



## TALLINNA SPORDI- JA NOORSOAMET

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### Funding of UBC Commissions

Dear Mr Per Bødker Andersen,

We are writing to you to express the concern from UBC Commission on Youth Issues about the financial issues of UBC Commissions that appear from year to year. We would also like to propose one solution that might solve the issue.

This year the transfer of financial support was a big issue for the UBC Commission on Youth Issues. The funding decision wasn't made in Umeå where the Meeting of the Executive Board of the Union of the Baltic Cities was held. The final decision was made in the beginning of May 2013 which was really making the Commission work much more complicated from the budget point of view. Tallinn City Government covered the costs that appeared in the first five months of the year from its own budget. We can manage to change the budget documents back but we think that this is not the way it should be. At the moment the budget issues are holding us back with substantive work in the beginning of every year.

We are not writing with the focus of expressing our concern but with a focus of finding a solution for the future. We discussed this issues also during our meeting in Gävle in April and had a suggestion that maybe the budget should be allocated to Commissions for a two year period with one decision from the UBC Board in every two year period. This would also leave more time to evaluate the Commissions evaluation papers that might be covering also two years in the future.

With this change we could achieve following goals that are good for UBC also:

- a) Commissions will have the chance to plan their activities for a longer time period and they will also have certainty (These are the things that are expected from the Commissions);
- b) Commissions have their financial security;
- c) Less trouble, costs and bureaucracy with the transfers.

We are definitely concerned at the moment and we would kindly like to ask this topic to be discussed during the 67th Meeting of the Executive Board of the Union of the Baltic Cities on the 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of June in Kiel. We also discussed this topic in Keila where the UBC Cities of Estonia

gathered and they were also supporting this idea. If there are any questions about the 2 year budget planning then we are more than happy to answer them.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rein Ilves', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rein Ilves  
Head of the Department