

# UBC Cultural Cities Commission

2020 April - December



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# OBJECTIVES

**The commission, building on the expertise of its members and partnerships with other networks, is continuing its work in the following areas, developed during the years 2018-2020:**

- Regional identity
- Professionalization of the cultural and creative field
- Urban transformation through culture
- Culture accessibility
- Audience development

# PROJECTS

## UBC CCC as a partner and a stakeholder:

### 1) *Ars Baltica Creative Dialogue (ABCD)* - project conclusion (July 2020)

**Years active:** 2018-2020. Partners: ARS BALTICA / Nordkolleg (DE), UBC CCC (LT/PL), Baltic Sea Cultural Center Gdansk (PL), Godsbanen Centre for Performing Arts (DK), Vabalava Theatre Tallinn (EE), RIXC / Centre for New Media Culture (LV), Territorium Film Kaliningrad (RU), City of Pori (FI). **Outcome:** 264 participants, 17 workshops, 9 countries. Topics: Audience development & Communication, Culture & Climate.

### 2) *Culture 4 Climate (C4C)* - seed money project start (December 2020)

**Years active:** 2020-2021. Partners: ARS BALTICA / Nordkolleg (DE), Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) (SE), Ecologic Institute (DE), The Action University (DK), Kaunas Artists' House (LT), UBC CCC (LT/PL). **Predicted outcome:** the main project will integrate all BSR countries to co-design and implement long-lasting certification-methods that allow the chosen sectors to not only measure their impact, but also reduce their footprint and at the same time create a large outreach. For this a Pre-Phase is imperative, to (1) map the countries' individual needs by cultural sector, (2) create Piloting Tools (3) find a well balanced partner consortium to stem a BSR-wide large-scale project and last but not least (4) prepare a solid funding-framework.

### 3) *Baltic Sea Cultural Cities (BSCC)* - seed money project development (all through 2020)

**Years active:** 2018-2021.

# Project overview



The Baltic Sea Cultural Cities is a project **aimed at connecting** cities, people, cultural organisations and professionals by **increasing the visibility** of the cultural diversity within the Baltic Sea Region.

Under the heading "water connects us, but culture unites us" it is aimed to **create synergies and cooperation** focusing on **citizen participation and ownership** rather than on competition among participating cities and communities.

It is a **cross-border initiative** to nominate with regular intervals the titles for the "**Baltic Sea City/Region of Culture**".

The project is currently being developed by a consortium of relevant organisations and stakeholders active in the region.

The lead partner is the **Council of the Baltic Sea States**. Partners include Agency for International Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Kaliningrad, Ars Baltica, Department of Youth and Culture of City of Kiel, City Culture Institute in Gdansk, Cultural Department of the Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, Kaunas Artists' House, Ministry of Justice, European Affairs, Consumer Protection and Equality of Schleswig-Holstein, Union of Baltic Cities.

The initial development of the project is funded through seed money by the **Swedish Institute**.

The timeline of the project:

- **November 2018** - workshop "A Cultural City for the Baltic Sea Region!?" in Rendsburg
- **October 2019** - Baltic Sea Cultural Cities workshop in Malmö
- **December 2019** - Workshop in Baltic Sea Cultural Cities project development in Kaunas
- **June-September 2020** - preparing a Concept Note for the initiative
- **October-November 2020** - validating the concept with key stakeholders
- **December 2020-February 2021** - preparing operational roadmap
- **March-May 2021** - partner outreach and mapping possible funding tools.

# ACTIVITIES April – October 2020

## **2020 10 19 Baltic Sea Cultural Cities Concept Development workshop**

Part of seed money project activities together with partners

## **2020 09 30 BSSSC Annual Conference 2020 Session on culture and BSR Identity**

Input from the UBC CCC on the Baltic Sea Cultural Cities Concept

## **2020 09 16 Riga Urban Lab “Cultural Shift: Social Innovation and Cultural Drivers”**

Presentation about Hybrid cultural institution concept

## **2020 07 28 UBC Lithuanian cities meeting in Kaunas**

Presentation of the UBC CCC work and active open calls

## **2020 04 17 UBC Executive Board Meeting**

Presentation of the UBC CCC Action and budget plan 2020

# ACTIVITIES November - December 2020

## Upcoming:

### **2020 11 19 Baltic conference UrbCulturalPlanning**

Presentation regarding the topic *Is active citizenship prerequisite for sustainable and inclusive development? A Baltic City Perspective.*

### **2020 11 03, 15.00 CET UBC Cultural Cities Commission and Inclusive & Healthy Cities Commission meeting**

The meeting is aimed at: communicating clear messages of processes and plans of UBC / Encouraging to participate more in activities now and in the future / Inviting cities to share their projects / Strengthening the connection between UBC structures.

### **2020 11 17 (to be confirmed)**

The UBC CCC meeting, following the 11 November meeting of the CCC and HCC. Planning the Commissions work on 2021.

# WEBINARS June – August 2020

## 1. 2020 08 04 UBC CCC webinar

**Pandemic and border closures - how to sustain cultural exchange?**

*Available on Youtube:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvnSwn-aiMo>

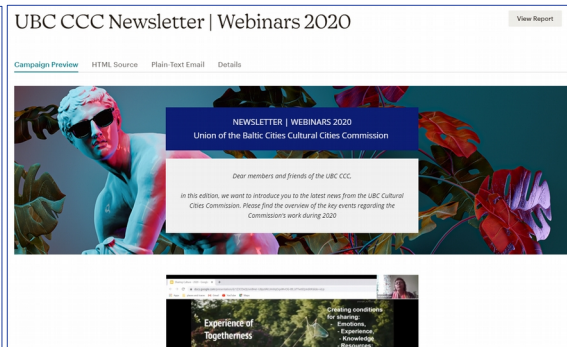
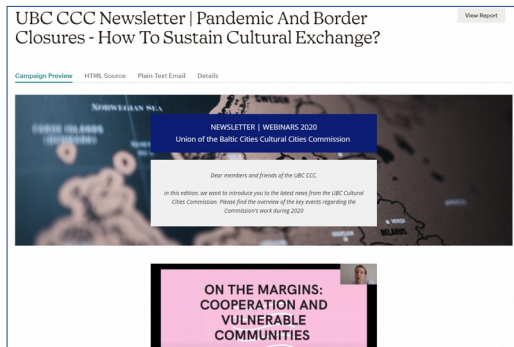
## 2. 2020 06 09 UBC CCC webinar

**Culture and politics in the COVID-19/post COVID-19 times**

*Available on Youtube:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZ9OXnQXNW4&t=3s>

# NEWSLETTERS & OPEN CALLS

- **Fri, 07 Aug 2020** | Available at: <https://mailchi.mp/85bb1944b396/ubc-ccc-webinars-3921376>
- **Fri, 12 Jun 2020** | Available at: <https://mailchi.mp/2575cce908f5/ubc-ccc-webinars-2020>





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