

Programme outline (version as of 29 July 2019)

XV UBC General Conference Kaunas, Lithuania, 15-18 October 2019

„BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE AND RESIDENT-FOCUSED CITY. THE BALTIC WAY.“

Venue:

„Park Inn by Radisson“ Conference Centre, address: K. Donelaičio g. 27, Kaunas.

October 15, Tuesday

Arrival of participants

13.30 – 17.00	Registration open
14.00 – 15.30	Commissions' meetings
15.30 – 18.00	Interactive parallel workshops (including coffee breaks) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baltic Sea House – Inclusive society / Colorclouds & Langeark, Aarhus• Ecological education and environmental protection of the Baltics / St. Petersburg• Fighting violent radicalisation with innovative policies, IT tools and education / Out of the Box• How to make vocational education more inclusive, accessible and attractive? / TF on Youth Employment and Well Being• Overcoming gender inequality in our society / WG on Gender Equality, Klaipėda• The value of the citizens' participation for cities governance, EmPaci Project / Klaipėda University• Youth for safer youth / Safe Cities Commission
17.00	UBC Executive Board meeting
19.30	Welcome dinner

October 16, Wednesday

9.00 – 13.30 Registration open

9.30 – 12.00 Interactive parallel workshops (including coffee breaks)

- Digitalisation empowering citizens participation / Elva, Kiel
- Engaging citizens to live climate friendly / Ducky
- Health as a new paradigm of responsible urban development / INTA
- Local perspectives for solving climate change related security risks – joining forces to effectively work with Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation / Safe & Sustainable Cities Commissions
- Promoting youth involvement in the city life / Youthful Cities Commission
- STEAM – Science and Technology Path for Every Child and Youngster / TF on Youth Employment and Well Being
- Swedish Institute project funding opportunities for cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region. When, how & concrete examples / Swedish Institute

12.00 – 13.00 Mayors' lunch (including politicians, EU executives, etc.)

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch for participants (at Conference centre)

13.30 – 15.00 Plenary session 1 – “**Inclusive Cities**”: welcome speeches, main presentations

Per Bødker Andersen, President of UBC (confirmed)

Visvaldas Matijošaitis, Mayor of Kaunas

High Level Representative of the Republic of Lithuania (name tbd)

Finnish EU Presidency (decision in summer)

Youth representative (name tbd)

Markku Markkula, 1st Vice President of the Committee of the Regions (confirmed)

Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat (confirmed)

Per Schöldberg, MP, Swedish Parliament (confirmed)

Katarina Ivanković Knežević, Director for Social Affairs, DG Employment for Social Affairs and Inclusion (confirmed)

Angela Martinez Sarasola, Head of Unit responsible for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, DG for Regional and Urban Policy (confirmed)

15.30 – 17.00 Plenary session 2 – “**Culture as Catalyst for Cities' Development**”: experiences of European Capitals of Culture

Virginija Vitkienė, Director, Kaunas 2022 (confirmed)

Saara Malila, Director of Communication, the City of Turku, former Communications Manager, Turku2011 Foundation (confirmed)

Graziella Vella, Research Coordinator, Valletta 2018 Foundation (confirmed)

Rossella Tarantino, Development and Relations Manager, Matera 2019 (confirmed)

Krzysztof Maj, General Director, European Capital of Culture Wrocław 2016 (confirmed)
Fredrik Lindegren, Director of culture, the City of Umeå, former Artistic Director for Umeå 2014, (confirmed)

19.30 Dinner

October 17, Thursday

9.30 – 12.00 Study visits

12.30 Lunch (at Conference centre)

14.00 General Assembly (including coffee break)

- Report on UBC Activities in the last two-year period
- Auditor's report
- Board of Audit report
- Absolving the Presidium, Executive Board, Secretary
- Membership fees 2020-2021
- Executive Board in the next two-year period
- President, 1st Vice-President, and two Vice-Presidents in the next two-year period
- Board of Audit in the next two-year period
- Secretariat in the next four-year period
- Venue of the XVI UBC General Conference in autumn 2021

15.30 Concluding Plenary Session

19.00 Dinner party

October 18, Friday

Sightseeing tours

Departure