

## XV UBC General Conference

**Kaunas, Lithuania, 15-18 October 2019**

**„BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE AND RESIDENT-FOCUSED CITY. THE BALTIC WAY.“**

**84<sup>th</sup> UBC Executive Board Meeting, 15 October, 17.00**

### **Venue:**

„Park Inn by Radisson“ Conference Centre, address: K. Donelaičio g. 27, Kaunas. (tbc)

### **Agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. XV UBC General Conference – final check.
  - 2.1 Practical information from the hosts.
  - 2.2 Plenary sessions (16.10.2019)

Plenary session 1 – **“Inclusive Cities”**: welcome speeches, main presentations

Per Bødker Andersen, President of UBC

Visvaldas Matijošaitis, Mayor of Kaunas

Linas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Lithuania.

Sirpa Paatero, Minister of Local Government and Ownership Steering, Finland

Gediminas Kaminskas, Youth representative, Kaunas

Markku Markkula, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Committee of the Regions

Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat

Per Schöldberg, MP, Swedish Parliament

Asta Avietė, Programme Manager, Unit responsible for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, DG for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Laurent Sens, Deputy Head of Unit for ESF for Lithuania, European Commission

Plenary session 2 – **“Culture as Catalyst for Cities’ Development”**: experiences of European Capitals of Culture

Virginija Vitkienė, Director, Kaunas 2022

Saara Malila, Director of Communication, Turku, former Communications Manager of Turku2011 Foundation

Krzysztof Maj, General Director, European Capital of Culture Wrocław 2016

Fredrik Lindegren, Director of culture, Umeå, former Artistic Director for Umeå2014

## 2.3 Interactive parallel workshops

15.10.2019

- Baltic Sea House – Inclusive society / Colorclouds & Langeark, Aarhus
- Good practices in UBC cities / St. Petersburg, Sustainable Cities Commission
- Fighting violent radicalisation with innovative policies, IT tools and education / Out of the Box
- How to make vocational education more inclusive, accessible and attractive? / TF on Youth Employment and Well Being
- Overcoming gender inequality in our society / WG on Gender Equality, Klaipėda
- The value of the citizens' participation for cities governance, EmPaci Project / Klaipėda University
- Youth for safer youth / Safe Cities Commission

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- Culture as Catalyst for Cities' Development (Gdańsk Case) / Gdansk City Hall, Poland; UrbCulturalPlanning: open practical discussion on the methods of cultural planning / Danish Cultural Institute in Riga
- Digitalisation empowering citizens participation / Elva, Kiel
- Engaging citizens to live climate friendly / Ducky
- Local perspectives for solving climate change related security risks – joining forces to effectively work with Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation / Safe & Sustainable Cities Commissions
- Promoting youth involvement in the city life / Out of the Box International
- STEAM – Science and Technology Path for Every Child and Youngster / TF on Youth Employment and Well Being
- Swedish Institute project funding opportunities for cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region. When, how & concrete examples / Swedish Institute

2.4 Mayors' lunch, opportunity for city leaders to discuss common challenges.  
Personal invitations.

2.5 General Assembly (open to all but interventions/voting only by authorized Member City participants) 17.10.2019

- Report on UBC Activities in the last two-year period
- Auditor's report
- Board of Audit report
- Absolving the Presidium, Executive Board, Secretary
- Membership fees 2020-2021
- Executive Board in the next two-year period
- President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and two Vice-Presidents in the next two-year period
- Board of Audit in the next two-year period
- Secretariat in the next four-year period
- Adoption of resolution on Climate Change Adaptation and Civil Protection
- Venue of the XVI UBC General Conference in autumn 2021

3. Proposal from Latvian member cities re amendments in the Statute.
4. Proposal to continue the work of UBC Task Force on Youth Employment and Well-Being.

Task Force propose to UBC Board that in 2020 it would concentrate on three major themes, which would be as follows:

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Path for every child and youngster
- Basic Skills or Upgrading Pathways (youngsters with problems with basic skills, such as math, literacy, IT)
- Attractiveness of Vocational Education and Training

Concentrating on certain themes would make cooperation and creation of common goals and projects easier.

Activities 2020:

- 3-4 study visits (each study visit would cover at least 2 of the themes mentioned above), estimation of participants in each study visit: 20-30
- STEAM seminar (either in Brussels or in some UBC City), estimation of participants: 50-70
- implementation of new transnational projects in themes mentioned above
- continuing the dissemination of good practices (tools used: study visits, seminars, meetings, web-sites such as [www.s2wflagship.eu](http://www.s2wflagship.eu))
- cooperation with other networks, for example, Flagship School to Work and StartNet

5. Introduction to Lahti Green Capital 2021, Saara Vauramo, City of Lahti.

6. Questions raised at the meeting.

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Link to General Conference documents:

<http://ubc.net/document-categories/general-conference-documents/xv-general-conference-kaunas-15-18-october-2019>