

Activity report 2021

UBC Brussels Antenna

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Out of the Box International has provided competence-based services, representation and consulting based on the requests of the UBC leadership and needs of UBC Member Cities.

Activities:

1. Facilitation of the General Conference and Board meeting (2)

2. Partnership development (4)

- Meeting with the Committee of Regions & follow-up agreed;
- Meeting with the Eurocities & follow-up agreed;
- The concept note for Networking event with Eurocities is being developed;
- Development of the partnership with Swedish Institute and Norden Association through different meetings and events;

3. EU Policy monitor updates (4)

The updates on "Future of Europe", "EU funding" (2) and policy paper "From School to work" were provided and shared with the UBC bodies and Member Cities.

4. Task force for policy & projects (6)

- The facilitation of 4 groups (4 meetings in 2021);
- The final version of policy positions is being delivered;(1)
- Project ideas document developed (1);

Outcomes: 4 position paper: Urban Agenda for EU, Cohesion policies beyond 2020, Climate Change and Sustainable Development and Resilient UBC Cities

5. Project implementation (3)

- Umbrella 2.0 project (management, content, events);
- Annual Forum for EUSBSR (political representation, the content, event facilitation and moderation);
- An event in cooperation with Swedish Institute, Norden Association and Eurocentrum Balticum implemented;

6. Representation in internal and external meetings

- Preparation of tailored Presentations;
- Attending events and presenting UBC activities;
- Representing Antenna in Strategic Planning process;

- Representing UBC in Safe city commission, Youthful commission, Gender equality commission;

7. Co-organization of the event within the European Green Week (4)

- Analyses of key stakeholders & policy momentum;
- Preparation of the event concept and partnerships;
- Ensuring the co-host status and taking part in preparatory activities;
- Assistance to the President in preparation of the input;

8. New project applications (4)

- PITCH / AMIF / approved
- Interreg / Annual forum / approved
- Erasmus + / Lithuanian NA / postponed
- Erasmus + / Cyprus NA / pending

Additional funding applications:

- Remote education – Seed funding / not approved
- Diversitool / CERV / not approved
- YUPAD / Erasmus + / pending
- DECARBOMILE / Horizon Europe / pending

9. EU Funding Day (2)

- Preparation of the relevant calls for proposals
- Session moderation & follow-up

*****Those are not implemented activities:**

- Meetings with key stakeholders together with the UBC leadership;
- The events in the EP and within the European Week of Regions and Cities;

*****Not planned but implemented activities:**

- EU Funding day;
- An event within Annual Forum;
- Development of the partnership with SI and NA;
- Moderation of the internal UBC meetings;

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