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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)**

Meetings during 2012:

The 9-11th of May a joint commission meeting for the commissions on Energy, Environment, Transport and Urban Planning was held in Halmstad, Sweden. The meeting gathered over 80 participants from 30 cities. The following represented member cities of the UBC;

Finland

Kotka – Markku Hannonen (Director, City Planning)

Mariehamn – Jan Westerberg (Head of Environment)

Pori – Matti Lankiniemi (Environmental Director), Mari Kallio (Environmental Engineer), Tapio Meri (Chairman of Environment Board)

Tampere – Tuija Rönman (Urban planner), Anna Hyypä (Urban planner)

Turku – Björn Grönholm (Head of Secretariat UBC Commission on Environment), Kirsi-Maija Lonkila (Project officer Commission on Environment), Jeppe Jenssen (Communication and Network Manager), Maija Rusanen (project coordinator), Mikko Jokinen (Chairman Commission on Environment)

Vaasa – Christine Bonn (Landscape architect), Gun-Mari Back (Planning engineer)

Poland

Elblag – Katarzyna Wisniewska (Director), Andrzej Demczuk (Inspector)

Gdansk – Anna Kostka (Urban planner)

Gdynia – Monika Pawlinska (Officer, Commission on Transportation), Andrzej Bien (Chairman, Commission on Transportation), Barbara Marchwicka (Assistant), Pawel Janowski (Assistant), Tomas Studzinski (Assistant)

Latvia

Jelgava – Solvita Lurina (Expert in Environmental Management)

Liepaja – Margarita Kanevska (Landscape architect), Dace Liepniece (Environmental officer, Co-chairman of the commission on Environment and the Energy Commission)

Riga – Andris Locmanis (Spatial development planner – GIS expert)

Lithuania

Klaipeda – Simonas Gentvilas (Advisor to the mayor)

Panevecys – Zita Tverkute (Head of Ecological Department)

Denmark

Aarhus – Niels-Peter Mohr (Head of Comprehensive Planning Department), Natalja Vossus (Student)

Kolding – Georg Unna (Architect), Mai Bjoern Nielsen (Urban planner)

Sweden

Gävle – Lars Westholm (Environmental Planning Officer)

Göteborg – Helén Hjerpe (Project leader)

Halmstad – Karin Larsson (Environmental Planning Officer), Mattias Bjellvi (Architect/City planner), Sabina Andersson (Traffic strategist), Rikard Ahlgren (Administration manager – Real estate office)

Linköping – Rebecka Petersson (Urban planner)

Oskarshamn – Eva Hjalmered (Head of Secretariat Energy Commission), Kent Svensson (Town architect), Stefan Windh (Chairman Energy Commission and Committee of Urban Planning), Viktor Zettergren (Architect), Katarina Söderberg (Energy and Climate Strategist)

Sundsvall – Håkan Magnusson (Architect)

Söderhamn – Maria Svensson (Project developer), Ingemar Olofsson (Head of Planning department)

Umeå – Elin Pietroni (Infrastructure strategist), Tomas Strömberg (Head Architect SAR/MSA), Per Hänström (Environmental officer)

Örebro – Carinne Lancereau (International coordinator), Martin Willén (Assistant Manager, Planning department) Clas-Göran Classon (Programme Director Community Planning)

Estonia

Pärnu – Kaido Koppel (Head of Planning Department)

Tartu – Aire Priks (Planner), Ingrid Perner (Planner), Indrek Ranniku (Head of Urban Planning Service)

Germany

Greifswald – Michael Haufe (Environmental department), Andreas Hauck (Head of department, Urban Development and Heritage), Thilo Kaiser (Chief of Townplanning)

Rostock – Uta Jahnke (Heritage Protector)

Active in the projects:

LED – Light in Public Space

Lighting project in the South Baltic Region Programme 2009-2012. Gathered 12 partners and 3 associated partners from Lithuania, Poland, Germany and Sweden. The partners consisted of municipalities, universities and organizations. The following represented member cities of the UBC;

Poland

Gdansk – Joanna Zbierska (Department for Development Programmes – Division for International Projects), Marcin Dawidowski (Member of the Steering group)

Germany

Rostock – Kerry Zander and Joachim Zeplin

Wismar – Henrik Fanger

Sweden

Kalmar – Bertil Eifrém (Project Manager), Gunnel Hermansson (Financial Manager), Ulf Rickardsson (Responsible for implementation of installations), Thore Berggren (Information Officer), Kyrre Dahl (Chairman of the Steering group)

Oskarshamn – Eva Hjalmered (Responsible for communication), Stefan Windh (Member of the Steering group)

ITEST

Sewage Treatment project in the programme LIFE+ from 2010 concerning biological treatment of the sewage water to reduce Nitrogen and Phosphorus. Request for prolongation to mid of 2014 has been sent in. The project partners consist of the city of Oskarshamn, the supplier Emerson Process Management and the software developer Jayway. An agreement has been made with the Swedish Environmental Institute "IVL" for the testing.

Sweden

Oskarshamn – Conny Johansson (Project manager), Charlotta Karlsson, Stefan Kalmsjö and Jan Sandberg from the water treatment plant, Eva Hjalmered (responsible for communication)

EEMTE

A subproject in the overview project EnercitEE in the programme Interreg IVC 2011-2013. The aim of the project is to jointly develop and improve training instruments and tools for authorities and public administration staff. The EEMTE subproject links the regions of Lower Silesia (PL), Saxony (DE), Haute Savoie (FR) and Småland/Blekinge (SE). Member cities of the UBC are partners in other subprojects of EnercitEE, but in EEMTE there is only one;

Sweden

Oskarshamn – Lena Berg (Education administrator), Eva Hjalmered (Information and administration officer)

RENSOL

A triple-helix project in the EU-programme Non State Actors and Local Authorities Programme for the Baltic Sea Region (within the framework of priorities of the Northern Dimension) during 2011-2014 involving stakeholders cross-border, cross-sector and cross-level in the Baltic Sea Region. The project's key focus will be on energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions in Kaliningrad Oblast. The overall project objective is to enable partners in Kaliningrad – in collaboration with Nordic partners – to tackle climate change challenges more effectively through EE and RES solutions, and thereby supporting the cross-border and cross-level cooperation. The project gathers partners active in UBC member cities such as Kaliningrad, but the only partner who is a member is the UBC;

Sweden

Oskarshamn – Eva Hjalmered (Head of Secretariat of the Energy Commission)

*Other work consists of advocating for the other commissions of the UBC to use the web meeting tool **Adobe Connect Pro**. Meetings have also been held via Adobe Connect for the Swedish cities of the UBC.*

- Meeting with the Commission on Environment the 27th of Aug and 9th of October and also via Skype a few times.
- Presentation for the Executive Board in Koszalin the 4th of October was supposed to be held via Adobe Connect after discussion with representatives from Koszalin to give a presentation from two cities with the Chairman of the Energy Commission, Mr Stefan Windh, online, but unfortunately the Internet access was not provided.
- An Adobe Connect meeting will be held for the Swedish cities of the UBC the 26th of November. The meeting is open for all Swedish member cities and the following have announced their participation;
 - Gävle – Catharina Hegrelius
 - Halmstad – Karin Andersson
 - Karlskrona – Tore Almlöf
 - Linköping – Kerstin Reimstad
 - Oskarshamn – Eva Hjälmere
 - Söderhamn – Maria Svensson
 - Tierp – Karin Andersson Lundkvist
 - Västervik – Bruno Nilsson
 - Växjö – Anders Franzén
- Web meetings via Adobe Connect, Skype etc are commonly used in the projects and are more and more promoted in many municipalities

Other work also consists of advocating the work of the UBC and the Energy Commission in the Baltic Sea Region. More information available under question 2.

In summary the cities and representatives are:

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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**)

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Adobe connect meetings have been held and promoted. Web meetings are common in the projects and is now getting more common between the commissions, but can still be improved and be used as a tool for meetings and updates between the meetings in person.

Eva Hjalmered acted both **moderator** and **speaker** at the III International Energy Conference in Kaliningrad “Energy Partnership in the Baltic Sea Region – New Challenges and Prospects for Cooperation” in Kaliningrad the 1-2nd of November 2012. The plenary section for the speech was called “Climate and Energy planning” The section where she moderated was called “Optimal location of energy resources as the basis of sustainable development of the territory”. The work of the UBC and the UBC Energy Commission was highlighted during the speech and was brought up by other speakers in the rest of the programme. Local examples of policies, strategies and also practical examples were presented.

Eva Hjalmered was invited to be one of the **speakers** at the “St Petersburg Gas Forum” the 5-6th of June 2012. The subject was international cooperation with the consumer in focus, where the work of the UBC and the UBC Energy Commission was highlighted.

Eva Hjalmered was also invited as one of the speakers at the “BDF Summit 2012 in Copenhagen”. Once again the focus was the local mandate and cooperation between municipalities with good examples from the UBC member cities.

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The Energy Commission was invited to write an **article** in the Baltic review of the **Pan European Institute** the fall of 2012. The article was called "The 'small' actors are the major actors" and was a discussion about the municipalities part on the energy market due to the consumption and responsibilities of the municipalities.

In the project **RENSOL** a **study visit** was made to Sweden and Denmark, Oskarshamn was responsible for the Swedish part of the trip and chose to highlight the work in three of the Swedish UBC-cities; Kalmar, Oskarshamn and Växjö. The three cities complement eachother in inspirational and practical work regarding energy efficiency. The study visit focused on lighting, housing, Energy Performance Contracting, policies, strategies and social institutions.

In the project **EEMTE** a study visit was made to Sweden and Oskarshamn highlighting energy efficiency, both practical work and inspirational. Items on the agenda was lighting, sewage treatment, energy in the school, the work of the UBC and the multisport arena among other things.

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**)

The financial contribution for the secretariat of the Energy Commission from the municipality of Oskarshamn amounts to 500 000 SEK (estimated to just over 58 230 EUR 13.11.2012). This covers salary and travels for the Head of Secretariat Eva Hjalmered. In the position the work towards the UBC Energy Commission is 50 % and the rest is for EU coordination for the municipal departments and public bodies. Eva Hjalmered is currently working 75 %, so 50 % is towards the UBC Energy Commission and 25 % towards the EU-coordination.

The municipality of Oskarshamn also offers an office for the secretariats disposal.

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**)

Organizer

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Participant

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Active as participant in the projects;

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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**)

In the UBC Strategy 2010-2015 it is stated that UBC wants to be:

- *a platform and meeting place for exchange of ideas, contacts and experiences between the member cities and other partners;*
- *a source for inspiration, increased awareness, dialogue, networking and benchmarking;*
- *a framework for the members to formulate joint positions on key issues, to facilitate, carry out and disseminate cooperation projects and other activities that are of interests to the cities;*

The above items are focused in the active creation of activities of the Energy Commission. The public work internally in the UBC towards the member cities does have these items central. The joint commission meeting of the commission on environment, transport, urban planning and energy in Halmstad the 9th-11th of May 2012 is a clear example gathering numerous participants from several branches and backgrounds. Bringing the participants inspiration, increased awareness, dialogue, networking and benchmarking.

Another example is the promotion and use of the Adobe Connect Pro. It is important to find new, effective and clever ways to communicate and cooperate in order to attract the current member cities as well as potential member cities. We need to be in the forefront of the development in the region. This is one way.

A third example is the articles in the UBC Environmental Bulletin. The Energy Commission wishes to inspire by introducing practical and implementable solutions to common problems and issues in the member cities. All articles are followed by emails and phone calls by interested member cities, which we are proud of.

One of the co-chairmen of the Energy Commission, Stefan Windh, is also active in the task force to develop the ways of cooperating in our network and to emphasize the mission stated in our strategy.

- *a strong regional on European affairs affecting its members, promoting cities involvement in policy-making and implementation;*

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- *a respected and recognized partner in the Baltic Sea Region cooperation, promoting the interests of the cities and our region as a whole together with other organizations and authorities*

The Energy Commission acted as the representative of the UBC in the cooperation “The Joint Energy and Climate Platform of the BSR Organizations” (JECOP) in preparations for the UN Climate Summit in Copenhagen 2009. The cooperation with other BSR organizations has continued and the local level as a partner is now more interesting and valued. One example is the cooperation in the project RENSOL, where energy efficient solutions and renewable energy solutions in the Nordic countries are sought after as possible solutions to be implemented in the Kaliningrad-Oblast region. Oskarshamn and the UBC Energy Commission is the only representative from the municipal level. Other partners in the project are for example the Nordic Council of Ministers information office in Kaliningrad and the Baltic Development Forum. Both organizations were active along with us in the JECOP. The Energy Commission has been invited to write articles, to speak and to moderate at different forums, for example a speech at the Summit of the Baltic Development Forum, an article for the Pan European Institute and speech and moderator assignment at the III International Energy Conference in Kaliningrad.

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

Ongoing projects the upcoming year are the sewage treatment project ITEST, the EnercitEE subproject EEMTE and the triple-helix project RENSOL. In the end of November we will find out if we will be granted a new lighting project called Enlightened cities in the programme Intelligent Energy for Europe II.

The representatives of the Energy Commission are regularly invited as speakers and conferences or as writers for publications. It is time to step up the work and competence in communication and dissemination.

We see an interest in cooperation between the commissions of the UBC, but it does not always have to be the same commissions cooperating. For example it can be interesting in developing cooperation between youth and energy, education and energy or perhaps tourism and energy.

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)**

The representatives of the Energy Commission are regularly invited as speakers and conferences or as writers for publications. Many are interested in the local level, especially now before the upcoming programme period of the EU where the regions have a very prominent role. Giving practical examples of the work in the municipalities are often inspiring as well as useful.

Oskarshamn is the only municipality in the project RENSOL led by Baltic Development Forum. They see the practical work in energy efficiency in Oskarshamn and they see the network in the UBC.

The joint commission meeting held in Halmstad in May 2012 was very appreciated by many. It gathered not only a lot of people from a lot of cities, but different occupational groupings. They got to share their experience and views and also gained new information and angles from the other participants.

Lighting has become a central issue for the municipalities due to the EU directive for Eco-Design 2009/125/EC, high-pressure sodium lamps will be faded out on the market 2012 and 2015. The year 2017 the requirements for metal halides will be sharpened. Municipalities primarily light up their cities to make the cities safer, but also to create areas of comfort and beauty. The issue of energy efficient lighting is becoming more and more important both for companies and for public actors. In the LED-project it was cooperation between municipalities, organisations and universities. The link in between was very valuable – for all parties. Research and practical installations complemented each other and strengthened the role of the municipalities. The partners in the project are all from UBC member cities even though they do not all represent the municipalities.

Plan of Action and budget for the coming year (2013)

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Today it becomes more and more clear that we need to consider our carbon footprint. We need to reduce our travels, the usage of paper etc. The Energy Commission works actively with finding new ways to meet, new ways to work. We search for powerful instruments that add to our work. One of the ways to reduce the carbon footprint is to have meetings via the Internet and to use the Internet to share documents.

The Energy Commission has introduced the Adobe Connect Pro system to other commissions and activities in the UBC as a flexible and efficient complement to meetings in person. The Energy Commission provides information and knowledge about the system to the members of the UBC.

Apart from reducing the carbon footprint this is also a way to reduce the considerable costs of travelling. By working more net-based the Energy Commission can attract new partners that can play a passive part and later on advance their activities.

The Energy Commission is applying for funding for the Adobe Connect Pro licence and Adobe educations in the amount of **2500 Euro**

UBC Environmental Bulletin

As an example of the cooperation with the Commission on Environment the Environmental Bulletin can be mentioned. The Energy Commission has a two-page spread in the issues of the Environmental Bulletin. This is a good way to spread the activities and actions of the Energy Commission. Each spread costs 500 Euro and the Bulletin comes out twice a year.

The Energy Commission is applying for funding in the amount of **1 000 Euro**

Communication and marketing programme

The Energy Commission is promoting new ways of cooperating, communicating and disseminating. To be a fruitful and attractive network we need to find new ways to work and to reach the targeted audience. Web solutions is one way.

The Energy Commission is applying for funding in the amount of **1500 Euro**

Commission meeting, in person

The Energy Commission plans to carry out one joint commission meeting, along with the commissions on environment and transport during the spring of 2013 in Tallinn, Estonia. The three commissions split the costs for the meeting.

The Energy Commission is applying for funding in the amount of **3500 Euro**

Material for the General Conference

The biannual general conference is the forum for the commissions to reach all member cities in person, to promote the work of the UBC and the UBC commissions and to inspire and engage the participants of the conference to take part of the activities. The preparations and material for the conference is important.

The Energy Commission is applying for funding in the amount of **2000 Euro**

Travels to conferences of other organisations

The UBC Energy Commission searches for raising awareness about the energy issues and about the work and the UBC via a diversity of actions. Writing articles and newsletter, attending meetings within the UBC and external meetings are some of the ways. It is important to visit conferences to spread information about who we are and how we work.

The Energy Commission is applying for funding in the amount of **2000 Euro**

Energie-Cités – Membership fee

The network Energy Cities / Energie-Cités gathers about 1000 towns and cities from 30 countries. The main objectives of the network is;

- To strengthen their role and skills in the field of sustainable energy.
- To represent their interests and influence the policies and proposals made by European Union institutions in the fields of energy, environmental protection and urban policy.
- To develop and promote their initiatives through exchange of experiences, the transfer of know-how and the implementation of joint projects.

The Union of the Baltic Cities has been an associated member of the network for several years.

The membership fee is 2500 Euro. The Energy Commission is applying for funding for part of the membership fee in the amount of **2500 Euro**

UBC Task Force

The Co-chairman of the Energy Commission, Stefan Windh, is an active member of the UBC Task Force, which includes several travels.

The Energy Commission is applying for funding in the amount of **1000 Euro**

The Energy Commission is applying for the total amount of: 16 000 Euro

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