

Cities, which were once full of life, have become rather empty due to different kinds of restrictions affecting such areas of everyday life as commuting, gathering and travelling. This situation is tough for all of us, especially since none of us expected that it could last for more than one year.

The UBC Planning Cities Commission cannot work normally and organise its seminars in-person, like it has been done for more than 20 years in the 30 years of UBC's history.

Everything indicates that also we have to develop our resilience. The need of togetherness pushes the UBC Planning Cities Commission to adjust to current situation. Therefore, the Commission has a pleasure to invite you to Virtual Meeting to be held on **19th of April 2021**, using Zoom teleconference platform, **at 15:00 – 16:30 CET**.

As we are very happy to welcome new UBC Member Cities - Haapsalu, Hamburg, Rokiškis, Valmiera, the meeting programme includes presentations of **current projects and urban challenges in the city of Hamburg, the city of Rokiškis and the city of Valmiera**.

Tobias Goevert, Head of Department of Regional and Urban Development in the city of **Hamburg** is going to give an overview on the relevant topics of urban development. He will present the concepts, mission statements and guidelines that have been developed. The main topics of the talk will be housing, the city centre, “Magistralen”, inner development and the strategy of “City in New Areas”.

Andrius Burnickas Director of **Rokiškis** District Municipality Administration will have a presentation „Towards sustainability: adapting public and green spaces to the needs of community, modernization of recreational infrastructure and landscaping“.

Zanda Lapsa, Head of City Planning Section, Main Architect of the city of **Valmiera**, will introduce the city and will talk about general key issues - housing, mobility with the focus on pedestrians and cyclists, and questions about how to become greener, environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Well, this should be a very interesting afternoon.

Looking forward to meeting you soon!

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