

Invitation

Turku, May 2023

Dear UBC colleagues,

I warmly invite you to attend the UBC Planning and Sustainable Commission Meeting **“Revitalizing urban space connected to the Sea”** on 13-15 September 2023 in Turku, Finland.

Turku is a vibrant city situated on the southwestern coast of Finland and is a gateway to the spectacular Turku archipelago. With a population of nearly 200 000 people, Turku is the oldest city in Finland and an important hub for culture, education, and innovation.

Turku is also known for its bold climate ambitions of becoming climate neutral by one the most important years in the history of Turku in the XXI century – its 800th anniversary in 2029. To achieve this goal, the city is implementing a comprehensive strategy that includes reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing energy efficiency, and promoting sustainable transportation. As part of this strategy, the city is also committed to revitalizing its urban spaces to make them more environmentally friendly, and socially sustainable.

We warmly invite you – and your expertise in urban planning, climate change, transport, water management and related sustainable urban development to join us on the transformation journey! Together we will spend 3 days of inspiring lectures, exciting study visits and hands-on workshops to together discuss revitalizing urban space from different viewpoints.

Your participation in this event will enrich our discussions and contribute to the development of innovative solutions for the revitalization of urban spaces in Turku and beyond.

We look forward to your positive response and to welcoming you to Turku for this exciting event.

Sincerely,



Elina Rantanen

Turku City Council, Deputy mayor

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