



UNION OF THE BALTIC CITIES
63RD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Brussels, 14 February 2012

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of two persons who, together with the President, will check the minutes.
3. Summary of the XI General Conference in Liepāja, 5-6 October 2011, “Building on the past, heading for the future”

The XI General Conference of the Union of the Baltic Cities was held on 5-6 October 2011 in Liepāja, Latvia, at the invitation of Uldis Sesks, Mayor of Liepāja. In Liepāja UBC celebrated 20 years anniversary of its foundation in Gdańsk on 20 September 1991. The conference was attended by 213 participants including representatives of 76 Member Cities as well as invited guests from governments and international organisations.

The 1st of the conference was titled: “Building on the past, heading for the future”. The first plenary session brought an outlook on what happened in the Baltic Sea area during last 20 years, from the cold war to the era of extensive cooperation, and what can happen during the next 10-20 years. The second plenary session highlighted the cities’ role, their expectations, interests, etc.

The 2nd conference day started with meetings of the commissions followed by three workshops covering crucial issues our societies are facing: cities’ economic attractiveness, climate change, ageing society. The second day was also devoted to internal UBC matters such as reports, elections, finances etc.

The General Conference emphasized the role of Anders Engström, former Mayor of Kalmar, in creation and development of the UBC. He served as UBC President in the years 1991-2001. Mr Engström was not able to attend the jubilee General Conference in Liepāja due to health problems.

Secretariat prepared post-conference report sent to GC participants, member cities, international institutions. Cost of printing ca. 2250 eur, posting ca. 4600 eur.

4. UBC Strategy
 - 4.1 Communication and Marketing Strategy
 - 4.2 Meeting with cities offices in Brussels how to do the lobby work for the benefit of cities from the BSR, 15.02.2012
 - 4.3 Guidelines for cooperation between UBC and business sector
 - 4.4 Evaluation criteria of the commissions



5. Financial matters
 - 5.1 Applications from the Commissions to move unused resources from 2011 to 2012
 - 5.2 Applications from the Commissions for funding in 2012
 - 5.3 UBC budget for 2012
Decision proposal:
The Board adopted the budget for 2012.
 - 5.4 UBC financial report for 2011.
Decision proposal:
The Board took note of the report.
6. Information from the Task Force meeting on 14.02.2012
7. Information from the meeting with Baltic Development Forum, Copenhagen, 18.01.2012
8. Cooperation within Conference of European Cross-border and Interregional city Networks (CECICN)
 - latest meetings in Paris, 15.12.2011 and 12.01.2012
 - CECICN-AEBR strategic paper
 - conference in A Coruna, 25-26.06.2012
9. Draft position paper on structural funds regulations 2014-2020.
10. Secretariat, Secretary in the next period.
Following the proposal of the Mayor of Gdańsk, the General Conference in Liepāja decided to maintain the Secretariat in Gdańsk for the next four year period. President of UBC Per Boedker Andersen and Mayor of Gdansk Paweł Adamowicz propose Paweł Żaboklicki to continue as Secretary General for the next four year period.
11. Latest conferences attended by UBC representatives.
12. Any other business.
 - 12.1 Joint position paper of Baltic Sea organisations on the EU Strategy for BSR implementation
 - 12.2 UBC Cities Events Calendar 2012 published by the secretariat contains information on business, exhibition, cultural, sports, recreational activities to be held in the UBC member cities in 2012. 3600 pcs, printing cost ca. 4200 eur, posting ca. 3500 eur.
13. Executive Board meetings in 2012-2013.
Secretariat received proposals as follows:
 - Rakvere, 24 May 2012
 - Koszalin, 4 October 2012
 - Kaliningrad, February/March 2013 (to be confirmed)
 - Kiel, 21-22 June 2013
 - Mariehamn, 1 October 2013 in connection with the XII General Conference, 1-4 October 2013