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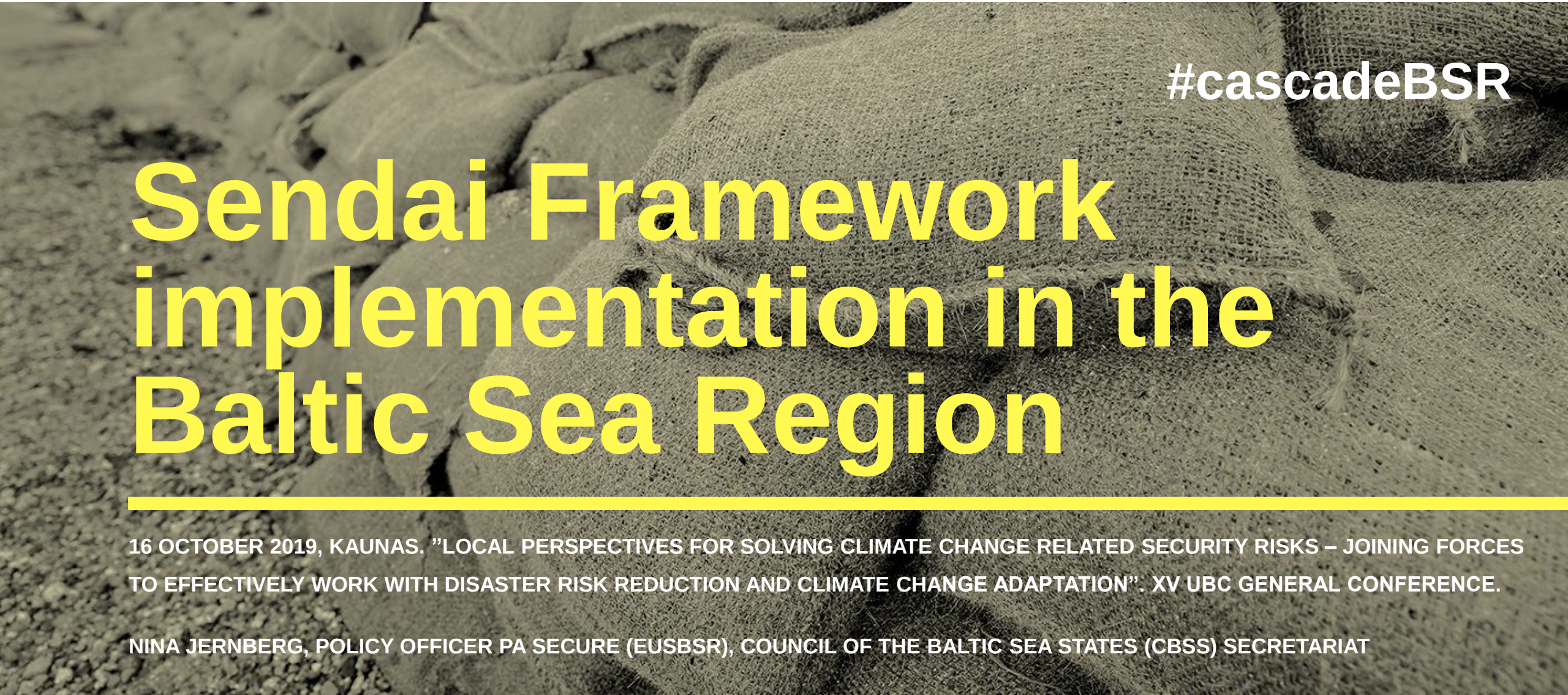

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Sendai Framework implementation in the Baltic Sea Region

16 OCTOBER 2019, KAUNAS. ”LOCAL PERSPECTIVES FOR SOLVING CLIMATE CHANGE RELATED SECURITY RISKS – JOINING FORCES TO EFFECTIVELY WORK WITH DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION”. XV UBC GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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CASCADE POLICY DIALOGUE

1. Mapping the state of play of work with DRR and CCA
2. Setting the agenda for the 1st Transnational Policy Dialogue meeting – based on the findings of the mappings. Discussion with local level representatives, UBC General Conference, 16 October 2019
3. National consultations collecting input from various levels and sectors: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland & Sweden (+ Brussels)
4. 2nd Transnational Policy Dialogue meeting 2020 – policy recommendations
5. Sustainability:
   - Criteria for a certification system – endorsement by the UBC(?)
   - Concept for curricula – continued training promoted through the Baltic University Programme

6. Continued Policy Dialogue in the CBSS Civil Protection Network and the BSR Climate Dialogue Platform

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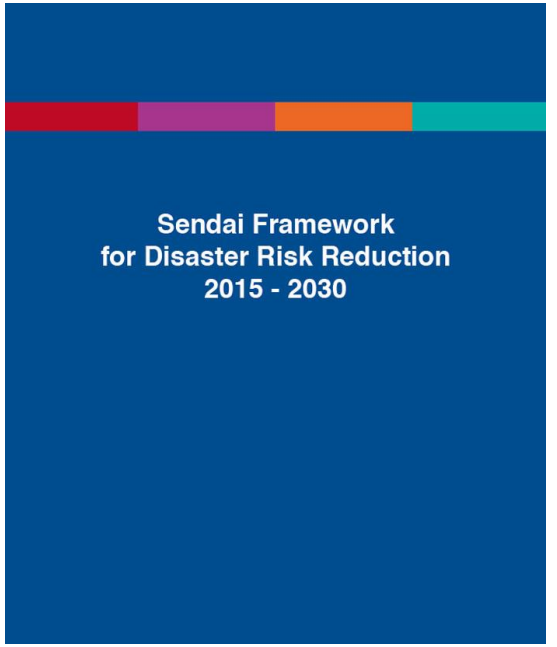

QUICK FACTS: SENDAI FRAMEWORK

- Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030
- Shift from disaster management to management of risks – focus on prevention
- All countries in the Baltic Sea Region have committed to implement the framework
- Two functions for coordinating national implementation: National Focal Point and the National Platform

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SENDAI FRAMEWORK IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION: CHALLENGES – GOOD PRACTICES – WAY FORWARD

24 questions

Comparative analysis

Targets E,F,G

11 conclusions
4 recommendations

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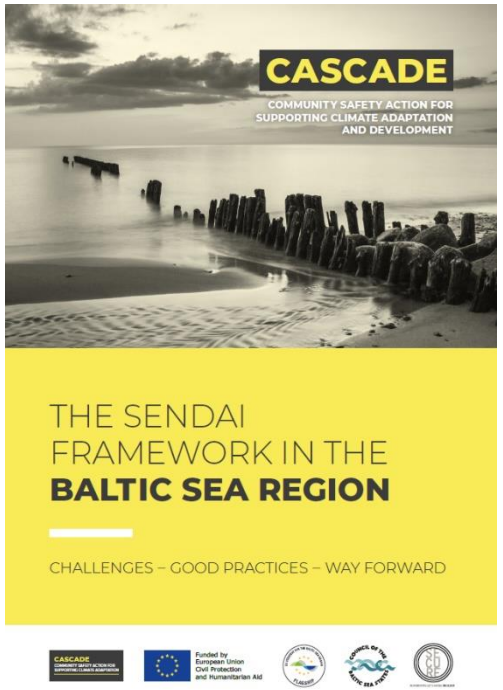

1. **Disaster Risk Reduction is not a top political priority** in the Baltic Sea Region.
2. Making DRR a political priority or **not determines how well-organised the work is** with the implementation of the Sendai Framework.
3. When the **National Focal Point has a clearly defined mandate containing executive powers to fully coordinate the work with the Sendai Framework implementation** – data collection and reporting as well as cooperation among stakeholders **works better.**
4. The Sendai Framework is a **global framework** where not all parts are relevant for the countries in the Baltic Sea Region.
5. All countries recognise the need to work more actively with climate change risks in their National Risk Assessments, however**, those responsible for the assessments do not have sufficient knowledge on how to integrate climate change into the relevant methodologies.**

"The municipalities are not using the Sendai Framework-language and are not trying to reach the targets in the framework"

"Many aspects of the Sendai Framework are relevant for our national system, but the framework was primarily intended for developing countries"

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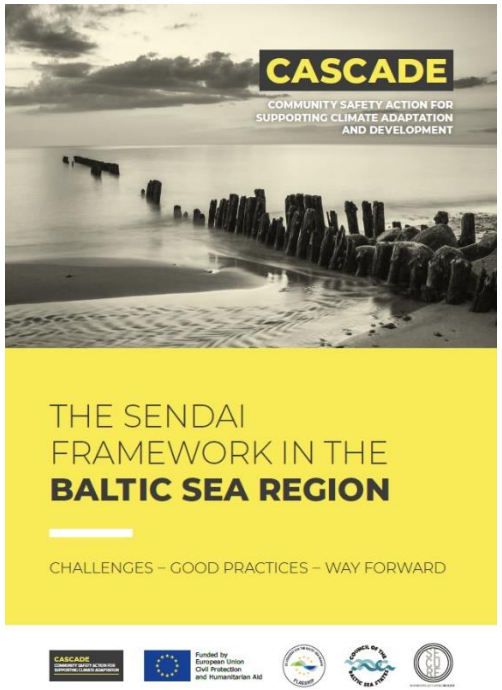

6**. Difficult to distinguish between risk reduction and emergency preparedness**.

7. Very **limited awareness of the impact of prevention measures** used, such as information campaigns.

8. **Reporting** to the UN Sendai Framework Monitor is **time-consuming and difficult**.

9. **National Risk Assessments** are conducted in all the BSR countries, however, **collecting all necessary information for conducting a thorough assessment is difficult.**

10. International or regional **cooperation is not commonly used to strengthen the national DRR capacities.**

11. All the countries in the Baltic Sea Region have various **early warning systems** in place, however, these systems **have not been put to any hard tests**.

"The change to prevention-style thinking is slow – many people working in civil protection continue to focus on response rather than prevention"

"Data is not collected on disaster loss on the local level, mainly because the local level does not see any reason to collect the data."

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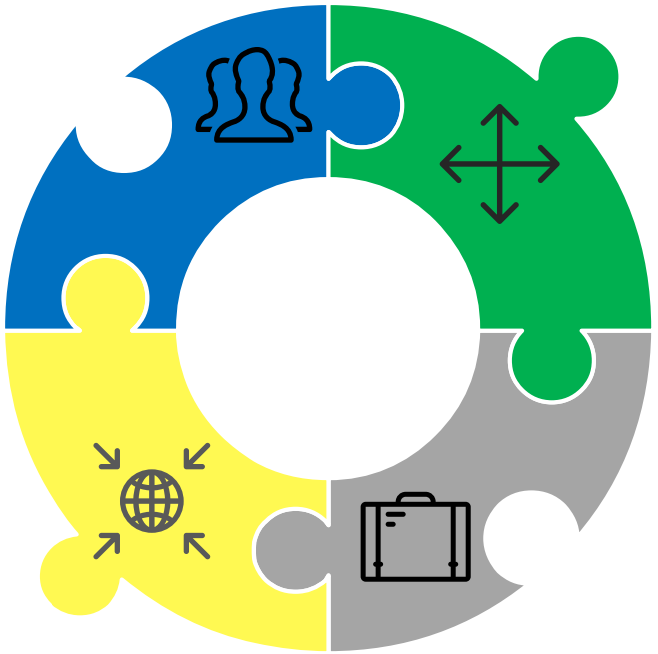
RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

Strengthening political and public support is key for efficient implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction **– improving the quality of the National Risk Assessments** paves the way for more solid decision-making.



Recommendation 2

The **relevance** of working with the Sendai Framework in the Baltic Sea Region can be **raised through tailoring the framework to the regional context**.

Recommendation 3

Multi-level and cross-sectoral cooperation should be strengthened to enable a common approach. **Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Development activities need coherence** – in strategic planning, as well as in preparing and conducting the National Risk Assessments.

Recommendation 4

Strong coordination mechanisms are needed to enable **effective planning of implementation, cooperation and to manage the complex flows of information**. This can be done by providing the National Focal Point with a sufficient mandate.

Thank you!

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