



UBC Sustainable Cities Commission ongoing activities and plans

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UBC SCC Activities plan for 2024

- **UBC Internal activities:** Executive Board meetings (2), Advisory Board meetings (4), cooperation with other UBC Commissions (2), UBC SAP mid-term evaluation.
- **Events:** UBC SCC meeting, EUSBSR Annual Forum, HELCOM Stakeholder Conference, European Week of Regions and Cities.
- **Strategic cooperations:** CDP climate reporting, Green City Accord, HELCOM, CBSS, EUSBSR Baltic Sea Strategy Point, EU Missions.
- **Communications:** UBC TALKS (5), topical webinars (1-3), Sustainable Cities Bulletin (3), Baltic Cities Bulletin with UBC General Secretariat (1), Newsletters, website, social media channels (Facebook, Instagram), Baltic Smart Water Hub.
- **Implementation of projects** supporting the UBC Sustainability Action Programme 2030 (5) and development of new projects (4).

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Denmark, Lithuania and Norway are most welcome to join!

Current projects



Co-funded by
the European Union



- **EMPEREST** – technologies and tools to eliminate micropollutants from wastewater for reuse strategies.



- **BALTIPLAST** – prevention and reduction of plastic waste in the Baltic Sea Region.



- **Climate-4-CAST** – decision-support tool to accelerate cities' progress towards climate neutrality.



- **SUMPs for BSR** – effective Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning to support active mobility.



- **Urban Biodiversity Parks** – co-creative platforms for enhancing biodiversity, and community involvement.

Project proposals

1. ClimaResponse - Responsive Local Action for Adaptation to Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

Empowering municipalities in the BSR to efficiently use existing tools, plan and implement their climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies.

2. ChemClimCircle 2 - Fostering implementation of the ChemClimCircle approach to Green Public Procurement in the Baltic Sea Region

Developing systemic guidance “navigator” to green public procurement integrating chemicals, climate and circularity.

3. Justmoves - Just and Inclusive Urban Mobility Planning in Baltic Cities

Increasing the accessibility of sustainable mobility modes by taking into account the varying needs of different user groups in transport and mobility planning.

4. SI Baltic Sea Neighbourhood Programme - Cooperation projects with Ukraine

Accelerating remediation and prevention PFAS substances from entering the Baltic Sea

UBC TALKS webinars 2024

- **27 February:** Funding for innovative and climate-smart cities
- **26 March:** Mapping and monitoring PFAS in cities
- **28 May:** EU Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters
- **24 September:** Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans
- **26 November:** Green public procurement

UBC TALKS webinars:

- **90 min webinar** on the last Tuesday of the month, 10.30–12.00 EET.
- focus on concrete sustainability aspects with **best practices from UBC members**, paired with **scientific data** and **regional policies' overview**.
- **22 webinar recordings** already available on our website [ubc-sustainable.net/ubc-talks](https://www.ubc-sustainable.net/ubc-talks)
- **registration** to webinars open at www.ubc-sustainable.net/events



SCC Commission meeting

Sustainable transformation for resilient coastal city

- **9 - 12 September** in Gdansk, Poland
- organised jointly with UBC Planning Cities Commission
- **Save the date** sent to UBC members
- Programme preparations ongoing
- **Welcome** - registration will be open in May!
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