

## UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

# Activity Plan 2023

The UBC Sustainable Cities Commission plans its activities based on the UBC Sustainability Action Programme as well as input from UBC member cities and discussions in the UBC SCC Advisory Board, considering both the Baltic Sea Region and European-wide processes.

Our **main goal for 2023** is to bring added value to the UBC cities by facilitating exchange and cooperation between them as well as with other stakeholders for practical solutions to be implemented on local level.

Our **main objectives for 2023** are

- to organise and facilitate both face-to-face as well as online formats to meet, exchange and cooperate
- to inform UBC member cities about relevant solutions, processes, projects, and disseminate widely for further uptake
- to represent the network in relevant events and collaborate with strategic partners
- to improve collaboration within the UBC network with other commissions

## Planned activities for 2023

### UBC Internal activities

Participation in UBC Executive Board meetings

- UBC SCC will participate in UBC Executive Board meetings and present its activities

Contribution to the General Conference

- UBC SCC will contribute to the development of the UBC General Conference programme if required

Cooperation with other Commissions

- UBC SCC will enquire about possible cooperation with other UBC Commissions in different fields

### Networking activities

UBC SCC Advisory Board meetings (4)

- we will organise at least 4 (online) Advisory Board meetings using Zoom,
- a physical meeting will be planned in connection with e.g. the commission meeting/UBC General conference or similar (tbc)

UBC SCC Commission meeting(s):

- We will organise a joint commission meeting with the Planning Cities Commission, on 13-15 September 2023 in Turku, the planning process is ongoing

### Webinar series UBC TALKS

- We will organise 4 UBC TALKS webinars during 2023

### Cooperation with external stakeholders

UBC SCC will continue networking and cooperation with external stakeholders and as recently defined in an internal process

- we will take part in CBSS EGSD meetings as defined by our mandate as a group member
- we will take part in HELCOM meetings as defined by our observer status
- we will support the Covenant of Mayors and the Green City Accord through dissemination of information as defined in our supporter agreement
- we will support the CDP climate reporting platform for cities as defined by our mandate
- we will follow our defined external stakeholders/initiatives on BSR and EU level continuously

### Exchange formats with UBC member cities

- we will reactivate the SCC Thematic working groups and organise 2-4 online meetings on topics to be defined through discussions with member cities (e.g. climate resilience)
- we will test a new regular format of exchange between UBC member cities to discuss and emerging issues and leading trends, based on the cities' needs

### Communication, Dissemination and Representation activities

- we will produce and disseminate 3-4 Sustainable Cities Bulletins and regular newsletters
- we will regularly update and improve the website [www.ubc-sustainable.net](http://www.ubc-sustainable.net)
- we will regularly update our social media channels
- Planned external events for 2023 (so far):
  - Urban Future Conference, June 2023
  - EUSBSR Annual Forum, September 2023
  - European Week of Regions and Cities, autumn 2023
  - more TBC

## **Project activities**

Project implementation:

Approved projects will start to be implemented from 1.1.2023 onwards

- EMPEREST (Interreg BSR Programme), UBC SCC lead partner
- BaltiPlast (Interreg BSR Programme), UBC SCC partner
- ZeroPFASII (Swedish Institute), UBC SCC partner
- ChemClimCircle (Interreg BSR Programme), UBC SCC associated partner

Project development:

UBC SCC will continue to follow opening funding calls and answering to requests and needs from cities as well as available resources to prepare project applications accordingly.