Working together to foster sustainable, smart and safe cities

1991
Since
10
Countries
90
Cities
7
Commissions
Union of the Baltic Cities
Sustainable Cities Commission

Focus areas:
• Sustainability management
• Local climate work
• Water management (waste water, storm water)
• Sustainable urban mobility and urban planning
• Maritime and port policies

Hosted by the City of Turku, Finland, since 1997
UBC Sustainability Action Programme 2016–2021:

Our vision for Sustainable UBC cities until 2020 and beyond:

“UBC cities will be climate-smart, providing a good ground for green economy to grow, while being resource-efficient and sustainable in all their activities as well as protecting the environment and waterbodies in the Baltic Sea Region.

They will increasingly be known as global forerunners when it comes to creating inclusive, diverse, democratic, gender equal, high quality living environment for their inhabitants.”
Guiding strategies for UBC Sustainable Development

UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals are cross-cutting theme in UBC’s work connection also to CBSS’s Baltic 2030 Group

HELCOM’s (Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - Helsinki Commission) Baltic Sea Action Plan
UBC has an Observatory Status in HELCOM.

CDP – Global Climate and Water *benchmarking* platform
57 cities in the Baltic Sea Region including Turku, Moscow and Stockholm reporting to the benchmark
UBC roles and activities

Encourage cities to share experiences and Good Practices
Benchmarking events (peer-reviews)
Surveys and questionnaires (CDP)

Support cities in Exchange of information
Publications, media
Facilitate the website for expertise and solutions

Support in arrangement of Events
Arrangement of Conference, workshops and meetings

Training
General and tailor-made trainings

Engage cities in cooperation projects
Baltic Smart Water Hub

Knowledge and experience sharing space for continuous cross-sectoral and transnational cooperation in water management sphere

www.balticwaterhub.net
Development strategies and plans for brownfield sites

- Development of **strategies and visions** of how the pilot sites should be developed in future

- **Cooperation on local level** with a variety of stakeholders

- Development of both **planning practices** and **physical changes**

www.balticurbanlab.eu/good_practice
- **MOBILITY POINTS**: making multimodal transport visible in public space, facilitate use of sustainable transport modes and connections

- **CHANGE MOBILITY BEHAVIOUR**: developing measures for mobility managements in schools, companies, for investors

- **CITIZENS INVOLVEMENT**: testing innovative methods of transportation with citizens, giving input on possible **IT solutions** for multimodal mobility

...supporting the cities in their transformation!

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THANK YOU!

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