



Draft programme outline (version 5.06.2017)

**XIV UBC General Conference**  
**Växjö, Sweden, 24<sup>th</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**“LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE –  
 CITIES AS LEADERS FOR GLOCAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”**

**Tuesday 24 October**

**Arrival** of (most) participants

13:00–15:00

**Meetings of UBC Commissions and Task Forces**

- UBC Cultural Cities Commission
- UBC Safe Cities Commission
- UBC Smart and Prospering Cities Commission
- UBC Sustainable Cities Commission
- UBC Youthful Cities Commission
- UBC Working Group on Gender Equality
- Communication workshop

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15:00–15:30 **Coffee and mingle**

15:30–18:00 **Interactive parallel thematic meetings**

- State of the Youth Guarantee in the Baltic Sea Region: Current Situation and a Road Map for the Future. TF on Youth Employment and Well-Being.
- HA Capacity (including training).
- Glocal developments in the maritime economy: cross-border cooperation. Interreg funding for glocal development in the maritime economy. Interreg South Baltic.
- Interactive meetings with technical experts and specialized civil servants of the city of Växjö.
- Baltic Water Excellence Forum

17:00 Meeting of the UBC Executive Board

19:00 **Welcome reception** PM & Vänner, hosted by the City of Växjö.

### **Wednesday 25 October**

08:30–09:30 **Registration** and parallel briefing for youth project

09:30–12.30 **Interactive parallel thematic meetings**

- Sustainable Development Goals in local & regional setting. Euroregion Baltic, CPMR BSC, Karlstad, Växjö. Followed by: Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. CDP. Sustainable Cities Commission.
- UBC-BDF Digital Top of Europe.
- Baltic Sea cities as leaders of comprehensive cooperation between the EU and the Black Sea region. WiseEuropa Institute.
- Data collection principles for civil protection prevention activities. Together we can. Safe Cities Commission.

12:00–13:30 **Mayor's lunch**, chaired by the host City Växjö, with a keynote on importance of participation of Mayors and political representatives in regional Baltic Sea cooperation and UBC activities. Personal invitations will be issued to participating Mayors, deputy Mayors and political representatives as well as other guests.



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- 12:30–13:30                    **Lunch for participants**
- 13:30–15:00                   **UBC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary session (plenary session)**
- A festive session devoted to the achievements of UBC in the service of its cities and the region, as well as to the central role of cities in promoting European values and cooperation.  
**Adoption of a pledge/appeal**
- 15:00–15:30                   **Coffee and mingle**
- 15:30–17:30                   **Leadership for the future – cities as leaders for glocal sustainable development (plenary session)**
- Key note speeches on leadership by cities in various fields of life by invited experts and mayors/city representatives. Interaction with the participants.
- 18:15                             Departure by buses to “**Kosta for Hyttsill**” (hosted by UBC)

### **Thursday 26 October**

- 08:15                             **Drafting committee/Executive Board meeting** (if needed)
- 09:00–10:00                   **Listening to the voices of tomorrow (plenary)**
- Dialogue with the youth participants, based on their proposals and views. Especially participation of Mayors/political representatives of special importance.
- 10:00–10:30                   **Coffee and mingle**
- 11:00–13:00                   **Statutory General Conference of the UBC** (open to all but interventions/voting only by authorized Member City participants)
- 13:00–14:00                   **Lunch**
- First constituent **meeting of the new UBC Executive Board** for the period of 2017–2019.
- 14:00–16:00                   **Interactive parallel thematic meetings**
- Baltic Sea organisations (UBC, BSSSC, ERB, CBSS etc) working together on youth issues in the Baltic Sea Region.
  - Gender mainstreaming and the European Charter for Equality of Women and Men at the Local Level. WG on Gender Equality.

- Culture – key to sustainable leadership. Culturability - cultural planning meets sustainability. Cultural Cities Commission.
- Euro Velo No 10 cycling route as an opportunity to strengthen the Baltic Sea Region tourism brand, through the cities cooperation. Marshall Office of Pomorskie Voivodship.
- Urbanization, Mobilities and Immigration as a driver of urbanization in the Baltic Sea Cities. URMI project.

16:00–17:15	<b>Concluding plenary session</b> , including short reports from the thematic meetings. Concluding words by the UBC President
19:00–23:30	Dinner Party (Elite Stadshotellet), hosted by UBC, entertainment by Växjö

### **Friday 27 October**

09:00–12:00	<b>Study visits arranged by the City of Växjö</b>  <b>Departure of participants</b>
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