

Baltic Sea Region Cities top of the World in Climate Ambition

UBC-CDP COOPERATION 2017-2018

September 2018

Background and History

10 years after UBC resolution on Climate Change (Pärnu 2007)

Resolution on UN SDG (Växjö 2017)

UBC - CDP Cooperation and Report presented in COP23 (Bonn 2017)

ABOUT CDP

CDP, formerly Carbon Disclosure Project, is the an **international, not-for-profit organization** providing a **global system for companies, cities, states and regions to measure, disclose, manage and share vital information on their environmental performance.**

Over the past 15 years CDP has created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues worldwide.

CDP now holds the most comprehensive collection globally of primary environmental data and puts these insights at the heart of strategic business, investment and policy decisions. Follow @CDP on Twitter and www.cdp.net/en to find out more.

RESULTS 2017-2018

CDP and UBC co-campaigned in spring 2017 to get more cities in the Baltic Sea Region to join the reporting. The number of BSR cities that disclosed is 57 of which **20 are UBC member cities. The number of UBC cities doubled after the campaign.**

Read the resulting report “Climate Leadership from Baltic Sea Region Cities 2017” here:

<https://www.ubc-sustainable.net/library/publication/climate-leadership-baltic-sea-region-cities>.

In 2018, cooperation continued (newsletter campaigns, direct calling, CDP participation in UBC Urban Planning Webinar etc.) Totally **28 UBC cities disclosed** to CDP during the summer holiday period 2018! An increasing interest is found among our UBC cities.

Denmark	Aarhus	Denmark	-
Estonia	Pärnu	Estonia	Sillamäe
	Tartu		Pärnu
	Jõhvi		Tartu
	Hiiu		
Finland	Helsinki	Finland	Helsinki
	Espoo		Espoo
	Lahti		Turku
	Turku		Lahti
			Kemi
Germany	Greifswald	Germany	Rostock
			Greifswald
Latvia	Jelgava	Latvia	Riga
	Riga		Jelgava
			Liepaja
Lithuania	Šiauliai	Lithuania	Tauragė
			Panevėžys
			Šiauliai
Norway	Arendal	Norway	Arendal
	Kristiansand		Kristiansand
Poland	Gdynia	Poland	Gdynia
	Gdansk		Gdansk
Sweden	Malmö	Sweden	Karlskrona
	Umeå		Trelleborg
			Växjö
			Linköping
			Malmö
			Örebro
			Visby
			Umeå

OUR GOALS FOR COOPERATION

Improved knowledge and understanding are basis for efficient action!

UBC Strategic Framework puts a strong emphasis to **cooperation with other organizations**. Working with partners whose competences complement our own provides good synergy.

Following the UBC Sustainability Action Programme 2016 – 2021, as adopted at the 14th General Conference, **Leadership for Climate-smart Baltic Cities** is a key focus for UBC's work. As **Climate-smart leaders** cities are seen as actors taking climate change aspects into consideration in their entire decision making, e.g., in urban planning, mobility planning, energy related actions (efficiency, production) and buildings.

Many UBC cities indeed seek to take the leadership in becoming climate-smart, decreasing their greenhouse gas emissions and using renewable energy sources efficiently.

WHY SHOULD YOUR CITY REPORT TO CDP?

9 great reasons:



A global network



Identify gaps in climate planning



Climate Leadership



GCoM questions integrated



Get guidance



Best Practices



Demonstrate improvement



Transparency and trustworthiness



Internal tool for planning

NEXT STEPS and PROPOSALS

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New Memorandum of Understanding 2019 – 2021

Visibility on the global arena (UN COP, investors, city to city cooperation)

”Matchmaking” with investors

Cooperation with Universities

Cooperation with Great Lakes and St Lawrence Initiative

PROPOSAL: UBC Executive Board support and sign the Memorandum of Understanding

Economical support for fulfilling the obligations and for supporting UBC member cities

PROPOSAL: UBC Sustainable Cities Commission coordinator of the UBC – CDP work apply for 9000€ for strengthening and deepening the work with CDP



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