

Information on the UBC Commission on Transportation - 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)**

The activity of the members of the Commission on Transportation is rather limited. We asked by e-mail 42 contact persons for the Commission on Transportation in the UBC member cities about their interest in further activities of our commission and sent them also the questionnaire on transport issues. There was a little response – 14 members of our Commission answered (Kuressaare, Tartu – Estonia; Rostock – Germany; Kotka – Finland; Klaipeda, Siauliai - Lithuania; Jurmala, Liepaja, Riga – Latvia; Gdynia, Pruszcz Gdański – Poland; Karlstad, Örebro, Växjö – Sweden)

The questionnaire was prepared on the basis of the EU document: "White Paper 2011. Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area - Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system". The aim of the survey was to find out which topics gain most interest among the member cities.

The subjects of greatest interest resulting from the survey were:

1. *Transport safety and security ("Vision zero" on road safety, cycling safety, pedestrian safety, safety in public transport)*
2. *Service quality and reliability (passengers with reduced mobility, multimodal journeys)*
3. *European transport research and innovation policy (clean, safe and silent vehicles, technologies to improve transport safety and security, parking policy, access restriction /limited car entrance to the city centre/, reducing the need for transport through city planning)*
4. *Promoting more sustainable behaviour (public transport, cycling, walking, co-modality including bike and ride)*
5. *Integrated urban mobility (integrated public transport development)*
6. *Transport infrastructure (multimodal urban transport development)*

• Commission on Transportation "Walk to School" Grant Competition 2012

In October 2012 the Commission on Transportation announced the "Walk to School Grant Competition" for primary schools or non-governmental organizations. The participants were to prepare a project/programme concerning promotion of walking on the way to school, the project is to be realized within the school year 2012/2013.

The jury of the competition awarded projects which:

- *introduced activities aimed at supporting, motivating and encouraging children and parents to walk to school,*
- *introduce healthy lifestyle into the daily routine of pupils,*
- *promote safe walking,*

- *promote sustainable urban mobility*

Commission on Transportation received applications from 7 UBC Member Cities: Rakvere (Estonia), Voru (Estonia), Kemi (Finland), Chojnice (Poland), Gdynia (Poland), Kaliningrad (Russia) and Soederhamn (Sweden).

The jury of the competition:

Andrzej Bień, Chairman of the Commission on Transportation

Monika Pawlińska, Secretariat of the Commission on Transportation

Alicja Pawłowska, Roads and Green Areas Management in Gdynia, Secretariat of the Commission on Transportation

Anita Selunda, Head of the Development Department, Tukums Municipality, Latvia

Ebrahim Khajeh Zadeh, Traffic Planner, Botkyrka Municipality, Sweden

The jury chose 3 best projects:

1st place – Voru Kreutzwald Gymnasium, Estonia – 1500 euro

2nd place – Rakvere Private Gymnasium, Estonia – 1000 euro

3rd place – 26 Primary School in Gdynia, Poland – 500 euro

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 Transportation was going to organize the seminar entitled Urban nodes / functional urban areas in the Baltic Sea Region - opportunities and challenges on 15-16.10.2012 in Gdynia. The invitation has been sent to all the members of the Commission on Transportation as well as to the Contact Persons in the UBC member cities. However, the seminar was not organized due to the fact that too little people have registered to this event.*

- *The Commission on Transportation encouraged four more cities to join its activities: Elbląg (Poland), Pruszcz Gdański (Poland), Karlskrona (Sweden) and Växjö (Sweden).*

- *Article to the Baltic Cities Bulletin (1/2012): Road Safety Measures in Aalborg has been written by Rene Lund Hansen from Aalborg (the article is connected with the UBC obligations resulting from the membership in the European Road Safety Charter)*

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 the employees of the Foreign Relations Department within Gdynia City Hall in cooperation with the Road and Green Areas Department.

- *Gdynia contribution to the activities of the Commission on Transportation Secretariat*

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Remuneration</i>	<i>805 euro</i>
<i>Telecommunication/office/materials</i>	<i>900 euro</i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>1702 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**)

- *Revitalize the city for sustainability - UBC Commissions Seminar on Urban Planning, Environment, Energy and Transport – Halmstadt, Sweden, May 2012 (Commission on Transportation co-financed the organization of this meeting with the amount of 2500 EUR)*

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 Transportation 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.**)

- *organisation of the grant competition concerning transport issues,*
- *co-organisation of a Joint Commission meeting in Tallinn in cooperation with the Commission on Environment and Sustainable Development and the City of Tallinn (with the key subject: free public transport),*
- *organisation of the Annual Meeting of the Commission on Transportation,*
- *encouragement of Polish UBC member cities to join the activities of the Commission on Transportation,*

- *support for the project: SEGMENT – Segmented Marketing for Energy Efficient Transport. SEGMENT is a 3 year IEE STEER funded project which will test the use of consumer market segmentation techniques in persuading people to change their travel behaviour and adopt more energy efficient forms of transport. The Commission on Transportation will assist in dissemination of project activities on UBC TransCom website,*
 - *UBC Commission on Transportation is an associated partner in the abc.multimodal project, which aim is to integrate cycling into multimodal transport system and mobility culture. The Commission on Transportation will continue to disseminate project activities on its website,*
 - *cooperation with European transport organisations,*
 - *assistance with preparation and realisation of transport projects, which will ask for support in 2013,*
 - *updating the website of the TransCom as an information source for the Commission members.*
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)**
9. Plan of Action and budget for the coming year (2013) (budget is enclosed)
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