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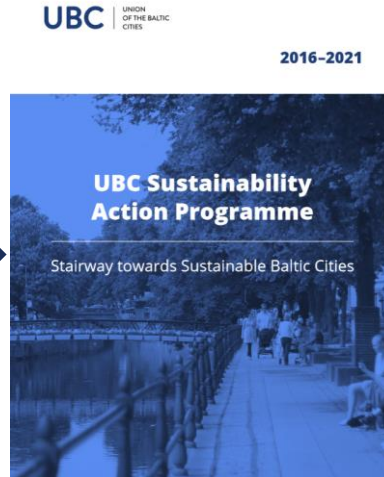
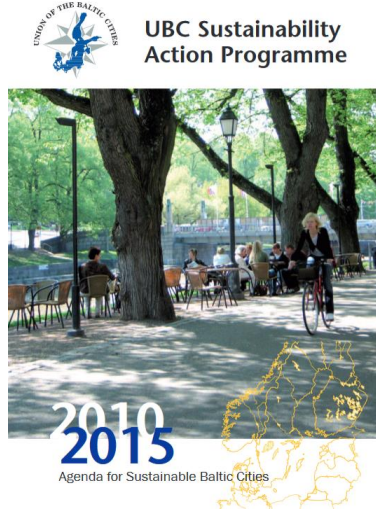
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# UBC Sustainability Action Programme – update & renewal process



# Steps of the process



**Step 1** Advisory board discussion 10.12. 2019 and Kick off 13.12. 2019

**Step 2** Advisory board discussion on new planning process

**Step 3** Thematic working groups October 2020 – February 2021

**Step 4** Short E-mail request to UBC cities, on services/needs, February 2021

**Step 5** Internal workshop for strategic partners April 2021

**Step 6** Advisory board/Commission discussion/decision spring (May) 2021

**Step 7** Fine-tuning, layout August-September 2021

**Step 8** Launch in UBC General Conference October 2021 in St Petersburg

# Projects & Cooperation

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# Current ongoing projects



Platform for Integrated water cooperation



Changing your way(s) towards liveable cities in the Baltic Sea Region



CIVITAS ECCENTRIC - sustainable mobility in suburban districts and innovative urban freight logistics



CASCADE –Community Safety Action for Supporting Climate Adaptation and Development

# Seed Money Projects (starting Oct 2020)

**SUMPs for BSR** – Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning for climate resilient BSR cities ( UBC SCC lead partner)

**ClimateBudget** - Cities and regions for a BSR climate resilient development by means of climate budgeting ( UBC SCC partner)

**EMPEREST** - En-masse Mapping of PFAS In Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluents for REuse STRategies in the Baltic Sea Region



# 2017

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## Climate Leadership from Baltic Sea Region Cities



October 2017

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# 2018

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## Global perspective on the UBC cities' work with climate change mitigation and adaptation

A Report based on the results of CDP Cities Questionnaire 2018



Author: Kristiina Paju, on behalf of UBC

April 2019

# 2019

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## UBC cities' adaptation actions to extreme weather events

Report based on CDP Cities Questionnaire 2019 results



Written by: Kristiina Paju, on behalf of UBC

October 2019



The European City Facility (EUCF) is an initiative to **support local investments in sustainable energy**. The objective of the EUCF is to **facilitate access to private and EU financing along with access to technical, legal and financial expertise**.

## UBC SCC as regional coordinator

### Tasks:

- Promotion and dissemination of the EUCF in order to recruit potential applicants
- UBC SCC coordinates with national experts in DK, FI, EST and LV

### Consortium

- **Energy Cities:** Coordination
- **Climate Alliance:** EU added value + communication
- **FEDARENE:** Country expert coordination
- **Adelphi:** Planning + monitoring
- **ENVIROS:** Operational activities

### Support:

Country experts 1/EU member state

Nationals experts 1/EU member state

# Networking, exchange and cooperation

# UBC Sustainable Cities external communication activities

- UBC Sustainable Cities Bulletin (4/year)
- Active Social Media channels (facebook, twitter, Instagram, youtube)
- Actively updated website [www.ubc-sustainable.net](http://www.ubc-sustainable.net) → relaunch planned

## Sustainable Cities Bulletin 3/2020

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Dear UBC colleagues,

Now in October we have important events coming up for us. The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region is organizing the Annual Forum and a series of workshop virtually. These are important and relevant for us, as we are right now in the phase of planning and deciding on our actions and cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region up until 2030!

Some messages and results have already come. The EUSBSR workshop on "Unlocking the nutrient recycling potential in the Baltic Sea Region" (30 September 2020) highlighted the importance of cross-sectoral cooperation and circular economy principles. To protect the state of the Baltic Sea, which is emphasized in the UBC Sustainability Action Programme, we need to manage nutrients more efficiently to stop the eutrophication - and 95% of the Baltic Sea is still affected by it, according to HELCOM. At the same time, we cannot afford to waste the nutrients - they are in the list of the finite resources, requiring closing the loop and turning to the sustainable use of water resources. Nutrients need to be managed more efficiently and there needs to be effort in protecting from leakages via stormwater streams and sludge handling. We will hear more results on the Annual Forum day!

EUSBSR Workshop on reducing security risks related to the climate change

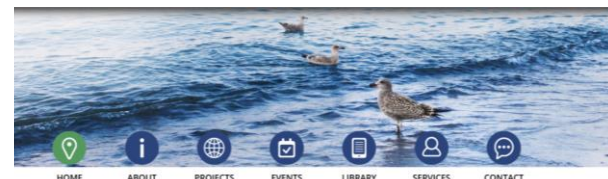
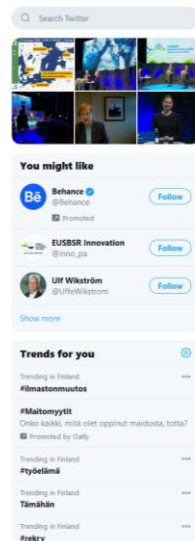
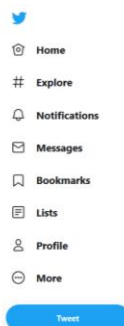
12.10.2020 - 11:00

Virtual 11th EUSBSR Annual Forum 2020

20.10.2020 (All day)

Finnish Municipalities Contributing to Super Year for Nature

22.10.2020 - 14:00



## Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission

Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission is one of the thematic Commissions of the Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC). Union of the Baltic Cities is a voluntary, proactive network mobilizing the shared potential of its member cities for democratic, economic, social, cultural and environmentally sustainable development of the Baltic Sea Region.

We at UBC Sustainable Cities Commission are responsible for the environmental and urban sustainability activities within UBC and we co-ordinate the UBC Sustainability Action Programme which is closely linked to the EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. We operate via development projects, member city conferences and policy meetings. UBC Sustainable Cities Commission also co-ordinates the cooperation with CDP.

## News



## Upcoming events



# UBC Talks webinar series - Sharing best practices with the network

UBC Talk (ed) about:

- Marine Litter Campaigns
- Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning
- Best practices in CDP reporting
- Stormwater management
- Sustainable and multimodal mobility
- Intelligent transport solution piloting
- Local works on SDGs I + II



UBC Talks about:

- Water safety from hazardous substances, November 24<sup>th</sup> 2020
- Low carbon energy solutions in cities, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2020