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Dear Mr. President of the UBC Per Bødker Andersen,

Rostock, den 17.06.2013

Enclosed to this letter/email you will find a fact sheet about the Working Group Baltic Sea Region. We are an interdisciplinary collaboration of researchers based at the University of Rostock.

Currently, we are working on a study concerning the impact of UBC activities on integration in the Baltic Sea Region including recommendations on future policy transfer and best practices exchange between UBC member cities.

With this letter we would kindly ask you for permission to take part in the UBC General Conference taking place in Mariehamn 1. – 4.October 2013. In Mariehamn we would like to interview General Conference participants and with your permission hand out a short questionnaire. The interview questions and the questionnaire will be sent to you in advance for approval.

Due to the fact that the research group has no sufficient funds to cover travel costs and conference fees we could also think of just distributing the questionnaire as part of the conference handouts.

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# Working Group Baltic Sea Region & UBC research

## 1. Working Group Baltic Sea Region

The Working Group Baltic Sea Region is an interdisciplinary collaboration of researchers.

Main research interests are:

- Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region
- Institutional and Organisational Analysis
- Policy Research (environment, security, migration, maritime policy...)
- Election research (Psephology)
- Spatial Planning/Maritime Spatial Planning

Based at the Institute for Politics and Administrative Sciences at the University of Rostock the working group has a broad network of contacts in the Baltic Sea Region inside and outside the academic world. The working group cooperates closely with researchers from the University of Torun (PL), the University of Turku (FI) and the University of Helsinki (FI). *AGOS aktuell* is the working groups quarterly newsletter.

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## 2. Research on UBC activities

### **Aim of the study:**

Scrutinizing the impact of UBC activities on integration in the Baltic Sea Region including recommendations on future policy transfer and best practices exchange between UBC member cities.

### **Data gathering:**

- a) Desktop research (done)
- b) Interviews tel./skype or face-to-face at the General Conference in Mariehamn October 2013
- c) Short questionnaire distributed at the at the General Conference in Mariehamn October 2013

### **Publication:**

First draft of the study will be available in spring 2014. Different forms of publication are feasible f. ex. in a scientific journal or as UBC owned study.