

The City of Turku firmly believes that one of the most urgent tasks of the UBC strategy process is to define the criteria for evaluation of UBC commission's work, as stipulated in the current strategy for 2010-2015. The annual meeting of UBC member cities in Jyväskylä in September 2011 in its message to the UBC also highlighted this issue.

Turku supports the criteria which the UBC Board sent for comments to the member cities and commissions. We think that they take appropriately into account both the common measurable criteria needed to establish the effectiveness and outreach of the work, as well as the diversity of the methods various commissions are employing in their work. Also, it must be ensured that specific reasons and circumstances (like change of host cities of commissions, illness of key organisers etc) can be taken into account when making the evaluation.

In our opinion, the final criteria should be decided upon in the Rakvere Board meeting on basis of the Brussels decision, taking into account possible modifications on the basis of the response from member cities and commissions.

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