

A CALL FOR STORIES:

Sustainable and climate-smart Baltic Sea Region cities

Next UBC's Baltic Cities Bulletin is devoted to our sustainable cities around the Baltic Sea Region. Many cities in the UBC network are well known for their sustainable development goals and climate expertise, yet only in our own region.

In the Bulletin we want to give the floor to our cities who are working with the sustainability matters and to share these success stories with others, also outside the region. Often we are too modest to share our success stories even though we are working for reaching climate change mitigation and adaptation goals.

Climate-smart leadership is one of the main operational goals in the UBC. It is also one of the main topics of the UBC's [Sustainability Action Programme 2016–2021](#). The programme is to guide the whole UBC network towards development of a smart, safe and sustainable Baltic Sea Region.

Climate-smart cities is a long-term red line in our work. Recently [UBC launched a cooperation with the CPD](#) that is world-renowned organization on climate reporting. This work will be explored also during the next [UBC's General Conference in Växjö in October 2017](#).

How is your city acting for more smart, sustainable and safe future? The Editorial Board would like to invite the cities to share their experiences, challenges and future visions on sustainable and climate-smart cities.

Food for thought:

- How is your city acting for climate-smart leadership? How does your city understand the "climate-smart"?
- Climate change has led to a situation where cities have to define their roles in the face of a changing environment. How is your city prepared for the challenges that the climate change brings?
- What kind of sustainability goals does your city have? What are the main strategic goals and measures how to reach them?
- Is your city implementing the [17 UN Sustainable Development goals](#)? How?
- Is your city using climate reporting tools for strategic level decision making? Which reporting tools do you use and how are they used?
- How do you engage citizens to act for more sustainable future? Do you have good examples on how to promote sustainability for them?
- Share your success stories related to cooperation with public – private sector! We are interested in hearing good example of the cooperation with the business sector.
- Share your local, regional or cross-border cooperation project on sustainability!
- Do you have national climate change related legislations that affects currently your city development?

Please forward this message to your city officials and workers who work with the sustainability matters.

Looking forward to your reply,

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UBC Secretary General

Please follow these guidelines when submitting your story:

- Deliver the story by e-mail to: anna.dargiewicz@ubc.net in MS WORD format. Please remember to kill the viruses before sending it. Please expect confirmation of reception. Lack of confirmation means that the message is not delivered.
- Each member city may submit two articles - one related to the cover theme and one to the chapter "News from Member Cities". All stories shall be sent in **English**.
- Each article may have max 400 words, no more than 1 page A4, font TimesNewRoman 12pt. The editorial board sometimes needs to shorten the stories in order to include more stories into the Bulletin. It is also important to include the author's name and contact details for any follow-up questions related to the story.
- Please make all efforts to include 1–2 good quality photos to illustrate the article (JPG format, min. 300 ppi, one e-mail - one picture, the file should not exceed 3 MB).
- The deadline for stories to the Bulletin is **3 April 2017**. Please respect this timetable as we are unable to publish the stories received after this deadline.

If you have interesting issues to report, please do not hesitate to send them.

The bulletin will be published online.