



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

8. Cooperation within Conference of European Cross-border and Interregional city Networks (CECICN)

Based on the decision of the Board, taken in February 2010, the UBC is participating in the Conference of European Cross-Border and Interregional City Networks (CECICN). It was established in April 2010 by the following networks:

- Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities (C.A.A.C.)
- Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities (FAIC)
- Iberian Network of Cross-border Entities (RIET)
- MedCities
- Mission Operationelle Transfrontaliere (MOT)
- Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC)

The CECICN establishes as its main objective the encouragement and promotion of a strategic framework of cooperation in cross-border and interregional territories and as specific objectives, the following:

- The promotion of a space for discussion on interregional and cross-border Cooperation.
- The development of strategies that stimulate cross-border and interregional cooperation at an European level.
- The configuration of the dialogue with the European Union and the Commission.

The main CECICN activities since 2010 are:

- Discussion with European Commissioner for regional policy, Johannes Hahn and President of the Committee of the Regions, Mercedes Bresso in December 2010
- Elaborating CECICN-AEBR strategic paper "Cities and regions cooperating across borders: an opportunity to overcome the crisis" (attached)
- Preparing 1st Congress on Smart Cooperation in La Coruna, 25/26.06.2012 (attached)

Proposed actions for 2012 (attached) are:

- Strategy 2012 – 2015
- Focus clouds
- Communication and marketing
- Strategic paper
- Rules of procedure

Mr Ingemann Olsen (Kolding) and Mr Wolfgang Schmidt (Kiel) present UBC in the work and meetings of CECICN.

In February 2012, the President of the UBC, Mr Per Bødker Andersen, was asked by the CECICN Board to become the new President of CECICN.