



68th UBC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, ON THE EVE OF XII GENERAL CONFERENCE

Mariehamn, 1 OCTOBER 2013

MEMO

The Board went through the programme of the XII General Conference:

2 October Plenary Session – welcome addresses and keynote speeches

Promoting smart development and well-being in the Baltic Sea Region:

- Paweł Orłowski, Vice-Minister of Regional Development, Republic of Poland
- Ambassador Satu Mattila, Chairperson of CSO of the Council of the Baltic Sea States
- Pauliina Haijanen, 2nd Vice Chair of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy of the Committee of the Regions, rapporteur on "Evaluation of macro-regional strategies"
- Michael Ralph, Adviser to the Director-General Walter Deffaa, DG Regional Policy, European Commission
- Nina Oding, Head of the Research Department of the Leontief Centre, St.Petersburg

UBC Programme to promote youth employment and well-being

- Matti Mäkelä, Head of the Project Management Office, Turku, Action Plan of Cities for Youth Employment and Well-Being
- Johan Andersson, Falun, UBC Commission on Youth Issues

Private sector and trade unions' actions in combating youth unemployment and marginalisation

- Christian Weinberger, Senior Adviser SMEs & Entrepreneurship, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission
- Uwe Polkaehn, President, Confederation of German Trade Unions DGB-Nord
- Pirjo Väänänen, Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions – SAK
- Mikael Backman, CEO of Viking Line

Examples of cities initiatives and projects directed to youth

- Gunnar Bakke, Commissioner, City of Bergen
- Susanne Gaschke, Mayor of Kiel
- Vytautas Grubliauskas, Mayor of Klaipėda
- Gunars Ansins, Vice-Mayor of Liepāja
- Marie-Louise Rönmark, Mayor of Umeå
- Roland Methling, Mayor of Rostock
- Viktoriia Shuvalova, leading specialist of the Department of social programmes and cooperation with NGOs, St. Petersburg
- Taavi Aas, Vice-Mayor of Tallinn



3 October General Assembly

Meetings of the UBC Commissions

Workshops:

- W1. How to prevent & fight unemployment among youth
Coordination: Commission on Business
Support: Commission on Education
- W2. Youth empowerment and non-formal education with gender perspective
Coordination: Åland Peace Institute
- W3. Green Growth for UBC Cities
Coordination: Commission on Environment
- W4. Regional INTERREG IV Programmes for the Baltic Sea Region
Coordination: Central Baltic & South Baltic Technical Secretariats

General Assembly

Report on UBC Activities, Per Bødker Andersen, President of UBC

Report on UBC Strategy

Amendments In The Statute

Resolution on Commissions Consolidation Process

Resolution on task force to promote youth employment

Resolution on EU Strategy for the BSR

Auditor's Report

Board of Audit Report

Absolving the Board, Presidium, Secretary

Membership Fees 2014-2015

Election of The President And Vice-Presidents

Election of The Executive Board

Auditor for 2013-2014

Venue of The General Conference In 2015

BSR Urban Forum for Smart Cities (BUF)

The Board approved the following candidatures to the UBC organs:

1. Executive Board

Denmark - Naestved

Estonia - Elva

Finland - Jyväskylä

Germany - Rostock

Latvia - Liepāja

Lithuania - Šiauliai

Norway - Kristiansand



Poland - Gdańsk

Russia – St. Petersburg

Sweden - Växjö

2. President and three Vice-Presidents

Per Boedker Andersen, Deputy Mayor of Kolding - for the President

Marie-Louise Rönmark, Mayor of Umeå – for the 1st Vice President

Jarkko Virtanen, Deputy Mayor of Turku – for the Vice President

Taavi Aas, Deputy Mayor of Tallinn – for the Vice President

3. Board of Audit

Ewa Back, Councillor, Västernorrland

Marta Chełkowska, Director of Tourism Department, Pomorskie Voivodship

Jukka Vilen, Director of City Office, Kemi

4. Auditor - licensed auditing company Bilans from Gdańsk

Application for membership from the municipality of Mielno, Poland

The President informed that UBC received an application from the municipality of Mielno, Poland, to join the Union of the Baltic Cities.

The Board decided to accept Mielno as a member of the Union of the Baltic Cities and wished Mielno a successful cooperation with other UBC member cities.