



The UBC Commission on Health and Social Affairs

Meeting in Tartu 30-31 May 2013

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Hereby we would like to invite representatives of UBC member cities to participate in open UBC Commission on Health and Social Affairs meeting which will be held on 30-31 May 2013 in Tartu under leading title:

"How to build up community based social services for vulnerable groups?"

Welfare of vulnerable groups in Baltic Sea Region - good practices and experiences.

We would like to discuss following topics:

- community work with vulnerable groups: young parents, immigrants, families with low social skills, drug and alcohol abusers, homeless,
- community based opportunities and alternatives of social services,
- co-operation or competition between institutional and community care,
- practices in welfare provision related to cultural differences.

City of Tartu is the second largest city of Estonia with about 100 000 inhabitants and located 180 kilometers south-east of Tallinn. With almost one thousand years history it is also home of the Estonian oldest University. This has created peculiar mix of both scholar and practical experience in the field of social welfare. We are convinced that this meeting might be the perfect opportunity to share this knowledge. At the same time we are sure that wealth of knowledge of our friends in UBC may significantly influence quality and effectiveness of professionals in Tartu.

Once again we warmly welcome all UBC members to actively participate in the meeting.

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