

An aerial photograph of a roundabout in a city. A yellow bus is driving through the roundabout. The surrounding area is lush with green trees and includes a multi-story brick building on the right and a parking lot with several cars on the left. A blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing white and yellow text.

# UBC Sustainable Cities Commission ongoing activities and plans

**UBC Executive Board meeting, Tartu & Elva  
22 May 2025**

Agnieszka Ilola, Head of Secretariat

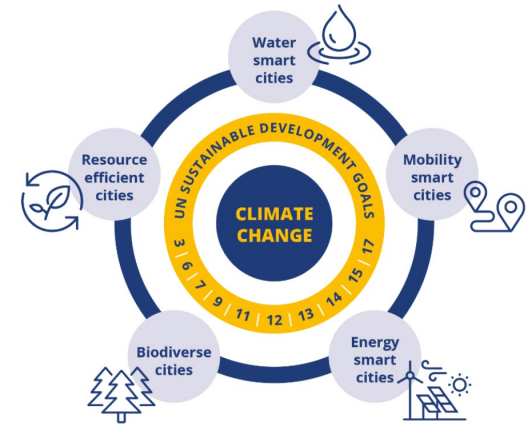
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# UBC SCC Activities plan for 2025

- **Development and implementation of projects** supporting the UBC Sustainability Action Programme 2030.
- **Events and trainings:** Interreg BSR Conference 2025, UBC SCC meeting, UBC General Conference, EUSBSR Annual Forum, Executive Board and Advisory Board meetings.
- **Communications:** UBC TALKS, topical webinars, Sustainable Cities Bulletin, Newsletters, website, social media channels (Facebook, Instagram), Baltic Smart Water Hub.





# Implementation of EU-funded projects in 2025

- **EMPEREST** – eliminating micropollutants from wastewater for reuse strategies.

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- **BlueActionBANOS** – implementing innovative actions to restore our ocean, seas and waters by 2030.

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



- **ClimaResponse** – leveraging local action for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.

- **ChemClimCircle-2** – fostering implementation of Green Public Procurement in the BSR (climate, circularity and chemicals)



**ChemClimCircle-2 Kick-off event in Riga, 19-21 March 2025**



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## ClimaResponse Kick-off event in Stockholm, 1-2 April 2025

# Implementation of EU-funded projects in 2025



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



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



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



- **Achieving Zero PFAS** – building capacities for PFAS management in the BSR (cooperation projects with Ukraine, SI)

# 3 Interreg BSR project platforms

## Operations of strategic importance

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- **HAZGONE** – better governance of hazardous substances in the BSR.



- **BSR Urban Mobility** – supporting active mobility.



- **EnTRA** – energy transition for climate neutrality in the BSR.



# BALTIPLAST project training webinars

- **3 June: Strategic Solutions** to Reduce Plastic Pollution
- **10 June: Soft Solutions** to Cut Plastic Use in Offices and Schools
- **16 June: Technical Solutions** to Reduce Plastic Pollution

Registration to webinars open at [www.ubc-sustainable.net/events](http://www.ubc-sustainable.net/events)

## BALTIPLAST project Final Conference 10-12 December, Turku



### Best practices and lessons learned

- **Västerås**, Olof Bergold
- **Helsinki**, Kati Kauppi
- **Valmiera**, Liga Biezina
- **Tallinn**, Liina Kanarbik

# Climate Budget Summit: 1 October 2025, Malmö

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UBC Sustainable Cities Commission meeting

# Creating climate-proof and nature-positive cities together

**1 – 3 October 2025**

**Malmö, Sweden**

**Studio Meetingpoint, Nordenskiöldsgatan 24**


Join us for an inspiring and forward-thinking meeting focused on building climate-proof and nature-positive cities of the future! This event is designed to foster collaboration, share innovative solutions, and drive actionable strategies for cities to become climate-proof and biodiversity-rich in the face of growing climate risks and challenges.

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City of Malmö

An aerial photograph of Słupsk, Poland, showing a mix of urban architecture and natural greenery. On the left, a prominent brick church with a tall, ornate spire is visible. To the right, a winding river flows through a lush, green landscape with several small buildings and bridges. The sky is clear and blue.

## XVIII UBC General Conference in Słupsk / Dolina Charlotty

The XVIII UBC General Conference will be held in Słupsk / Dolina Charlotty on 4-7 November 2025.

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### **Sessions of the UBC Sustainable Cities Commission**

**4 November 16.30 – 17.30:** Meet and Greet with UBC SCC

**4 November 17.30 – 19.00:** Workshop "Urban sustainability arena for sharing success strategies and solutions"

# EMPEREST project Final Conference: 19-20 November, Berlin



**Berlin, Germany**

**19-20 NOVEMBER 2025**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## The Future of Water in the Changing World

INNOVATIONS IN PFAS AND MICROPOLLUTANTS

Exploring innovative solutions for addressing organic micropollutants, including pharmaceuticals and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), in the context of the evolving regulatory landscape in Europe.



# UBC TALKS webinars 2025

- **25 March:** New era of toxic-free water cycle
- **27 May:** Urban Biodiversity Parks as a method for actively increasing biodiversity
- **10 June:** Building local climate and disaster risk preparedness
- **7 October:** Monitoring and evaluation of sustainable urban mobility planning
- **25 November:** Climate Budget tools for cities

## UBC TALKS webinars:

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

Webinar: UBC TALKS introducing new era of toxic-free water cycle



Webinar: UBC TALKS about green public procurement



Webinar: UBC TALKS about sustainable urban mobility planning



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