

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 17 October 2003

- 08.30-09.00 Registration at the Conference Centre at the Klaipeda Drama Theatre
- 09.00- 09.20 Welcome addresses
Rimantas Taraskevicius, Mayor of the City of Klaipeda, host of the Conference
Rolandas Paksas, President of the Republic of Lithuania
- 09.20-10.00 Council of Europe "Europe Prize'2003" award ceremony to the city of Klaipeda
Stanislaw Szwabski, Chairman of Gdynia City Council, winner of Europe Prize'2002
Tadeusz Wrona, Mayor of Czestochowa, Chairman of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize
Johanna Schicker, Chairperson of Europe Prize Sub-Committee of the Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Regional Affairs of the Council of Europe
- 10.00-10.20 Coffee break
- 10.20-10.30 Opening address
Per Boedker Andersen, President of the Union of the Baltic Cities
- 10.30-10.40 Address of the Council of the Baltic Sea States
Tiit Naber, Chairman of the CBSS Committee of Senior Officials
- 10.40-11.55 Keynote speeches:
- 10.40-10.55 **Roger Kaliff**, Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions
- 10.55-11.10 **Hans Karlsson**, MEP, Sweden, Member of the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy
- 11.10-11.25 **Emmanuel Berck**, European Commission, Enterprise Directorate General, *"EU business support programmes"*
- 11.25-11.40 **Birute Vesaite**, MP, Head of the Commission for Entrepreneurship and Employment in Lithuanian Parliament, Observer in the European Parliament
- 11.40-11.55 **Tapio Kuula**, President, Power and Heat Sector, Fortum Corporation
- 11.55-12.10 **Piotr Chelkowski**, Business Unit General Manager, NCC / Hydrobudowa SA
- 12.10-12.30 Questions from the audience to the keynote speakers
- 12.30-12.35 Introduction to the Workshops
Presentation of the Workshops' moderators, organisational matters
- 12.35-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-16.00 Workshops
I. Best Practices on City role in Business Development in the new Europe.
II. Public Private Partnership (PPP) at the local level.
- 16.00-16.30 coffee break
- 16.30-17.30 Reports and conclusions from the workshops. Discussion.
- 19.00 Reception by the Mayor of the City of Klaipeda at Art Exhibition Hall, including the Best Environmental Practice in Baltic Cities Award granting ceremony

SATURDAY, 18 October 2003

08.30-10.10 Meetings of UBC Commissions and Networks

10.10-10.30 coffee break

10.30-10.40 Opening of the General Assembly
Report on UBC Activities October 2001 - October 2003
Per Boedker Andersen, President of UBC

10.40-12.00 Reports from the Commissions and Networks

Business Cooperation, Culture, Education, Environment, Health and Social Affairs,
Information Society, Sport, Tourism, Transportation, Urban Planning, Women's Network,
EU Coordinators Network, Youth Task Force / Network on Youth Issues

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-16.00 General Assembly, cont.

Auditor's Report
Board of Audit Report
Absolving the Presidium and the Secretary General
Amendment in the Statute
Budget and Membership Fees 2004-2005
Approval of UBC Auditor
Election of the Executive Board
Election of the President and Vice-Presidents
Election of the Board of Audit
Location of UBC Secretariat in 2004-2007

Adoption of new UBC Strategy
Adoption of the UBC Agenda 21 Action Program 2004-2009
Adoption of the Conference Resolution

Venue of the VIII UBC General Conference in October 2005 (Turku)