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**Date:** 15-17 October 2019

**EGSD meeting:** 17 October 2019, 9.00 – 12.30

**Place:** Helsinki, Finland

**Venues:**

1. Unioninkatu 33, Helsinki, Finland
2. Mariankatu 9, Helsinki, Finland

**Dear Members of CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development,**

On the behalf of the Seminar Organising Committee, you are warmly invited to attend the Baltic Sea Cooperation for Climate Resilience and Urban Floods Seminar, which will be held on **15-17 October in the exciting seaside city of Helsinki in Finland.**

The goal of this Seminar is to share best practices and build cooperation between cities within the Baltic Sea Region and beyond, to improve their climate resilience and preparedness for urban floods. The seminar will be accompanied by 1) half day final seminar of the Chinese – Finnish cooperation project UrbanStormWaterRisk and 2) Workshop about Urban Stormwater Management and progress of EU Floods Directive implementation organized by EU Working Group on Floods.

**We warmly invite you to disseminate the information about the seminars to relevant experts, stakeholders and partners in your own country.**

**Call for presentation proposals**

We would like to welcome proposals and experiences from your countries on the questions relevant to the seminars and workshop. Please see in the enclosed draft programme the topics and sessions where we would like to receive your proposals (highlighted in yellow). We kindly ask you to send your proposals to [olga.zuin@cbss.org](mailto:olga.zuin@cbss.org) and to [olli-matti.verta@mmm.fi](mailto:olli-matti.verta@mmm.fi) by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. The costs for travel and accommodation of invited speakers will be covered by the seminar organizers.

## Overall outline and venues

	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct
<b>Morning</b>		Baltic Sea Cooperation for Climate Resilience and Urban Floods Seminar  <b>Venue 1</b> Unioninkatu 33, Helsinki, Finland	21 <sup>st</sup> EGSD Meeting Venue (tbc)  WGF Workshop, Flood Risk Management – Measuring the Progress  <b>Venue 2</b> Mariankatu 9, Helsinki, Finland
<b>Afternoon</b>	UrbanStormWaterRisk Project Seminar  <b>Venue 1</b> Unioninkatu 33, Helsinki, Finland	WGF Workshop, Urban Storm Water Management  <b>Venue 2</b> Mariankatu 9, Helsinki, Finland	

## Travel and accommodation

### How to get to Helsinki

Helsinki-Vantaa Airport is situated 19 kilometres from the centre of Helsinki. International flights arrive either in the terminal T1 or T2.

The most convenient way from the airport to the venues is to take a train that departs from the middle of the two terminals. Both directions lead to Helsinki city centre. Also, the Finnair City Bus and public busses run to Helsinki city centre. They depart from outside both terminals. The journey time is 35-40 minutes. Ticket prices are from 4,60 EUR (machines and HSL App, zones ABC) to 6-7 EUR (from a driver, please note: no tickets are sold in the trains and metro).

Taxi ranks are located in the front of both terminals. Journey time to Helsinki is 25-30 minutes. There exist a couple of companies exist, but the fares to the city centre are almost the same, around 35-45 EUR.

### Accommodation

There are plenty of hotels and other accommodation options near the city centre to choose from. Below you may find examples of the ones that are conveniently located quite close to the venue and Helsinki Central railway station. It is recommended to book as early as possible, because of the EU Presidency and school holidays.



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