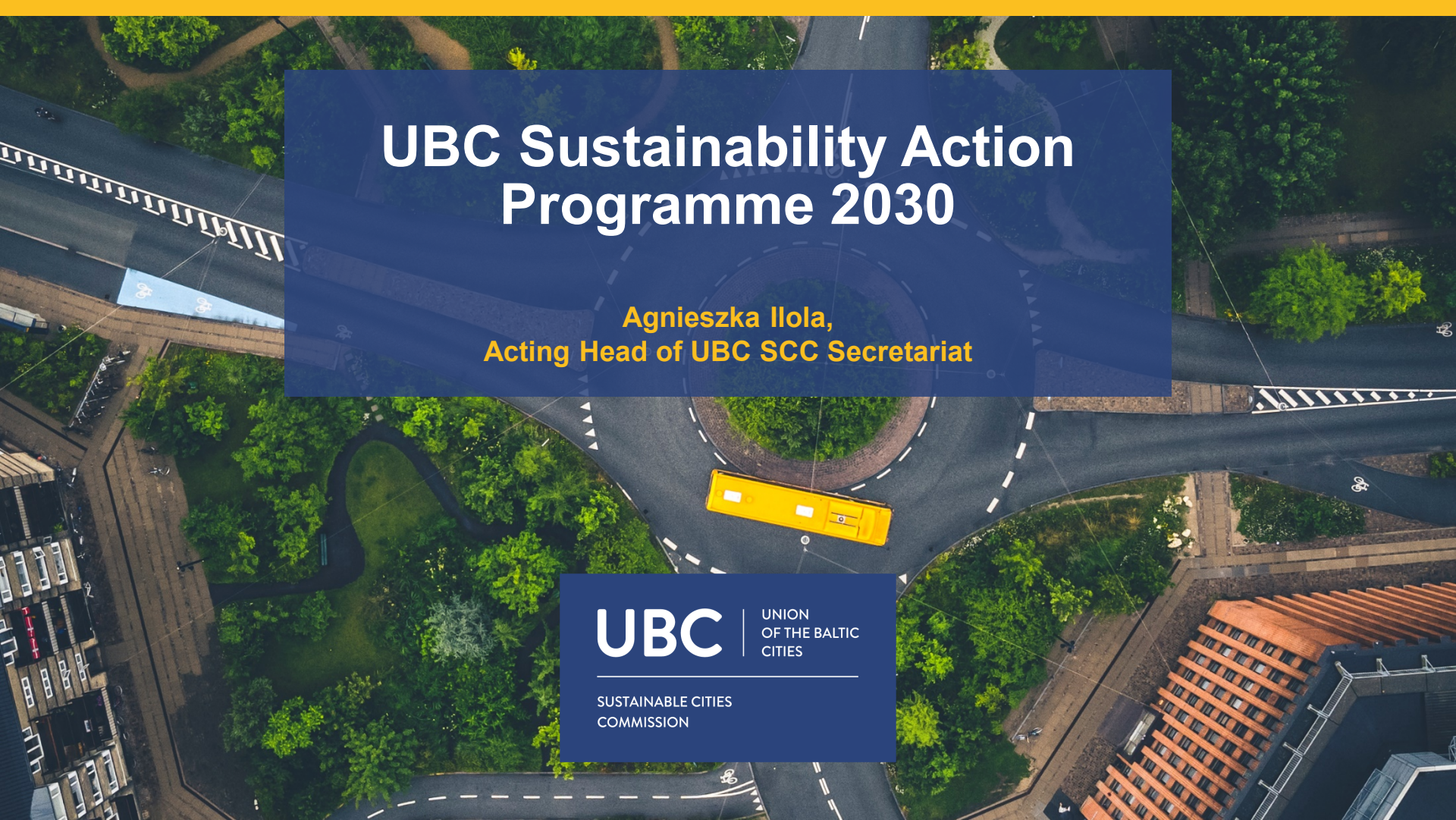


An aerial photograph of a city roundabout. A yellow bus is driving through the center of the roundabout. The roundabout is surrounded by lush green trees and grass. In the background, there are buildings and a road with a blue bicycle lane. The image is used as a background for the slide.

UBC Sustainability Action Programme 2030

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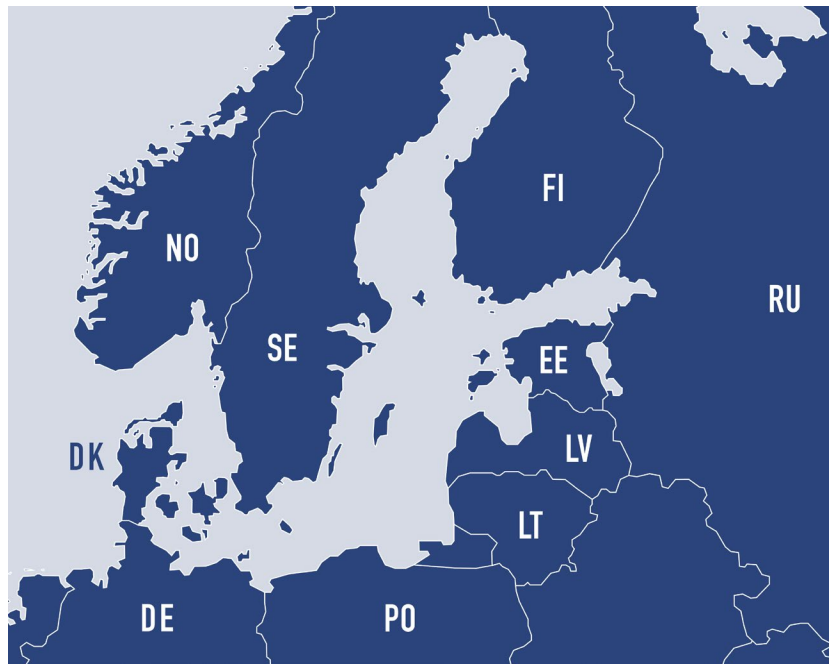
Union of the Baltic Cities

30 years

Established 1991

70

UBC Member Cities



UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

- UBC Sustainable Cities Commission – Secretariat in Turku, Finland.
- **12 experts** in communication, project development, policy liaison and finances
- The work of the UBC SCC is coordinated by **three Co-chairpersons, Advisory Board and the Head of the Secretariat.**



Advisory Board members 2022–2023

Active membership as of 22 April 2022

- Mr Andres Jaadla, City of Rakvere
- Mr Jaanus Tamm, City of Tartu
- Mr Olli-Pekka Mäki, City of Turku
- Ms Elina Ojala, City of Lahti
- Mr Stephan Braun, City of Greifswald
- Mr Guntars Ruskuls, City of Riga
- Ms Dace Liepniece, City of Liepaja
- Ms Gunita Osite, City of Jelgava
- Ms Irena Sakaliene, City of Klaipeda
- Mr Ola Nord, City of Malmö

UBC SCC Co-chairs

- Ms Dagmara Nagórka-Kmiecik,
City of Gdansk
- Mr Per-Arne Nilsson,
City of Malmö
- Mr Risto Veivo,
City of Turku

Advisory Board **can add more members**
depending on interest and needs.

Advisory Board meetings are organized 4 – 6
times a year.

UBC Sustainability Action Programme 2030

- **Guiding document for the whole UBC network** in the work for sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region.
- **Developed in close cooperation** with UBC member cities, UBC commissions, Advisory Board and strategic partners.
- Jointly identified **signals, challenges, and goals for the next decade** in the Baltic Sea Region.

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2022–2030

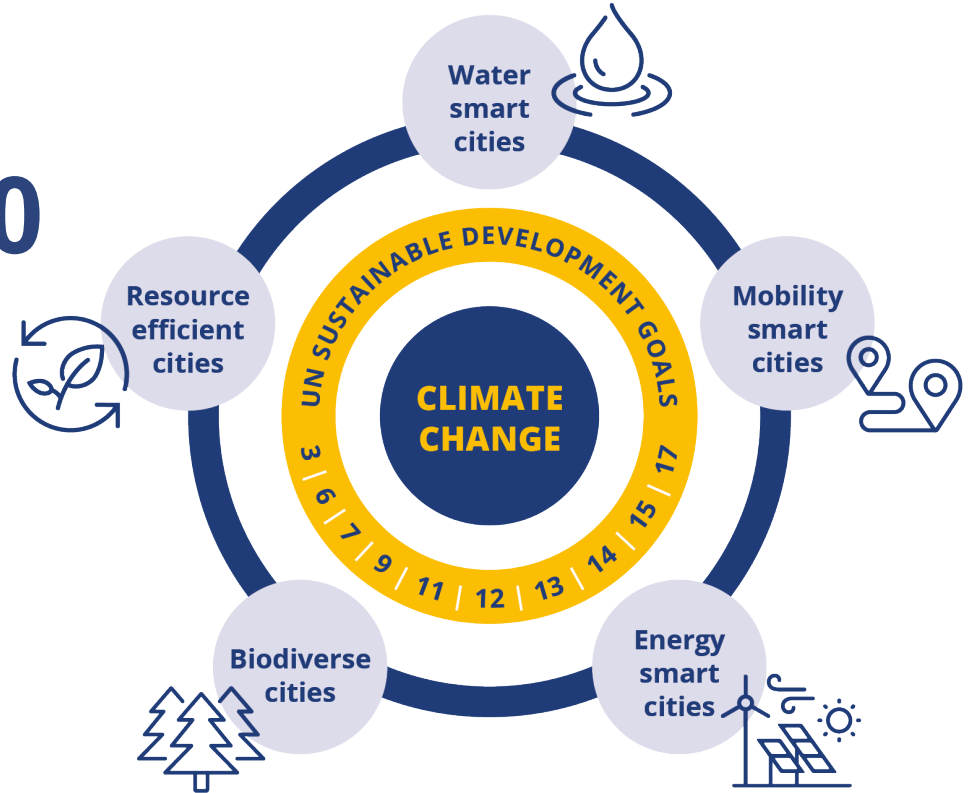


UBC Sustainability Action Programme 2030

- Building a more **inclusive, result-oriented, and dynamic city network**.
- **Platform for close collaboration** towards a sustainable, green and resilient Baltic Sea Region.
- **Synchronised with global and European agenda and initiatives** such as EUSBSR, European Green Deal, UN SDGs and based on active cooperation with other regional bodies.
- **Strengthens internal cooperation** by amplifying the involvement of all member cities in network activities.
- The Programme will be **evaluated after 4 years** and reported to the General Conference in 2025.

Topics identified for the vision 2030

- Water-smart cities
- Mobility-smart cities
- Energy-smart cities
- Biodiverse cities
- Resource-efficient cities





Implementation

Encourage cooperation

Disseminate and communicate

Inputs to policy development

UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

Networking & exchange

Expertise and consultation

Project funding support



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POLICY POSITIONS

"Climate Change and Sustainable Development Until 2030"

I. Thirty years of striving towards a sustainable Baltic Sea Region

The Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC) has during its whole existence, for 30 years, been focusing on making the Baltic Sea Region more sustainable, attractive and more resilient to challenges in our environment ensuring a good quality of life for its inhabitants – now and for future generations. Environmental protection and sustainable development have been one of the UBC's key pillars since its foundation. In 1996 the Commission on Environment was established in Turku and has since then taken on the coordination of the network's environmental and sustainability activities. The first UBC Local Agenda 21 Action programme was adopted at the General Conference 1998 in Stockholm, followed by the UBC Agenda 21 Action Programme – Roadmap for Sustainable Baltic Cities (2004-2009). UBC Sustainable Development Action Programme – Agenda for Sustainable Baltic Cities (2010-2013) to the current UBC Sustainable Development Action Programme – Steadyway towards Sustainable Baltic Cities (2016-2021), adopted at the General Conference 2015 in Słupsk, Poland. The main goal for the document is to give strategic direction to the realization of our vision of the UBC cities in the future – creating a smart, safe and sustainable Baltic Sea Region. Currently the UBC Sustainable Cities Commission is coordinating the process of renewing the Sustainability Development Action Programme for the period 2022-2030.

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How to get involved?

Share local achievements:

- **UBC TALKS webinars** – suggest important topic
- **Sustainable Cities Bulletin** – news
- **UBC SCC website, social media** – news and events from cities

Host a meeting:

- **UBC SCC meetings** – local host to showcase the city achievements, establish new city to city connections

Projects

UBC SCC involved in the development of several projects. **New funding in autumn – share your ideas!**

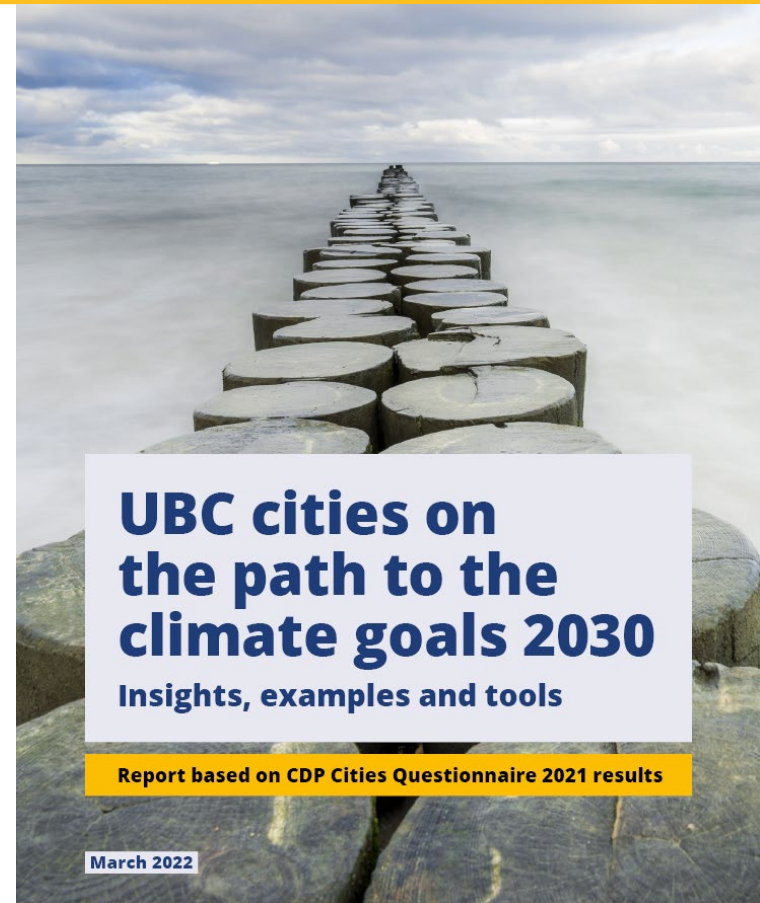
Events

- **Thematic session** at the 13th EUSBSR Annual Forum on 28-29 September in Lappeenranta, Finland
- ICLEI World Congress, Malmö (13 - 15 May)
- Urban Future Conference, Helsingborg (1-3 June)
- World Water Congress, Copenhagen (11-15 September)

Cooperation with Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)

- CDP provides the global platform for cities to **measure, manage and disclose their environmental activities, understand their impacts and take action.**
UBC–CDP cooperation was launched in 2016.
- 2021:**22 UBC cities reported** despite the Covid-19 pandemic (2016 – 6 cities; 2019 – 26 cities).
- **7 UBC cities are on CDP A List in 2021:** Turku, Helsinki, Espoo, Lahti, Linköping, Växjö, Arendal.

More UBC members encouraged to join reporting 2022!



EU Green City Accord (GCA)

- A European Commission environmental initiative to make their cities **greener, cleaner and healthier**.
- Cities commit to **addressing five areas** of environmental management **by 2030**: improving **air** and **water** quality, enhancing urban **biodiversity**, improving **circular economy** and **waste** management, reducing **noise** pollution.
- The Green City Accord is open to any city located in the EU with a population of at least 20,000 inhabitants.
- **UBC SCC is official GCA supporter since 2021 and invites more cities to join the initiative!**



7 UBC cities as signatories

- Estonia: **Tallinn**
- Finland: **Turku, Helsinki, Lahti**
- Latvia: **Riga**
- Poland: **Gdynia**
- Sweden: **Malmö**

Thank you!

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