



28 April 2025

Invitation to the XVIII UBC General Conference, Słupsk/Dolina Charlotty, Poland, 4-7 November 2025

Dear Mayors and UBC Cities' representatives,

We have a great pleasure of inviting you to attend the XVIII UBC General Conference to be held in Słupsk/Dolina Charlotty, Poland, on 4-7 November 2025.

The theme of the conference is "Reinforcing UBC Member Cities' role in EU Policymaking and participation in EU funded projects".

As the European Union embarks on a new financial programming period, cities are uniquely positioned to influence and benefit from EU policies. This conference will focus on strengthening the role of cities in the EU, ensuring their priorities influence policy and funding decisions. The agenda will address navigating new EU financial frameworks, enhancing advocacy, maximizing funding opportunities, building policy engagement capacities, fostering inter-city cooperation, and maintaining urban issues on the EU agenda.

Over 200 city representatives as well as EU officials, policymakers and stakeholders from the Baltic Sea region and beyond, will foster dialogue and collaborations essential for urban influence in EU affairs.

Topics to be addressed include:

- EU Financial Frameworks: Challenges and opportunities of the new EU budgetary period
- Urban Priorities in EU Policies: Strategies to keep city-centric challenges and solutions at the forefront of policy discussions
- Advocacy and Lobby: Workshops to boost advocacy skills and/or efforts in influencing EU policies that concern cities
- EU Funding Strategies: Sessions on accessing EU funds and showcasing successful projects
- Advancing climate action through regional collaboration in the context of the European Green Deal
- Supporting Ukraine's reconstruction and fostering regional stability

The General Assembly of the UBC will take place on 6 November 2025. The General Assembly shall, inter alia, elect the Presidium, consisting of the President and Vice-Presidents, the Executive Board, the Board of Audit, for a two-year period.

Member Cities wishing to nominate candidates for the positions of President and Vice-Presidents shall submit their nominations in writing, signed by the Mayor or another official representative of the Member City. Nominations of cities to the Executive Board should be submitted officially by each country. The proposals should be sent to the Union Secretariat in Gdańsk by 6 October 2025.

Dear esteemed Mayors,

We would also like to emphasize the importance of participation of young people in the General Conference, therefore we would very much encourage you to include at least 1-2 young people in your delegation.

Please see the preliminary programme of the General Conference attached.



For more information and registration, please visit <https://ubcdolinacharlotty.syskonf.pl/>

Welcome to the XVIII UBC General Conference in Słupsk/Dolina Charlotty!

Krystyna Danilecka-Wojewódzka
Mayor of Słupsk

Mantas Jurgutis
President of the UBC