

Bridging the Gaps

Municipal Emergency Preparedness in War and Peace

Under the EEA Grants project *Bilateral Initiative for Local Development in Poland*, it is our pleasure to invite you to an inspiring conference focused on identifying and addressing new opportunities in municipal emergency preparedness through the EEA grants and other Norwegian funding mechanisms. This conference aims to investigate municipal emergency preparedness in Norway, Poland, and Ukraine and assess its potential. We seek to identify gaps, new solutions and the exchange of ideas and lessons from three different systems in very different situations.

What to Expect:

Concrete Case Studies: Learn from real-world examples that highlight current challenges and successful strategies in emergency preparedness from municipalities on high alert and at war.

Technology Demonstrations: Discover cutting-edge technologies that can enhance response capabilities.

Interactive Workshops: Engage in discussions with professionals and decision-makers that foster collaboration and practical problem-solving.

Our goal is to exchange knowledge and expand the network of Polish, Ukrainian and Norwegian municipalities. We also wish to empower the audiences to apply for EEA and Norway grants, boosting their emergency preparedness capacities. This conference is a call for action. Together, we can build a safer and more resilient future.

Don't miss this opportunity to be at the forefront of emergency preparedness innovation. Please register via the separate link provided and meet us in Halden!

20th January

Welcome

Welcome remarks by The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS), Association of Polish Cities, Association of Ukrainian Cities, Halden municipality and The Institute for Energy Technology (IFE)

The Norwegian Model

This session will offer an in-depth exploration of how Norwegian municipalities organise emergency preparedness and how they execute their work during a crisis or state of emergency

The Polish Situation

How Polish municipalities organise emergency response, their organisational structures and needs as a neighbour to Ukraine

The Ukrainian Case

Municipal Emergency preparedness in peace and war – upholding preparedness in a continuous state of emergency

21st January

Demonstration/Exercise

A live demonstration of robotic solutions for SAR in hazardous environments

Hot Wash-Up

A session for assessing the technology demonstrated, and its applicability in Norwegian, Polish and Ukrainian emergency preparedness

Workshop and Panel Discussion: Filling in the Gaps

Inspired by lessons from Poland and Ukraine, this collaborative activity aims to identify gaps in municipal emergency preparedness, lessons learned, and potential for technological advancement. The panels will consist of experienced individuals from authorities, first responders, law enforcement, academia and politics

Our Partners



Thon Hotel Halden
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