

UBC Safe Cities Commission meeting in Tallinn, June 7 to 9, 2017

June 7-9 2017, UBC Safe Cities Commission met in Tallinn, to have their second meeting of the year and as well elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Theme of this meeting was – crisis management in emergency situation.

Official working session began with warm welcome words from Kalle Klandorf (Tallinn Deputy Mayor), who expressed his pleasure to invite UBC Safe Cities Commission to Tallinn. During these 3 days, UBC Safe Cities Commission members from Estonia, Finland, Latvia and Poland had the possibility to get information on how Tallinn Municipal Police is preparing for the new task – crisis management. After the introduction, other cities presented on how they are preparing for crisis management and how they really work during an emergency situation.

Following the presentation and discussions, meeting participants were visiting one of the Estonians Emergency Centers to see in reality how the work is carried out in Tallinn. During the meeting it was discussed about UBC General Conference in Vaxjo and the topic for Safe Cities Commission workshop. It was decided, that during the workshop work groups will develop general data collection principles for civil protection prevention activities. According to work groups developed outcomes a project initiative is planned to organize common data collection principles regarding civil protection and safety in cities around Baltic Sea Region.

In the last day an election of the UBC Safe Cities Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman was held. The participating Commission members decided, that current Chairman Kaspars Vārpiņš from Liepaja Municipal Police and current Vice-Chairman Torbjörn Lindström from Southwest Finland Emergency Services should continue their duties as Chairman and Vice-Chairman.