

UBC Estonia cities meeting, Keila, 14.05.2013.

Towns presented: Keila, Rakvere, Kärdla, Elva, Paide, Viljandi, Sillamäe, Jõgeva, Jõhvi, Tallinn, Kuressaare

Decisions and standpoints about Task Force report on UBC development:

- Proposal – more responsibilities for the Executive Board. The draft of the Executive Board meeting agenda should contain a decision proposal on any topic. More concrete decisions.
- Proposal – the agenda of the Executive Board should be made-up by President in cooperation with Vice-Presidents and Secretariat.
- After Executive Board meetings there should be concrete activities that make things go (specific activities, specific work for Presidium, Board members)
- The reform of the commissions. Should look over the responsibilities and themes of the commissions. More concrete guidelines for commissions from Executive Board. Estonian cities also fully support the proposal from Commission of Youth Issues, where commissions could get a 2-year funding program – decision point for Mariehamn GC. Also proposal for a person for Communications Management for UBC. These topics would be good to discuss in Mariehamn GC.
- Presidium – maximum time for a person to be the President and Vic-President should be limited. Proposal - 3 times 2 year (total 6y). The new president should be elected from the Vice-Presidents.
- General Conference – electoral rules for the elections in GC. Count the votes (agree/not agree by city).
Before starting with new strategy in Mariehamn should implement current strategies.
Proposal – make action plan and budget for it.
- Proposals of the Task Force concerning communication: Reducing the amount of e-mails – Estonia cities are content with current information flow via e-mail. Remove this line.
- *Finances - Task Force proposes that specific countries are no longer mentioned in this point. Covering of expenses should not be automatic for certain countries, but rather an equal procedure for all members and only based on justified request and only for specific reasons.* - Estonian cities consider, that taking part of the GC is very important for every member city. Therefore we propose that there is always 1 place for every member city who's participation (incl travel and accommodation) costs are payed by the UBC.