

A nighttime photograph of a city with light trails from traffic on a highway. The image is partially obscured by a large yellow graphic on the right side.

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EY is a Platform Partner with the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities (100RC) initiative

100RC supports the adoption and incorporation of a view of resilience that includes not just the shocks (eg floods), but also the stresses that weaken the fabric of a city (eg high unemployment, overtaxed or inefficient public transportation system). By addressing both the shocks and the stresses, a city is overall better able to deliver basic functions in both good times and bad, to all populations.

Cities in the 100RC network are provided with the resources necessary to develop a roadmap to resilience along four main pathways:

Funding to hire a **Chief Resilience Officer (CRO)**

Support to develop a **City Resilience Strategy**

A **Platform of Services** to support strategy implementation

Membership in the **100RC Network**

EY provides services to 100RC candidate cities in four areas:



Smart transport



Asset information and digital



Job creation and inclusive growth



Emergency management

Many European cities are in 100RC, each at a different stage of building and executing their Resilience Strategy

Wave one

Rome, Italy
Rotterdam, Netherlands
Veje, Denmark

Wave two

Athens, Greece
Barcelona, Spain
Belgrade, Serbia
Lisbon Portugal
Milan, Italy
Paris, France
Thessaloniki, Greece

Wave three

Tbilisi, Georgia
The Hague, Netherlands

- Cities highlighted in **yellow** have Resilience Strategies available [online](#)

Key findings of a joint EY/100RC study: three gaps in building resilience thinking into infrastructure projects



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Perception gap

When asked how well they understand and apply resilience thinking, policy makers and private sector players rate themselves (and each other) very differently

2

Implementing resilience

Applying resilience thinking throughout the lifecycle of a project is a challenge for both city governments and the private sector

3

Resilience incentives

Neither the private nor the public sector is confident that there are sufficient incentives to consistently incorporate resilience thinking into infrastructure projects

Closing the gap requires pushing the EU policy to support resilience

Baltic cities are in a perfect position to take the lead in the EU urban resilience agenda



- ▶ Develop relevant **funding streams** leveraging existing programs such as the Urban Innovation Actions (UIA), Horizon 2020, EU regional structural funds, and other similar instruments
- ▶ Create an EU-wide resilience **challenge** for cities
- ▶ Dedicate a pillar of the European Commissions' **CITIES Forum** to urban resilience and co-host an annual EU Urban Resilience Forum held jointly by 100RC and the European Commission to showcase the impact of urban resilience in Europe and how this is linked to the goals of the EU Urban Agenda.
- ▶ Form a **partnership** on the exchange of data, research, and learning between 100RC and DG REGIO as well as the European Political Strategy Centre to help advance this new practice led by cities in Europe