in order to stimulate discussion on how to further address remaining issues.

- How do you include citizens in decision-making?
- Is there a mechanism to include vulnerable groups?
- Can you think of examples of good practice in your work with vulnerable groups?
- Is there a specific challenge you are facing — something you would be keen to learn from representatives of other cities?



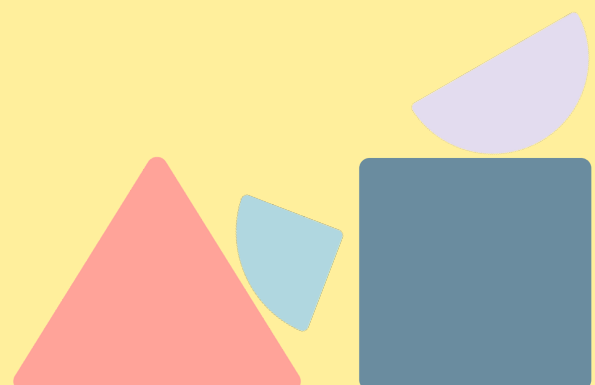
11:00 - 13:00 Workshop 2: Climate Mainstreaming in Cities – Key Challenges and Possible Solutions

Working language: English, with Czech possible in smaller group discussions where needed

This workshop focuses on the practical implementation of climate mainstreaming in city governance. While many cities have adopted climate strategies or commitments, implementation often remains challenging due to limited capacities, fragmented responsibilities, financial constraints, political priorities, or difficulties in coordination.

Participants will exchange experiences, identify shared barriers, and discuss possible solutions that can be adapted to different local contexts. The workshop will focus on practical tools, forms of cooperation, institutional support, and examples of good practice.

- What are the main challenges your city or institution faces?
- Which tools, mechanisms, or forms of cooperation have worked well?
- How do you ensure coordination across departments and stakeholders?
- What examples of good practice could be useful for other cities?
- What challenges would you like to discuss with other participants?



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