

## Making Cities Resilient Campaign

In September 2012 Gothenburg became a member of the global “Making Cities Resilient” Campaign run by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), a campaign to protect lives and reduce economic losses from disasters in urban settings. Gothenburg became the 400th city or town in Europe to join the campaign which now has over 4000 members worldwide all committed to better coordination, organization and funding of disaster risk reduction at community level. The campaign has been valuable to the City of Gothenburg and cooperation within the Scandinavian hub increases.

The aim of the campaign is to promote the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) at the local level. By joining the HFA our City has pledged to take measures to reduce vulnerabilities to natural disasters. Objectives of the campaign

- To increase knowledge and awareness of the risk of disasters and the role of local authorities.
- Increasing political support for risk management at the local level.
- Getting stronger collaboration between the local and national politics.
- To implement the HFA at the local level, providing tools, training, etc.

The Making Cities Resilient campaign provides an opportunity for the city to disseminate our own achievements, but above all to bring about an exchange with other cities. By Swedish standards, Gothenburg is on the forefront of investigations, however, too little of climate adaptation measures have actually been built. For example, the USA, Russia, China, Netherlands, UK and Germany have progressed further. The campaign can stimulate the building of networks and exchange of experiences. To see different types of measures in place are of great interest to Gothenburg city's further work on adaptation to extreme weather events. Gothenburg was hosting 2014 Nordic meeting in the Making Cities Resilient Network.

### *More information:*

UNISDR Making Cities Resilient web page (in English):

<http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities>

<http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/news/view/28291>