



UNION OF THE BALTIC CITIES
73RD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Dolina Charlotty, Poland, 11-12 June 2015

AGENDA (draft 03.06.2015)

1. Opening of the meeting by UBC President Per Bødker Andersen and adoption of the agenda. Election of two persons who, together with the President, will check the minutes.
2. Welcome words by Robert Biedroń, Mayor of Słupsk and Mirosław Wawrowski, Managing Director of Dolina Charlotty.
3. Project initiatives of Dolina Charlotty.
Creating the cooperation network of tourism and science (with support of the local authorities) in the BSR to promote the health tourism brand STRESS-OUT globally, Barbara Podruczna-Mocarska, Dolina Charlotty / University of Gdańsk.
Powered parachutes journey around the Baltic Sea Region and beyond.
4. Opportunities for business and growth in Słupsk Region, Bartosz Światała, Project Manager, Pomeranian Regional Development Agency.
5. Presentation of new UBC member city Bergen auf Rügen, Germany, Ewert Matthias, City Councillor and Monika Krah, Coordinator.
6. Potential cooperation between UBC and the Baltic Sea NGO Forum, Magdalena Leszczyna-Rzucidło, Baltic Sea NGO Forum 2016 Coordinator.
7. Work of the newly established 7 UBC Commissions.
 - Cultural Cities Commission, Action Plan and budget proposal 2015-2016, Jaana Simula, Pori.
 - Inclusive & Healthy Cities Commission, Action Plan and budget proposal 2015-2016, Jarosław Józefczyk, Gdynia.
 - Planning Cities Commission, Action Plan and budget proposal 2015-2016, Marek Karzyński, Gdynia.
 - Safe Cities Commission, Action Plan and budget proposal 2015-2016, Kaspars Varpins, Liepāja.
 - Smart and Prospering Cities Commission, Action Plan and budget proposal 2015-2016, Wolfgang Schmidt, Kiel.
 - Sustainable Cities Commission, Action Plan and budget proposal 2015-2016, Sustainability Action Programme 2016-2021, Björn Grönholm, Turku.
 - Youthful Cities Commission, Action Plan and budget proposal 2015-2016, Hasan Habib, Turku.



Extensive discussion between Executive Board members and Commission representatives on how best to promote work of Commissions and member city participation in them. These include issues such as project preparation, links between the Executive Board and Commissions, how to communicate the work and results of Commissions to member cities and different stakeholders, links of UBC Commissions with other relevant organizations, time-table for forthcoming Activity reports by Commissions to the Board and decisions on funding, etc.

8. Preparations of the new UBC Strategy 2016-2021, Mikko Lohikoski, Strategy Coordinator.
9. Promotion of gender equality in the work of the Union of the Baltic Cities.
10. XIII UBC General Conference, Gdynia, 27-30 October 2015, Building smart cities in the Baltic Sea Region.

1. Welcome.

Per Bødker Andersen, President of UBC

Wojciech Szczurek, Mayor of the City of Gdynia

Grzegorz Schetyna, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland (invited)

Mieczysław Struk, Marshal of Pomorskie Region (invited)

2. Invited speakers for plenary session.

- Elżbieta Bieńkowska, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

- Corina Crețu, European Commissioner for Regional Policy (cannot come)

- Daniel Calleja, Director-General, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

- Walter Deffaa, Director-General, DG for Regional and Urban Policy to be represented by Judit Törökné Rózsa Head of Unit Competence Centre Inclusive growth, Urban and territorial Development

To be invited - Mayors of UBC member cities which promote and use smart solutions in practice.

Other speakers ?

3. Meetings of new UBC Commissions
Afternoon 27 October 2015

4. Conference workshops

W1. Workshop to be organised by the UBC Commissions

W2. Workshop on Sustainable Urban Mobility
Coordination City of Gdynia



W.3 Regional INTERREG V Programmes for the Baltic Sea Region
Coordination: Central Baltic(?) & South Baltic Technical Secretariats

5. Report on UBC activities and renewal process , President Per Bødker Andersen
6. New UBC Strategy 2016 – 2021
7. Discussion
8. Auditor's Report
9. Board of Audit Report

Information to the Board:

Board of Audit inspected UBC Secretariat in Gdańsk on 11 May 2015. Board of Audit report is under preparation.

10. Absolving the Presidium, Board, Secretary
11. Membership Fees 2016-2017
12. Executive Board in the next period
13. President and Vice-Presidents in the next period
14. Board of Audit in the next period
15. Secretariat in the next period
16. Auditor in the next period
So far UBC was audited by the licensed auditing company BILANS from Gdańsk. Price for audit 2013-2014 ca. 900 eur.
17. Venue of the XIV UBC General Conference in autumn 2017
11. Latest activities of the Conference of European Cross-border and Interregional City Networks (CECICN); letter of support for CECICN Replicate project, Wolfgang Schmidt, Secretary General of CECICN. Information is attached.
12. Information from Communications seminar in Turku, UBC Communication Manager.
13. Interreg BSR positive assessment for Baltic Urban Forum for Smart Cities (BUF) project. Information is attached.
14. Baltic Cities Bulletin "Building up the new UBC".



15. Any other business.

16. Next 74th UBC Executive Board meeting, Gdynia, 27 October 2015.

The documents are available at:

<http://www.ubc.net/documentation,58,3390.html>