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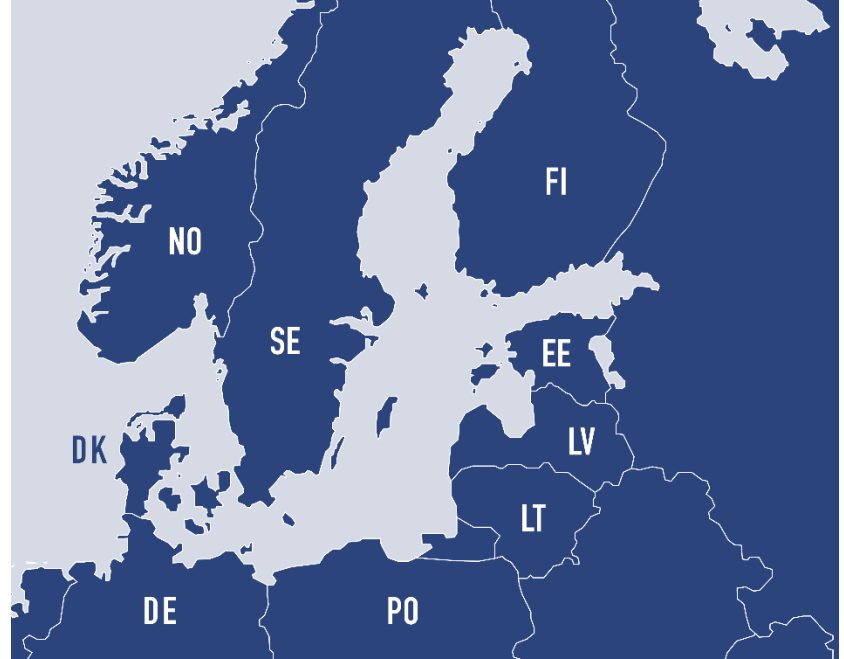


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EMPEREST

New era of toxic-free water cycle

Union of the Baltic Cities

- Leading network of cities and municipalities in the Baltic Sea Region established 30+ years ago.
- Today over **70 member cities** in **9 countries** around the Baltic Sea.
- **8 thematic Commissions** focusing on sustainable development, urban planning, youth, health, culture, safety, education and business.



UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

- Secretariat in Turku, Finland
- Provides **platforms for networking and exchange** with member cities, brings local voices to the **regional policy development**, and has extensive experience in **international projects**.



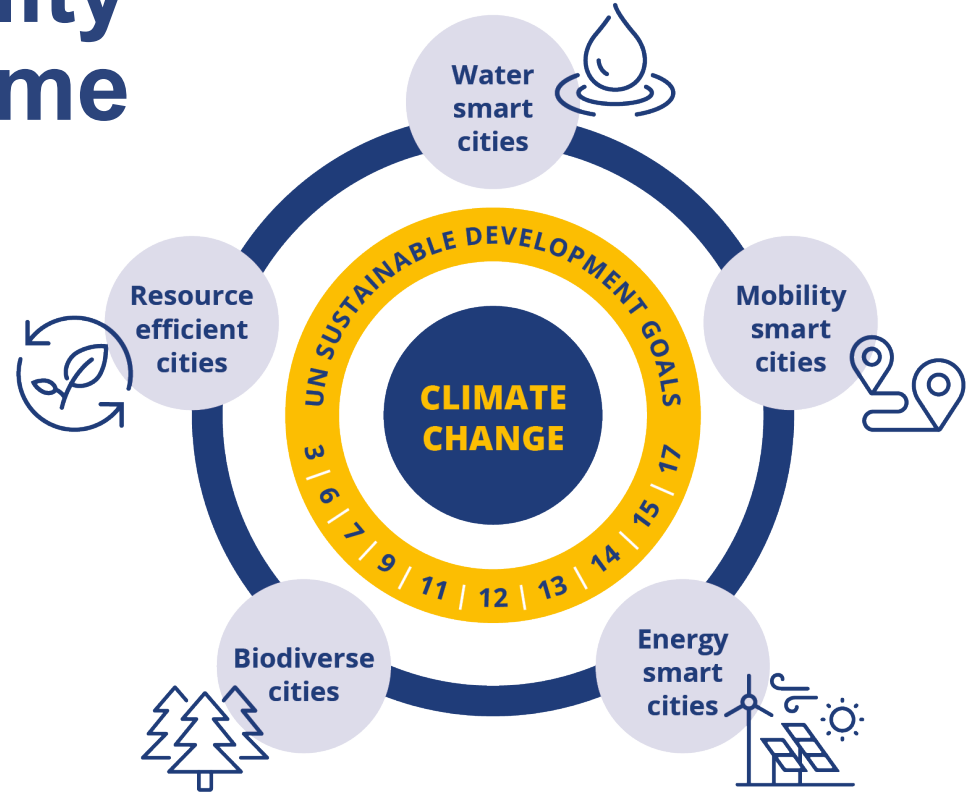
An aerial photograph of a city at dusk, featuring a mix of modern and traditional architecture, green spaces, and a harbor with boats. A large white text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

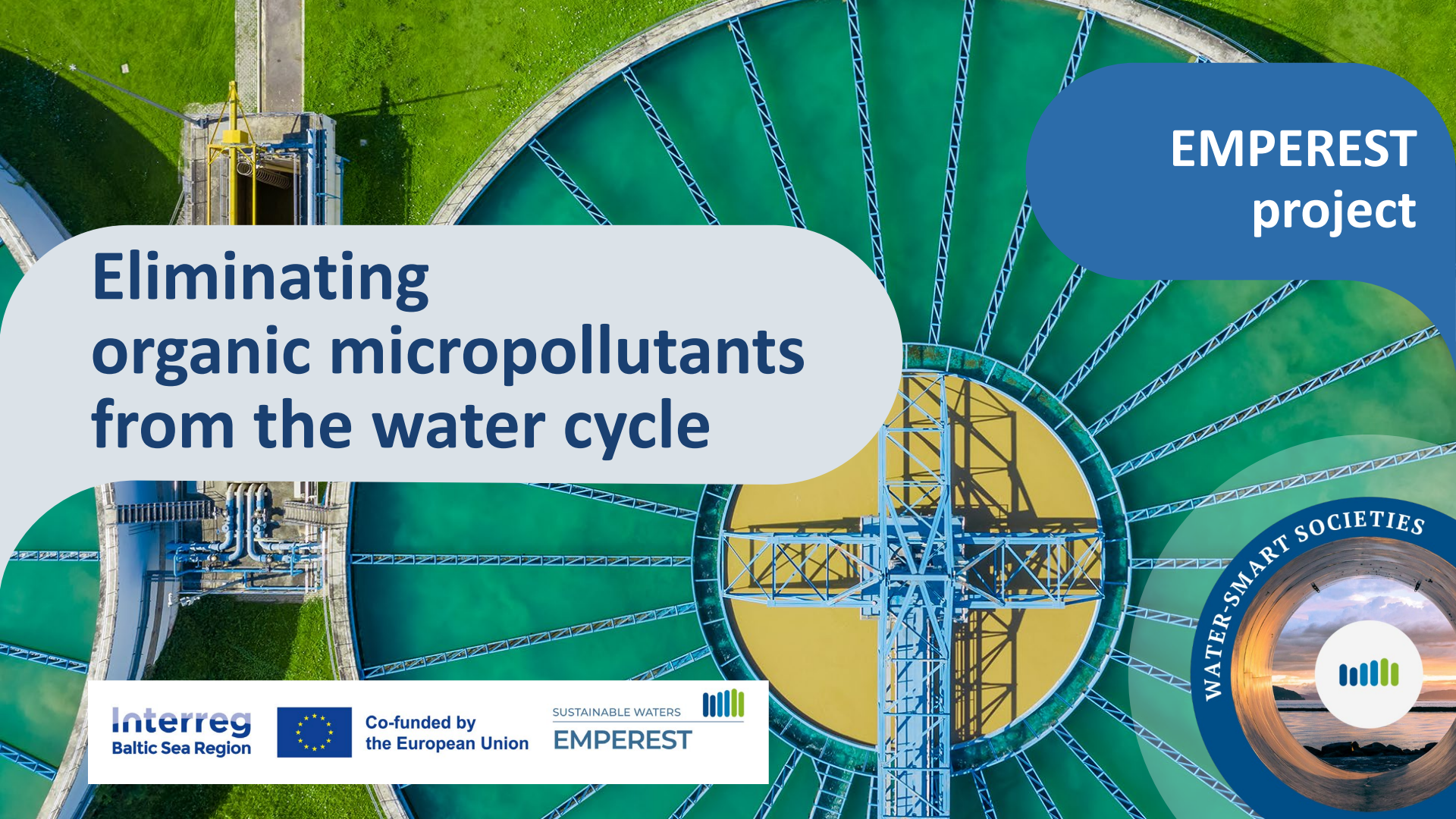
UBC TALKS webinars

- One of the established formats for exchange
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UBC Sustainability Action Programme 2030

Building a more **inclusive, result-oriented, impact driven and dynamic city network** and a platform for close collaboration towards a sustainable, green, safe and resilient Baltic Sea Region.





EMPEREST
project

Eliminating organic micropollutants from the water cycle

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Project partnership

1. Union of the Baltic Cities Sustainable Cities Commission c/o City of Turku (FI) – **Lead Partner**
2. Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission – Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) (FI)
3. University of Tartu (EE)
4. Berlin University of Technology (DE)
5. Turku University of Applied Sciences (TUAS) (FI)
6. Gdańsk Water Utilities (PL)
7. Water and Sewage Company Ltd of Szczecin (PL)
8. Tartu Waterworks Ltd (EE)
9. Tallinn Water Ltd (EE)
10. “Kaunas water” Ltd (LT)
11. Turku Region Wastewater Treatment Plant (FI)
12. DWA German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste DWA Regional group North-East (DE)
13. Environmental Centre for Administration and Technology (LT)
14. City of Riga (LV)



EMPEREST

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Kick-off meeting in Turku, February 2023

Taking samples of water and biota in the Baltic Sea and catchment area to pilot the PFAS monitoring recommendations in summer 2024



Photo: Riikka Vainio



Photo: Roland Svirgsden

Photo: IOW

Container transports

from Gdańsk to Szczecin,
August 2024



Photo: GIWK

from Tallinn to Turku,
February 2025



Photo: Turku Region
Wastewater Treatment Plant

Thank you for joining!

Join next time:

UBC TALKS about increasing biodiversity
27 May 2025 at 10:30 - 12:00 EEST

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