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Proposal of inquiry among the member cities of the UBC

To the Executive Board of the UBC

UBCs board of Auditors had the opportunity to follow the UBC board meeting in Stockholm October 10. It was an interesting meeting. One important issue on the agenda was how UBC could add more value in order to keep the existing member cities and also to attract new ones. How should the organization act to fulfill one of the key aims of the Union, to “Advocate for common interest of the local authorities in the region” as it is stated in the Statute of UBC (Article 1, point 2)? During the meeting the members of the board argued that for example that UBC must be relevant for all their members and be considered as a platform for leading politician in the member cities.

The Board of auditors sees many benefits in cooperation between the Baltic cities. UBC have got the potential to play an important role in the development of local democracy, self-governance and to support their members in common challenges connected to ecological and social sustainability.

The board of auditors would therefore like to propose that the UBC board take an initiative to do an inquiry among the member states. The goal should be to collect information on how the member cities use the UBC today (the level of activity). But most important, what type of actions from the UBC secretariat and the Commissions that generates - or could generate - most added value to the member cities?

Kind regards

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