

UBC Commission on Health and Social Affairs  
2012 Activity Evaluation

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Number of Member cities participating in the activities: 16.

Key representatives:

- Vaasa - Mr Tomas Häyry Mayor, Mr Jukka Kentala - Director of Social and Health Services. Host of the 2012 Meeting of the Commission , speakers
- Parnu - Ms Jane Mets Deputy Mayor
- Tartu - Mr Jüri Kõre Deputy Mayor - speaker
- Tallinn - Mr Vahur Keldrima Director of Social Welfare and Health Care Services - speaker
- Klaipeda - Ms Irina Rozova Chairperson of Social Affairs Committee - speaker
- Szczecin - Mr Tomasz Grodzki City Councillor - speaker
- Gdańsk - Mr Jarosław Formela Director of Social Department - speaker
- Elbląg - Mr Wojciech Drozd Chairman of the UBC Commission on Health and Social Affairs - co-organizer of the meeting, speaker
- Gavle - Ms Lotta Falk Project Manager - speaker
- Örebro - Mr Rasmus Persson Chairman of Social Welfare
- Visby - Mr Hanna Westernen Member of Region Council
- Umeå - Ms Linda Gustafsson Gender Equality Officer, UBC Gender Equality Commission - speaker
- Naestved - Ms Birgitte Ettrup District Director
- Riga
- Turku
- Jyväskylä

2.

5-6 June 2012 Vaasa Meeting of the UBC Commission on Health and Social Affairs.

Apart from local authorities and public, representatives of 15 UBC Member Cities attended the meeting (list of the cities above). (List of participants is the attachment to this report.

There were additionally three cities more (Riga, Turku, Jyväskylä) who applied to late to be put on the list.)

16 presentations were submitted (program of the meeting is the attachment to the report).

The Commission on Health and Social Affairs is the renewed initiative so the main achievement is capacity building. There were more cities present than in 2011 (First meeting of the commission under Elbląg co-ordination), more participants attended with more contributions and last but not least the cities generally were represented by higher rank officials then previously.

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Report on this topic will be submitted by City of Elbląg Social Department.

4.

The commission has benefited from financial support of the City of Vaasa in organization of the meeting in June. The detailed report will be submitted by City of Vaasa.

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- For the meeting in Vaasa was invited as the speaker and submitted presentation representative of Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being (Mr Ali Arsallo, Chairman of the Expert Group on the HIV/Aids and Associated Infections).

- For the meeting in Vaasa was invited as the speaker and submitted presentation representative of UBC Gender Equality Commission Ms Linda Gustafsson. Possibility of future collaboration was discussed.

- The commission representatives (chairman, representatives of Gdańsk and Elbląg) took part in meeting in Turku in Centrum Balticum Centre on 7 June 2012 connected with preparation of the project "Smart Cities". The project was abandoned however during this meeting was also discussed possibility of future co-operation with UBC Commission on Education (with Ms Annely Veevo - head of secretariat).

6.

Major results and achievements:

- Increasing awareness in Member Cities of the commission activities. More cities are interested in participation in our meetings than in previous year. The meetings are attended by higher rank city officials than in the past. We particularly managed to attract more Scandinavian cities.

- Increasing awareness in public about commission work and UBC as a whole. The meeting in Vaasa gained printed media coverage. Two interviews with the chairman and co-organizer from Vaasa (Mr Jukka Kentala) were published in local newspapers (both are available on UBC website) alongside with big UBC Member Cities map and logo.

- The other UBC commissions declare interest in collaboration with us.

- Established in previous year connections with external organizations began to profit (attendance of NDPHS representative in Vaasa).

7.

The commission is considering place of the meeting in 2013. Four candidate cities has declared interest in hosting this event (Elbląg, Vaasa, Gdańsk, Tartu). Most probably the meeting will be held in Tartu, Estonia in the first part of 2013.

the City of Elbląg has decided to hire paid staff partially dedicated to the commission secretariat so the commission will work on more regular basis.

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The commission has no relevant documents in possession.

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Plan of action and budget for 2013 will be in attachment to the report.

Wojciech Drozd

Chairman, UBC Commission on Health and Social Affairs