



## UBC Conference

# The Impact of the European Refugees Crisis in the Cities of the Baltic Sea Region

**Rostock, 14-16 March, 2016**

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## Programme / Agenda

(by 10 March 2016, 19.00 hrs)

Conference venue: Hotel Radisson Blu, Lange Str. 40, 18055 Rostock, Ostseesaal, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

## MONDAY, 14 March

- afternoon**                      **Arrival of participants**
- 18.30**                              **Get-Together (Buffet)**  
*at: Penta Hotel Restaurant, 18055 Rostock, Schwaansche Str. 6*
- 20.00 – 22.30**                      **Concert of the Expat Philharmonic Orchestra**  
*at: Barocksaal, 18055 Rostock, Schwaansche Str. 6,*

## TUESDAY, 15 March    *Moderator: Piotr Wołkowiński*

**08.00 – 09.00**                      **Registration**  
Hotel Radisson Blu, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

**09.00 – 10.00**                      **Welcome /Opening Session**

Roland Methling, Mayor of the Hanseatic City of Rostock, Welcome

Jørgen Kristiansen, Vice-Mayor, Kristiansand Kommune/ Norway, Member of the Executive Board, Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC), Welcome

Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General, Council of Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

Olgierd Geblewicz, Chair, Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX), Committee of Regions (CoR)

Thomas Lenz, Secretary of State, Government of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern/ Germany, Ministry of the Interior and Sport

**10.00 – 10.20**                      ***Coffee & Tea***

**10.20 – 12.10**                      **Working session 1**

Piotr Wołkowiński, moderator: Introduction

Hans-Georg Lützenkirchen, Board Member, Polish-German *about 9 foundation* - Sport as a part of a sustainable refugee policy

Aldo Iskra, Secretary General of Open Skane, refugee from Croatia settled in Sweden - The why and how of integrating local communities in times of crisis.

Discussion

**12.10 – 12.20**                      **Conference photo**

**12.30 – 13.00**            **Press Conference**  
Salon Warnowblick, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

**12.30 – 14.00**            **Lunch Buffet at OSTeRIA**  
Hotel Radisson Blu, ground level

**14.00 – 15.00**            **Working session 2**

Letter from Dr. Jan Hecker, Ministerial Director, Head of Coordination Staff Refugee Policy at the Federal Chancellery of Germany

Dr. h.c. Gernot Erler, Germany, Member of the Parliament, ex Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office

Rebecca Helqvist, Head of Department of Integration, City of Naestved - Receiving and integrating refugees in Naestved

Juhan Saharov, Service Manager at Johannes Mihkelson Centre, City of Elva/Estonia - Estonian situation and the role of local municipalities and NGOs in reception system

Sari Kanervo Migration coordinator /Turku City/Central administration / The City Development Group, Asylum seekers – Challenge and chance for the city

Discussion

**15.00 – 15.20**            ***Coffee & Tea***

**15.20 – 16.50**            **Working session 3**

Andrejs Aronovs, Deputy Chief, Riga Municipal Police/ Latvia - Preparations for the reception and integration of refugees

Jørgen Kristiansen, Vice-Mayor, Kristiansand Kommune/ Norway – The refugee situation in Norway and Kristiansand

Elisabeth Engemyr, Adviser, Kristiansand Kommune/ Norway – Efforts to integrate refugee in Kristiansand)

Piotr Kowalczyk, Vice-Mayor of Gdańsk and Piotr Olech, Vice-Director of Social Development Department, City of Gdańsk/ Poland - Preparations to accept and integrate the refugees

Discussion

**16.50 - 17.10**            ***Coffee & Tea***

**17.10 – 18.30**            **Working session 4**

**\*break\***

**19.40**                      **Transfer from the Hotels**

**20.00 – 22.30**            **Dinner at Lokschuppen, City Harbour, Am Strande 2C, 18055 Rostock**

**22.30**                      **Transfer to the Hotels**

WEDNESDAY, 16 March Moderator: *Piotr Wołkowiński*

09.00 – 10.30            **Working session 5**

Summary of the workshops

- the most important 5 points of the discussion
- suggestions for the UBC declaration

Per Sandberg, Director for Social Affairs, City of Växjö/ Sweden, Integration – Experiences integrating refugees in Växjö

Anniina Jokinen, CBSS Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings (TF-THB) - Role of cities in addressing trafficking and exploitation of migrants in the Baltic Sea region

Steffen Bockhahn, Vice- Mayor, Rostock/ Germany - Local measures to assure quick integration

Discussion

10.30 – 10.50            ***Coffee & Tea***

10.50 – 12.00            **Final Session**

Mikko Lohikoski, City of Turku, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, UBC Strategy Coordinator - UBC strategy vis-a-vis multicultural policies and cooperation between cities'

Union of the Baltic Cities, Rostock Declaration: Draft presentation, Discussion, Amendments, Decision \*per acclamationem\*

Steffen Bockhahn, Vice-Mayor of Rostock/ Germany - Final Statement

Jarkko Virtanen, Vice-President, Union of the Baltic Cities - Final Statement

12.00                      **End of the Conference**

12.00 – 13.30            ***Lunch Buffet at OSTeRIA***  
*Radisson Blu Hotel, ground level*

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