



## **Regarding establishing common criteria for evaluation of the commission's work;**

Respons from the commissions on energy, environment, transport and urban planning

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The UBC Strategy for years 2010-2015 states:

*“In order to energize UBC Commission work and optimize the use of resources, the Executive Board shall formulate common criteria for evaluation of the work of various Commissions. The amount of financial support to Commissions will be based on this evaluation”*

We advocate the evaluation and development of our network. Our four commissions have very different ways of working, depending on our areas, expertise and need. The needs of the member cities are the crucial point and we exist to serve the member cities. Therefore a network building on cooperation is clearly demanded. Not a formal structure with bureaucracy is often highly praised. The bottom-up approach is a sustainable working way of the network.

The commissions sometimes cooperate to engage more people and in order to get a holistic approach. As an example we can mention the joint meeting of the four commissions held in Halmstad, Sweden, the 9-11<sup>th</sup> of May. This meeting gathered over 80 participants from 30 cities! Another example is joining forces in the environmental bulletin, having a joint chairman.

We do cooperate in many ways today, but we need to stress the diversity. We have different ways of planning our work and that is based on the need of the member cities.

We would also like to make a suggestion. To get a closer cooperation between the Executive Board of the UBC and the commissions, it can be a good idea that one of the members of the presidium act as contact person for each commission.

Best regards,

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