

Subject: Be prepared! Invitation to UBC Resilient Cities virtual seminar.

Dear Colleagues

We're delighted to invite you to this year's inaugural virtual seminar from the UBC Smart and Prospering Cities Commission, on the subject of Resilient Cities.

Cities are confronted with major challenges with seeming increasing frequency and severity. The resilient city, designed to meet these challenges, is discussed as a way to underpin the continuity of our urban societies. We're honoured to welcome several distinguished guest speakers to the event including:

- Ulf Kämpfer — Mayor of Kiel, Germany
- Niels Højberg — CEO, Aarhus, Denmark
- Mantas Jurgutis — President of the Union of the Baltic Cities

How do cities absorb and recover from past shocks and how do they prepare for future ones? Together we will explore the current thinking and practises with our guests, and ask how sustainable growth, innovation and digitalisation can contribute to the resilient city.

In previous years we would all endeavour meet each other in person for events such as this. So we'll also add a couple of break out sessions to the seminar to make up (if only in a small way) for that missing in-person feeling.

We'd be thrilled if you could join us for the event! Please sign up to attend using the link below.

**Date** — Friday 23. April 2021 — 09:30 CET

**Duration** — 80 minutes

**Location** — On Zoom

**Sign up here** — <https://bitly.com/resilientcities>

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