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- The network of professional planners around the Baltic Sea Region
- Supporting city servants in their work of **building high quality, economically strong, resilient, sustainable cities**
- Promoting interaction and cooperation between Baltic Sea cities and towns **in the field of urban planning and construction in practice**
- Organises 3-day **Seminars** in the host city, that wants expertise of UBC Member Cities colleagues for a challenging area







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# UBC Planning Cities Commission past activities 2023/2024

The UBC Planning and Sustainable Cities Commissions, together with the City of Turku, held a joint seminar “Revitalizing urban space connected to the Sea” in Turku, Finland, on September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



UBC Planning and Sustainable Cities Commission meeting  
Turku, Finland  
13-15 September 2023



Joint UBC Planning Cities and Safe Cities Commission workshop was held during the XVII UBC General Conference in Palanga.

## „Civil protection and urban planning. Building a resilient city.”

Kramatorsk experiences

**Ihor Stashkevych, Secretary of the Kramatorsk City Council**

Kherson experiences

**Vitalii Bielobrov, Deputy Mayor of Kherson**

Safety in the commune in extreme and war conditions

**Yurii Zherlitsyn, Convention of the Heads of Municipal Enterprises NGO**

### XVII UBC GENERAL CONFERENCE

24–26 OCTOBER, PALANGA, 2023

UBC Planning Cities Commission and Safe  
Cities Commission

workshop

**“Civil protection and urban planning.**

**Building a resilient city”**

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## Training Programme Meeting | 13-14 March 2024, Gdynia

**Interreg**  
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Furthermore, the meeting provided a platform for strategic discussions with the Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC), represented by Paulina Szewczyk, Chair of the UBC Planning Cities Commission, and Jakub Rybicki, Project Manager at the UBC Secretariat.

Together, the participants explored the prospects for institutionally strengthening the Liveable Cities network and discussed mechanisms for sharing the project outcomes with cities across the Baltic Sea Region.



# UBC Planning Cities Commission upcoming Activities 2023/2024

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION FOR RESILIENT COASTAL CITY  
COMMISSION MEETING IN GDAŃSK, POLAND  
9-12 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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## EUSBSR Annual Forum 2024 29-31 October, Visby, Sweden

Seminar at the EUSBR Annual Forum 2024, organised jointly by the Interreg BSR project “Liveability”, VASAB Secretariat and UBC Planning Cities Commission

Preliminary Title:

„Designing / Planning liveable cities in the Baltic Sea Region”



To achieve being liveable, city administrations should rethink the way in which they **approach urban planning and public service delivery, for instance by working in a more design-oriented way.**

The seminar will

- involve participants in a discussion on what makes their cities liveable right now and in the future,
- introduce **public interest design** as a possible path towards liveability,
- feature the **launch of the “liveable cities” label and network**, a joint endeavour of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme project “Liveability” and the Union of Baltic Cities,
- highlight what possible future actions the VASAB Vision 2040 foresees for cities and towns to become more liveable.

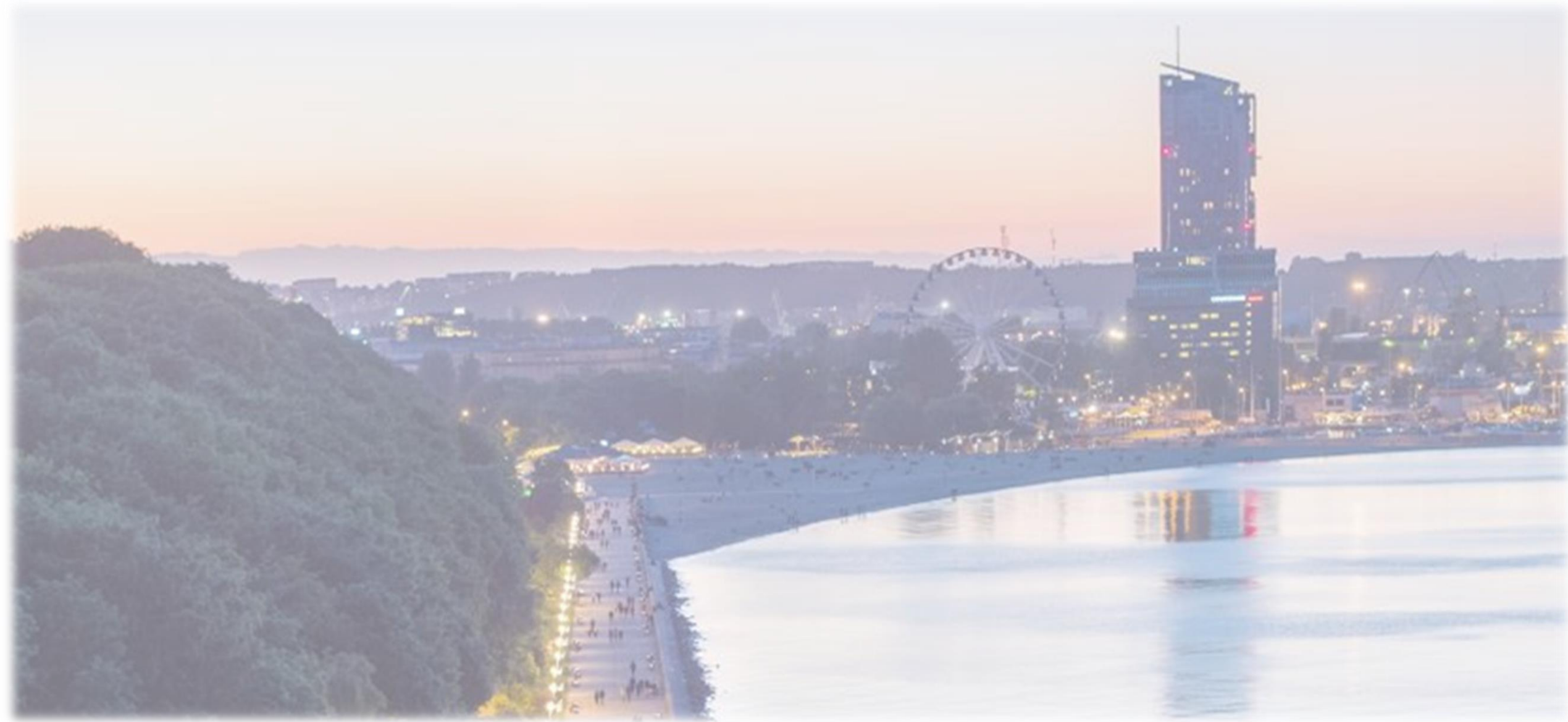
**The objective is to familiarise cities from the Baltic Sea Region with the concept of public interest design and motivate them to become part of the “liveable cities” network.**



## The other activities planned in 2024 by the UBC Planning Cities Commission

In 2024 the UBC Planning Cities Commission:

- will support and promote the UBC
- will strengthen the UBC cooperation in the field of city planning, collect and disseminate good practices, continue to involve experts,
- will cooperate with other UBC Commissions and other networks,
- Members of the Steering Group will furthermore attend executive board meetings when invited and necessary.



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