

ACTIVITY REPORT

SMART AND PROSPERING CITIES COMMISSION

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1. General description

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Secretariat

The commission's secretariat is run by Wolfgang Schmidt and fully financed by the City of Kiel.

Aims & goals

We run seminars and projects about current and future challenges for cities like resiliency, digitalization and internationalization. The commission offers a reliable network of administration experts, entrepreneurs and scientists from the BSR and beyond.

2. Seminars

2022

Creative Ports

An online seminar about the outcomes of the EU project Creative Ports, in which the commission was deeply involved. The aim was to consider the health of the Cultural and Creative Industries in the Baltic Sea Region. Explore the results and recommendations of the Creative Ports project. Raise awareness of the CCI Contact Desk.

District of the Future

The main city development project of Kiel is Holtenau Ost, a former military site. On this ninety-two hectare site Kiel is planning a District of the Future. The City of Kiel and the Union of the Baltic Cities, Northern Europe's largest city network, have invited thirty experts from urban planning and economic development to design a vision for this District of the Future.

The questions to be discussed:

1. What can be done to get the identity of a District of the Future: Holtenau Ost?
2. What relationship should be created between the existing part of the city of Kiel and its new district - Holtenau Ost?
3. What are the concepts of development that could support the process of bringing life into the Holtenau Ost area?

2023

Smart x Sustainable Urban Mobility

Achieving net-zero carbon emissions in cities is crucial and needs to be done as quickly as possible. Many cities in the Baltic Sea region have set ambitious goals and mobility plays a key role. In this seminar, we will hear about the latest trends in smart urban mobility from various speakers.

3. Projects

Creative Ports Contact Desk

The Creative Ports Contact Desk links CCI support organisations and cultural institutes in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) and can guide you to the right contacts and internationalisation know-how! The CCI Contact Desk is a hub for new contacts and exchange of knowledge. It operates as an entry point providing international connections. It offers guidance to help you find the right internationalisation tools and know-how. And it is a well of knowledge of all things Creative Ports.

4. Cooperation with other organisations

- Goethe-Institute
- Swedish Institute
- STRING
- Creative Ports Contact Desk
- Digital Week Kiel
- Waterkant startup festival

5. Communications

We strive to get awareness for the UBC, its objectives and its activities through diverse communication measures towards relevant target groups.

6. Other activities

The commission is discussing the general alignment of the work of the commission with the needs of the member cities. One aim is to connect the commission with existing high-level events in the Baltic Sea Region to offer even more added value to the commission meetings and workshops and raise visibility for the UBC network in general.