

**ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**YOUTHFUL CITIES COMMISSION**  
**2017 – 2019**

**1. General description - Youthful Cities Commission**

Municipality of Kolding is the chair of the Youthful Cities Commission during the years of 2018 and 2019. Carsten Adamsen is in charge of the work.

**2. Meetings/seminars/conferences**

**Riga, Latvia, 15–16 January 2018 – Handing over chair from Gävle to Kolding**

Meeting of the YCC secretariat in Riga with topics of „formal” handing over the chair, discussing the ongoing works and planned activities to follow up. Also we introduced the vice-chair Riga to the commission work.

**Stockholm, Sweden, 6 March 2018 – cooperation meeting with BSSSC, ERB, LSU and CBSS**

The focus of this meeting was our upcoming joint seminar at the annual EUSBSR forum in Tallinn. We decided to write an application together with BSSSC and ERB for a Baltic Youth Camp Event closely linked to the 10<sup>th</sup> annual forum 2019 in Gdańsk. That application was approved with funding of €65.000.

**Rostock, Germany, 12– 13 March 2018 – UBC Executive Board Meeting**

The Youthful Cities Commission was represented at the EBM by the commission chair, Carsten Adamsen, who presented the ongoing works on our seminar „Nothing about us without us!” at the annual EUSBSR forum in Tallinn with the focus on digital tools to improve youth participation in cities.

**Narva, Estonia, 18– 22 March 2018 – Open Commission meeting**

A total of 36 people participated in the commission meeting (15 youth, 21 officials from 13 cities)

The main working theme of the meeting was “Digital tools to improve youth involvement and participation” – directly linked to the seminar/workshop at the annual EUSBSR forum in Tallinn later in June, 2018. The seminar/workshop was a cooperation between UBC YCC, BSSSC, ERB and LSU. The 3<sup>rd</sup> of its kind (starting with the Annual forum in Stockholm, November 2016)

The meeting also included news from the chair and cities, as well as discussions on the ongoing work in the cities.

**Malmö, Sweden, 29 May 2018 – Fehmarn Belt Days**

Chair represented youth views at the Fehmarn Belt Day, due to the youth representative getting sick.

#### **Tallinn, Estonia, 2–4 June 2018 – Preparation seminar for the EUSBSR annual forum**

Following up on our engagement in the two previous annual fora, this year we together with BSSSC, ERB and LSU (Swedish national organisation of youth councils) arranged the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the seminar “Nothing about us without us!”. This time the focus was on which digital tools cities could use to improve local participation and involvement. The seminar hosted 80 participants.

A direct result from this seminar was that we (UBC, BSSSC and ERB) decided to create the “Baltic Sea Region Youth Declaration” which would become a living document to include the views and opinions of all youth of the BSR. A dedicated website was created and meetings were planned. The website is online, but there is still some issues to process. The declaration is directly linked to our project Baltic Sea Youth Camp.

#### **Flensburg, Germany, 20 June 2018 – CBSS cooperation regarding Baltic Sea Youth Dialogue**

Meeting with the new CBSS senior youth coordination regarding more cooperation between organisations. YCC representation by chair and 2 youth.

#### **Berlin, Germany, 23–24 August 2018 – CBSS cooperation meeting**

Meeting with CBSS representatives to give UBC YCC input regarding CBSS Baltic Sea Youth Dialogue 2019. Representation of YCC by chair.

#### **Rostock, Germany, 8–11 October 2018 – Open Commission Meeting**

21 persons attended from 11 UBC cities. 10 youth participated. Also specially invited was 2 members of the BSSSC Youth board to talk about their ways of working. Main theme of the meeting was the European charter on local youth work as well as the European competence model for international youth work. Also on the agenda was a preparation session for the 2019 General / Youth Conference in Kaunas, Lithuania

#### **Malmö, Sweden, 17–19 October 2018, UBC Executive Board Meeting**

The YCC chair presented the general ideas of the joint project BSR Youth Camp 2019 and gave short minutes from the open commission meeting just held in Rostock and the plans for a 2019 Youth Conference linked to UBC GC

#### **Klaipeda, Lithuania, 9 November 2018, Klaipeda Youth Forum**

YCC represented by chair in Klaipeda Youth Forum, part of Klaipeda’s initiative for EU Youth Capital

#### **Gdańsk, Poland, 26–27 November 2018, UBC GC Task force meeting**

#### **Bruxelles, Belgium, 29–30 November 2018, BSR Youth Declaration meeting (BSSSC, ERB, UBC, PA Culture)**

Brainstorming meeting with focus on ideas, who, how and what regarding the development of BSR Youth Declaration website.

### **Gdańsk, Poland, 29 January 2019 – meeting with PA Culture**

Goal of the meeting was presenting the idea of the Baltic Sea Youth Camp, and bringing Culture in as a catalyst in the events.

### **St. Petersburg, Russia, 23–26 April 2019 – UBC Executive Board Meeting**

### **Kolding, Denmark, 29 April – 2 May 2019, Open Commission meeting**

Main topic of the meeting were city safety issues, youth (council) cooperation and youth conference program in Kaunas. A total of 25 participants (14 youth) from 10 cities

### **Kalmar, Sweden, 13–14 May 2019, CaSYPoT final conference**

Chair represented the UBC as an associated partner in the project

### **Bruxelles, Belgium, 20 May 2019, UBC TF on youth**

Chair participated as panelist

## **3. Projects**

### **BALTIC SEA YOUTH CAMP**

Following the decision of the meeting in March our application was approved in July. Total CBSS funding for the project was EUR 65,000 and the total budget was EUR 110,000.

- Gdańsk, Poland, 12–13 September 2018 – Baltic Sea Youth Camp 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> project meeting
- Stockholm, Sweden, 5–6 November 2018 – Baltic Sea Youth Camp 2019, project meeting
- Gdańsk, Poland, 30–31 January 2019 – Baltic Sea Youth Camp 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> project meeting
- Gdańsk, Poland, 26–27 March 2019 – Baltic Sea Youth Camp 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> project meeting
- Gdańsk, Poland, 7–13 June 2019, Baltic Sea Youth Camp and EUSBSR Annual Forum
- Gdańsk, Poland, 20–22 August 2019, Baltic Sea Youth Camp 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> project evaluation meeting
- Online Video meetings: besides the physical meetings, there has been apprx. 15 online meetings with project partners

### **YCC YOUTH CONFERENCE**

YCC applied in February for an Erasmus+ project regarding the youth conference connected to the General Conference in Kaunas. The first application was not approved but we managed to apply for the April deadline, and that project was approved. Total budget: EUR 48,223 with maximum participation.

## **4. Cooperation with others**

Main cooperation with others have been through different projects as described in the sections meeting and projects.

## **5. Communications**

Main communication has been through direct emails, but due the different issues about GDPR, the secretariat decided that future “direct” communication must be newsletter with the opportunity to easily opt out.

We do still lack a really active social media, but it is the future plan.