

Programme

Resilience Expo 2026



9:00 AM

Registration

10:00 AM

Welcome

Host: Irene Seemann

10:05 AM

Welcome address and opening

Oliver Krischer

Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Transport of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW)

10:15 AM

International keynote

Climate risks and adaptation in Minnesota*

Katrina Kessler

Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

10:25 AM

Welcome message from the European Commission

Climate adaption in Europe*

Wopke Hoekstra

European Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth

10:30 AM

Discussion

How do we ensure climate resilience in public investment?*

Oliver Krischer

Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Transport of NRW

Katrina Kessler

Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Bodo Middeldorf

Managing Director of Zukunftsagentur Rheinisches Revier

Christine Siedenburg

Head of Sustainability Hochtief PPP Solutions

**This slot will be held entirely or partly in English without translation.*

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International research: Public-private cooperation in financing adaptation measures

Simone Sandholz

Head of FAST Division, United Nations University EHS

11:15 AM

Dialogue Investing in climate adaptation: Gap or opportunity?

Julian Hofmann

CEO & Co-Founder, FloodWaive Predictive Intelligence GmbH

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11:30 AM

Exhibition opening and visit

12:00 PM – 3:50 PM

Themed tours of the exhibition

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Breakout slot I

Session 1

Climate adaptation as a driver of regional transformation

Session 2*

NKU: „Public-private cooperation and innovation in climate adaptation”

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Breakout slot II

Session 3

Climate risk & insurability: What data do companies need

Session 4

Climate adaptation solutions: from idea to financing

5:00 PM

NKU Networking

Evening event, hosted by the NKU, open to all participants

**Session 2 will be held entirely in English without translation.*