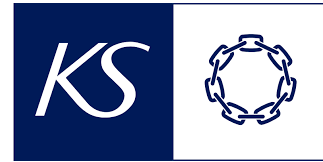


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Haldenkonferansen:

Bridging the Gaps

Municipal Emergency Preparedness in War and Peace

Under the EEA and Norway Grants project Bilateral Initiative for Local Development in Poland, The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS) in close cooperation with The Association of Polish Cities, has the pleasure of inviting you to an inspiring conference focused on identifying and addressing challenges and new opportunities in municipal emergency preparedness. 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. 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 this link and we will see you in Halden!](#)

Place: Thon Hotel Halden, Norway

Time: 20th – 21st of January 2025

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20th January		<i>Location</i>
08.00	<p>Welcome by Mr Fredrik Holm, Mayor Halden Municipality</p> <p>Ms Siri Lill Mannes in conversation with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Elita Cakule, Head of International Projects, KS - Mr Bjørn Axel Gran, Vice President IFE - Mr Tomasz Potkanski, Deputy Director, Association of Polish Cities - Ms Nataliya Lazarenko, International Cooperation Manager, Association of Ukrainian Cities 	Brygga Kultursal
The Norwegian Model		<i>Location</i>
08.30	<p>The Norwegian Emergency Preparedness Model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Reidar Bruusgaard, Senior Public Prosecutor at the Director of Public Prosecution's office 	Brygga Kultursal
09.00	<p>State and County Governor in local emergency planning, policy and oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Kristian Foaass, Senior Legal Adviser at the County Governor's office 	
09.30	Break	
10.00	<p>How the municipalities in Østfold County organise and coordinate emergency preparedness efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Henning Kubberød, Head of Emergency Preparedness in Moss Municipality 	
10.30	<p>Emergency preparedness in Halden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Roar Vevelstad, Municipal Director 	
11.00	<p>Fire and Rescue Services in local and national events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Terje Surdal, Head of Sarpsborg Fire Services 	
11.30	Questions and discussion	
11.45	Lunch	<i>Thon Hotel</i>

<i>The Polish Situation</i>		<i>Location</i>
12.45	Municipal Resilience Building in Poland at a National Level - Ms Alexandra Jadach-Sepiolo, Deputy Director, Institute for Urban and Regional Development	Brygga Kultursal
13.15	How Polish municipalities work with preparedness and crisis management - Mr Pawel Figurski, Head of Department for Security and Crisis Management in Konin Municipality	
13.45	Municipal functions in response to a natural disaster - Mr Aleksy Ptaszynski, Deputy Head of Municipal Police in Kędzierzyn-Koźle Municipality	
14.15	Questions and discussion	
14.30	Break	<i>Thon Hotel</i>

<i>The Ukrainian Case</i>		<i>Location</i>
15.00	Mr Ivan Fedorov, Governor of Zaporizhzhia Oblast and Head of Regional Military Administration (TBC)	Brygga Kultursal
15.30	Municipal Management Under a State of Emergency - Mr Vitalii Bielobrov, Deputy Mayor Kherson	
16.00	Resilience in Action: A Three-Pillar Framework for Municipal Preparedness - Mr Denys Nazarenko, Kyiv City Council	
16.30	Questions and discussion	

19.30 ***Dinner***

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21st January

Location

09.00	European Emergency Preparedness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Josefine Aaser, Counsellor for Justice and Home Affairs at the Mission of Norway to the EU 	Brygga kultursal
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Panel Discussion and Workshop

Location

09.45	Bridging the Gaps: Addressing Needs and Possibilities in Multilateral Cooperation <p><i>This panel will address the many issues and opportunities presented during the conference, to conclude on decisive action to further improve emergency preparedness efforts in Polish, Ukrainian and Norwegian Municipalities. We shall also seek to identify lessons learned and synergies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Ms Siri Lill Mannes <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Josefine Aaser, Counsellor for Justice and Home Affairs at the Mission of Norway to the EU - Ms Christine Huseby Torjussen, Director for County Emergency Preparedness at the County Governor's Office - Mr Fredrik Holm, Mayor Halden municipality - Mr Vitalii Bielobrov, Deputy Mayor Kherson - Mr Pawel Figurski, Head of Department for Security and Crisis Management in Konin Municipality 	Brygga Kultursal
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10.30 **Break**

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11.00	Conversation: Tools and Procedures in Emergency Response	Brygga kultursal
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11.30 **Lunch**

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12.30 **Walking to Demonstration Venue**

Location

12.45 **Robotics Demonstration**

Halden Arena

A live action exercise and demonstration of the capabilities of modern digital tools in emergency preparedness and crisis response.

- Mr Omar Zahra, Senior Scientist IFE
- Mr Abdennour Benkrid, Senior Scientist IFE

14.45 **Conference Ends**

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Free time

16.45 **Guided Tour of Fredriksten Fortress**

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19.00 **Dinner**

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