

# **EVALUATION OF THE WORK OF THE UBC COMMISSION ON LOCAL SAFETY IN THE YEAR 2012**

## **1. Participation of member cities in the meetings**

During the period from January to October 2012 the Commission on Local Safety met two times. The first meeting, conducted in May, was organized by Tallinn Municipality. The following representatives from ten cities took part in that meeting: Tallinn; Örebro; Nacka; Karlstad; Gdańsk; Turku; Helsinki; Riga; Jelgava; Vilnius.

The second meeting was conducted on 5-7 September in Gdańsk, during the Congress of Active Mobility. which was organized by the City of Gdańsk. Participating cities: Nacka, Jelgava, Riga, Botkyrka, Vilnius, Karlstad, Gdańsk.

## **2. Meetings and activities organized by the Commission on Local Safety**

At the beginning of 2012 Commission on Local Safety announced a "SAFE & COOL" grant competition for schools within the UBC network. The purpose of the competition was to promote safety among youth.. The assessment criteria were: to promote appropriate behavior, build up a sense of responsibility for a public property, and improve safety in the schools and their surrounding areas. Two schools submitted projects that were evaluated by the appointed team. The best project created by the Gymnasium no 16 from Gdansk received a grant of €2,000.

Taking into consideration the fact that the year 2012 is the European year of active ageing and solidarity between generations the first conference of Commission on Local Safety in 2012 was devoted to elderly and ways to ensure safety for older people. During that meeting several speakers gave presentations about various activities for the elderly which could be organized by local authorities and institutions. The meeting was conducted in Tallinn on 24-25 May.

The representative of European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS), Mr. Sebastian Spelberg, ), presented EU RECO network created under the auspices of Council of Europe. As a non-government organization EFUS closely cooperates with European Committee and assembles over 300 cities from Europe. The main activity of this organization is work on all major issues in urban safety and security and build

up links between European local authorities through practices, information exchanges, cooperation and training.

Moreover, the EFUS establishes relations between local authorities on a national, European and international levels and promotes the role of local authorities through making the most of the results of their programs, projects and researches. The first contact with EFUS has given to the Commission on Local Safety opportunity for future cooperation and gaining a wide range of experiences on the field of local safety and security.

The second Commission on Local Safety meeting in 2012 took place in Gdańsk, on 05-07 September 2012 and was merged with International Congress of Active Mobility. Several topics were devoted for safety traffic on the streets and brought to the members of the Commission range of good solutions and examples on organizing safety traffic in the cities. During that meeting, on close session an election of Commission management was conducted. With the approval of the delegates, the Chairman and two Vice-chairman were re-elected.

### **3. Financial and human resources.**

During the Commission's conducted meetings following costs have been incurred

Meeting in Tallinn:

- Riga: 324 Euro (one person participated)
- Tallinn: 1883 Euro (meeting's costs)
- Vilnius: 1215 Euro (two persons participated)
- Jelgava: 200 Euro (one person participated)
- Nacka: 1100 Euro (two persons participated)
- Gdansk: 950 Euro (three persons participated)
- Turku: 470 Euro (one person participated)
- Helsinki: 550 Euro (one person participated)
- Orebro: no data received
- Karlstad: no data received
- Botkyrka: no data received

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Total: 6692 Euro

#### Meeting in Gdańsk:

- Riga: 847 Euro (three persons participated)
- Vilnius: 1140 Euro (two persons participated)
- Jelgava: 393 Euro (two persons participated)
- Nacka: 884 Euro (two persons participated)
- Gdansk: 1900 Euro (meeting's cost)
- Karlstad: no data received
- Botkyrka: no data received

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Total: 5164 Euro

#### Human resources costs (estimated):

- Riga: 2000 Euro (yearly cost of work for Commission – Vice-chairman)
- Tallinn: 1200 Euro (six months cost of work and organizing of meeting – one person)
- Vilnius: 4200 Euro (yearly cost of work for Commission – two persons)
- Jelgava: 2000 Euro (yearly cost of work for Commission – one person)
- Nacka: 6000 Euro (yearly cost of work for Commission – two persons including Vice-chairman)
- Gdansk: 600 Euro (three persons involved in organizing meeting)  
550 Euro (two persons involved in “SAFE & COOL” competition)  
9500 Euro (yearly cost of work for Commission – Chairman, Secretary and two additional persons)
- Turku: 3000 Euro (yearly cost of work for Commission – one person)
- Helsinki: 600 Euro (one person participation in meeting)
- Orebro: no data received
- Karlstad: no data received
- Botkyrka: no data received

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Total: 29650 Euro

#### 4. Outside funding for projects and other activities of the Commission.

**No funding have been received in the year 2012.**

## 5. Joint activities with other UBC Commissions and other organizations.

- Co-organization and conduction of International Active Mobility Congress with the Polish Union of Active Mobility (PUMA) and the Central MeetBike organization.

The third Congress of Active Mobility, attended by over 250 representatives from Europe, was devoted for popularization of different manners of active mobility and increasing safety traffic on the streets.

- Commission on local Safety took important part in organizing the Congress, members of Commission promoted the UBC organization and Commission's on Local Safety Activities. The Congress was attended by more than 250 representatives from European countries. Participation, together with Ministry of the Interior of Lithuania in European Crime Prevention Award project. The project has been awarded by a EU grand that allows to organize "Best Practice Conference and European Crime Prevention Award 2013" The Commission plans to continue this cooperation and participate in conference next year.
- Initial cooperation with the Council of the Baltic Sea State Secretariat (CBSS) in order to take a lead in Flagship Project 14.4 within European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) under Priority Area Secure – Protection from emergencies and accidents on land

## 6. Major results and achievements of the Commission's activities and its contribution to the implementation of UBC Strategy 2010 – 2015.

The 5<sup>th</sup> UBC Commission on Local Safety meeting in Tallinn showed how important is safety for seniors. Several speakers presented solutions that could be implemented in the cities. For example "Social support system and well-being of elderly in Tallinn" is the project that could be easily adopted by other cities and doesn't require big money investment. Personal alarm system for elderly, which is part of this project, gives for senior feeling of safety and allows to inform others about potential dangerous. Some of the cites are going to implement parts from presented project.

"Safe and cool" competition directed to young people popularizes importance of safety in the schools and their surroundings. Youth with big interest and engagement worked on projects and showed that safety is also important for them.

Additionally, this competition allowed to popularize UBC organization, our structure and main goals of activities.

#### 7. Future plans for the development of the Commission's work.

In coming year 2013 Commission on Local Safety plans to widen cooperation with other organizations dealing with safety in the cities. Commission on Local Safety plans to tighten cooperation with EFUS on the field of street violence, which will be discussed during meeting in Jelgava in June 2013 will be supported by experts from this organization.

By the end of November 2012 Commission's representative will take part in thematic workshop "Towards a Joint Macro Regional Approach: Prevention and Preparedness - Minimizing Everyday Accidents in the BSR" organized by CBSS. The meeting will be devoted to distinguishing and emphasizing land-based civil protection activities within EUSBSR Priority Area 14.

#### 8. Evaluation of results and relevance of the Commission's work by other stakeholders like Member Cities, other Commissions and key partners.

**Not received**

#### 9. Plan of action and budget for the coming year (2013)

The Commission on Local Safety in 2013 plans to organize two Commission's meetings:

- a) 13 – 14 June 2013, meeting in Jelgava (Latvia). Main topic " Street violence – prevention"
- b) Beginning September 2013, meeting in Karlstad (Sweden). Main topic: "Homelessness – the roles and tasks of councils in the cities to reduce and/or avoid"

In January 2013 Commission plans to announce second edition "SAFE & COOL" competition (depends on received budget). The main grant would be 2000 Euro.

Starting from 2013 Commission on Local Safety is going to keep leading EUSBSR Flagship Project 14.4 "Everyday accidents and crisis management"

Based on close cooperation with EFUS and Ministry of Interior of Lithuania active work on European Crime Prevention Network project and participate Best Practice Conference and European Crime Prevention Award 2013 (December 2013).

<b>No</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount in EUR</b>
1	Commission's conferences in Jelgava and Karlstad (boarding, meeting venue, local transport, certain meal)	6000
2	Other expenses ( postage, communication, promotional materials, participation on conferences, miscellaneous)	4000
3	Competition "SAFE & COOL"	2500
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>12500</b>

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