

Memorandum 15.9.2023 at 9.30 – 10.05



Teams etäyhteydellä

Present Elina Rantanen

Nina Rauhala
Satu Heikkinen
Johanna Waltonen
Mika Akkanen
Toni Vanhala
Susanna Slotte-Kock
Jukka Vilen

1. Opening

Mr Jukka Vilen, opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

1. Discussion about the activities of the Union of the Baltic Citiesin (UBC:n)

The matter was discussed. The Finnish member cities hoped that the network would add value to their activities in increasing and exchanging expertise. The work of the commissions was welcomed.

It was also considered a challenge to activate personnel, especially experts from a certain sector in their own organisation, because there are many expert networks available. UBC was seen as a functional platform for building networks with the help of its member cities and their background communities, as well as for sharing and comparing experiences and good practices.

The war in Ukraine was felt to have played a dominant role in recent government work. The differences in the competences and responsibilities of cities in different countries were seen as challenging for Ukraine in coordinated assistance within the framework of the UBC.

2. Nomination of Finland's candidate for the Presidium and the Board.

In accordance with the City of Turku's proposal, it was decided to propose Deputy Mayor Elina Rantanen as the candidate of Finnish cities for the Presidium of the organization. It was also decided that Susanna Slotte-Kock, Head of Public Affairs from the City of Vaasa, will be proposed as the candidate of Finnish cities for the UBC Board. He also acts as a contact person for Finnish cities.

3. Other business

Closer cooperation between Finnish cities in the framework of UBC was discussed.
It was decided to continue the annual remote gatherings between UBC cities in Finland .

As security for the memorandum

Jukka Vilen