

## **Information on the UBC Commission on Sport - 2012**

1. Number of Member Cities participating in the meetings, projects and other work of the Commission. (**List of member cities (including names of their key representatives) with short description of the participation activities**)

*UBC Commission on Sport has been cooperating with a number of UBC member cities. There are about 50 cities that have declared their interest in the works of the UBC Commission on Sport representing all Baltic Sea Region states, however cities which actively participate and contribute to Commission's activities represent Estonia, Latvia, Sweden and Poland.*

*In November 2012 UBC Commission on Sport decided to verify its contact persons and update their contact details. E-mails have already been sent out to member cities.*

### **Commission on Sport "Challenge the Water!" Grant Competition 2012**

*In mid-November 2012 UBC Commission on Sport announced "Challenge the Water!" Grant Competition. By this grant session Commission on Sport wishes to promote and award one best project which offers original ways of encouraging young people to pass actively their free time as well as to discover water sport activities of the Baltic Sea Region. The deadline for submitting projects is December 4, 2012.*

*UBC Commission on Sport wants to award a project which:*

- *is targeted at young people*
- *contains original and innovative ideas of raising young people's awareness of the physical activity concerning water sports practised outdoor in the waters of the Baltic Sea or lakes, rivers located in the vicinity of UBC member cities)*
- *promotes sport (after school) as an interesting alternative to regular pastimes*
- *stimulates young people to actively spend their free time*
- *encourages young people to discover the benefits of the seaside location.*

*"Challenge the Water!" grant is addressed exclusively to UBC member cities. Only municipalities/communes can submit their application (one per city) but they can do so on behalf of sports clubs, non-profit associations and institutions. Each UBC member city is allowed to submit only one application.*

*The submitted projects will be assessed by an international jury and the decision will have been announced by December 10, 2012.*

2. Number and relevance of meetings, events and other activities organized by the Commission. Meetings, events and other activities organized by the Commission (**List of meetings, events and other activities organized by the Commission with short description of the main achievements of these events; relevant participation lists**)

*The UBC Commission on Sport Annual Meeting was postponed to March 2013, most probably to coincide with UBC Executive Board Meeting in Kaliningrad (Russian Federation).*

3. Financial and human resource contributions by Member Cities for the work and activities of the Commission (**Detailed amount of funding with short description of funding purpose presented city by city; List of contributions in human resources with short description of purpose presented city by city; Number of paid staff of the Commission Secretariat**)

*There is no paid staff of the Commission Secretariat.*

*The Commission Secretariat is led by a Foreign Relations Department officer employed by Gdynia City Hall.*

*Gdynia contribution to the activities of the Commission on Sport Secretariat*

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Remuneration</i>	<i>850 euro</i>
<i>Telecommunication/office/materials</i>	<i>600 euro</i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>1450 euro</i>

4. Outside funding for projects and other activities of the commission (**Detailed amount of funding by source, with short description of the project/activity**)
5. Joint activities with other UBC Commissions and other organizations (**List of joint activities with short description including the role of the Commission, for example as main organizer or participant**)

*UBC Commission on Sport cooperates with The Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association – WHO Collaborating Centre for Healthy Cities and Urban Health in the Baltic Region. It coordinates and promotes the goals of Healthy Cities operations in the region. Its aim is to improve public health through healthy diet and physical activity. Representatives of the a/m organization come as experts/speakers to UBC Commission on Sport annual meetings.*

*The Commission also cooperates with UBC Commission on Youth Issues.*

6. Major results and achievements of the Commission's activities and its contribution to the implementation of UBC Strategy 2010-2015 (**Description of the major achievements and results, including publicity; Analysis about the Commissions contribution to the implementation of the UBC strategy**)

*Every year the Commission on Sport organizes the Grant Competition. The winners of the Grant Competition are always obliged to use the UBC logo in all publicity materials (press briefings, promotional materials, posters and websites).*

7. Future plans for the development of the Commission's work (**Description of the Commissions future plans with concrete initiatives, funding etc.**)

- *to organise 2013 annual meeting in Kaliningrad (Russian Federation) to be financed by UBC Commission on Sport*
- *to create the Baltic Sport Network by strengthening links among sports clubs, associations and institutions*
- *to announce 2013 grant session*

8. Evaluation of results and relevance of the Commissions work by other stakeholders like Member Cities, other Commissions and key partners. (**Any relevant evaluation or feedback given to the Commission**). Plan of Action and budget for the coming year (2013) (budget is enclosed)

- *to develop cooperation with international organizations and other UBC Commissions within the area of sport*
- *to increase the involvement of UBC member cities in actions promoting sport and healthy lifestyle on the national and international levels*
- *to stimulate UBC member cities, especially those engaged in the works of UBC Commission on Sport, to formulate policies stressing the importance of sport and recommending physical activity at all stages of life*
- *to promote sports events and sports exchange in and outside the Baltic Sea Region*
- *to raise awareness of the physical activity as an important element of healthy lifestyle among all age groups*
- *to update the website of the Commission on Sport as an information source for the Commission members.*