

INVITATION

to

**Leaders and actors
of sustainable
Baltic Cities**

*UBC at Sundsvall
22-25 April 2004*



**UBC Environment and City Development
Conference (23-24 April)**

**Directors' Forum: EU and Environment
(22 April)**

**Workshops, excursions and good
practices (22-24 April)**



Welcome to work on sustainable Baltic Cities!

Dedication to balanced city development is something that all the Baltic Cities strongly share. At the same time, it is the key to success of any city. Sundsvall itself is a wonderful example of what can be achieved.

The Union of the Baltic Cities is committed to support sustainable development in its member cities. The Roadmap of Sustainable Baltic Cities – UBC Agenda 21 Action Programme 2004-2009 shows us practical ways towards good city development.

On 22-24 April 2004 leaders and actors working on good city development and environment from all Baltic Cities are gathering to Sundsvall to shape our efforts together. The event is co-organised by the UBC Commission on Environment and the City of Sundsvall. For three days the UBC will be at Sundsvall, and you will be most welcome to join!

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Directors' Forum

Thursday 22 April 2004, Hotel Baltic

Environment and EU in cities: 'implementing directives and hunting funds'

- Experiences and insights from directors in old and new EU
- Capacities required to benefit from the Union membership
- 6th Environmental Action Programme of the EU: what's in it for cities (Thematic Urban Strategy)
- Environmental permits
- Soil protection and land-use
- Water framework directive

Directors' excursion to the large SCA Pulp Industry units in Sundsvall - managing the environment and playing together with major stakeholders

Programme of Directors' Forum, Thursday 22 April

10-12	Arrivals
12.30-13.45	Lunch at Hotel Baltic
13.45-16.00	Excursion to SCA Pulp Industries at Ortviken
16.15-19.30	Forum on EU and Environment, Old Town Hall
20.30-22	Get-together buffee dinner at Hotel Baltic (together with all participants)



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Thematic UBC Environment and City Development Conference

UBC Commission on Environment and Agenda 21 Working Group
Friday 23 - Saturday 24 April 2004, at Baltic Hotel plus excursions

The conference is dedicated for analysing trends in Baltic Cities, preparing good new activities, and learning from the experiences of Sundsvall and other Baltic Cities. Thematic focus will be put on the five key action areas of the Roadmap of Sustainable Baltic Cities - UBC Agenda 21 Action Programme 2004-2009.

1. Good governance and sustainable urban management

2. Sustainable use of resources and energy

3. Good living environment and nature protection

4. Sustainable transport and economy

5. Social integration and health

Each focus point will be addressed with a combination of workshops and on the spot learning at excursions. The outcome is expected to be improved implementation in the cities and preparation of new UBC projects to support the cities in tackling these issues.

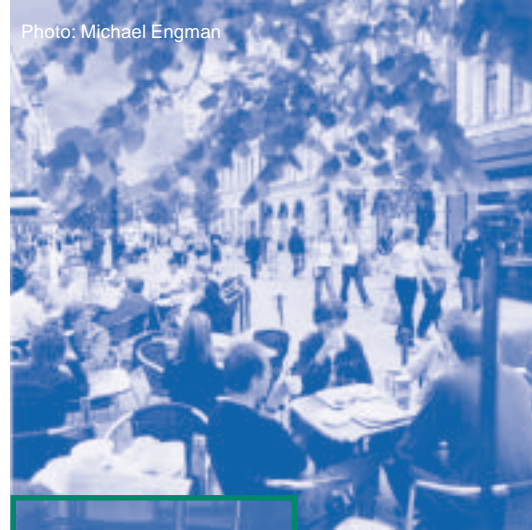


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Programme of Thematic UBC Environment and City Development Conference Friday 23 - Saturday 24 April

Friday 23 April

- 9.00-10.00 **Opening Session**
 Welcome by the Mayor of Sundsvall
 Thematic Introduction by UBC
 The Sundsvall experience: 12 years of resultful strategic work on sustainable development
- 10.30-12.00 **Thematic Workshops**
 Trends and developments in Baltic Cities
- 12.00 **Excursion to Nacksta (incl. lunch)**
 City planning with residents for safety and integration
- 15.30-16 **Waste & recycling in companies**
 Case presentations
- 16-17 **Guided city tour** (optional)
- 19.30-23 **Dinner** hosted by the Mayor of Sundsvall, Old Town Hall

Saturday 24 April

- 9.30-12.00 **Thematic Workshops**
 New activities and projects for Baltic Cities
- 12-13.30 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Summary Session**
 Conclusions from workshops and excursions
 Discussion on future activities within UBC Agenda 21
- 15-17.30 **Excursions: energy solutions and city parks**
 Snow Cooling at Sundsvall Hospital & Mid Sweden University
 North Hill City Park - an EU Objective 1 project
- 19.30-23 **Urban Greenery Excursion and Evening out**
 Open Air Buffet dinner and outdoor activities at South Hill



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TBestC Second Intermediate Workshop

**Thursday 22 April, Hotel Baltic
(Arrivals on Wednesday the 21st of April)**

The second intermediate workshop of TBestC -project will be organised on the occasion (back-to-back) of the UBC Environment and City Development Conference. This workshop is intended only for the cities participating in the TBestC project.

Programme of TBestC Workshop II

Wednesday 21 April - Arrivals and informal dinner

Thursday 22 April - Full day Workshop at Hotel Baltic

On 23-24 February the TBestC cities are expected to join the conference to contribute with their experiences and good practices.

Practical information

Travel

Sundsvall is situated 400 km north of Stockholm by the coast. High-speed trains both from City of Stockholm and Arlanda airport reach Sundsvall in just over 3 hours. Sundsvall Midlanda Airport is located 20 km from the city centre. Local bus connections as well as taxis are available at departure and arrival hours. Travel support is available for a limited number of CEEC and Russian participants prior to agreement with the EnvCom Secretariat. If you wish to apply for the travel support please contact Ms Sari Bowie, UBC EnvCom, e-mail: sari.bowie@saunalahti.fi

Accommodation

We have made pre-reservations at the Ramada Baltic Hotel and registrations should be made directly to the hotel by e-mail: info@baltic.ramadasweden.se or by fax +46 60 12 45 60. The price for single room is 550 SEK (58,69 EUR), and double room 750 SEK (80,92 EUR), both include breakfast. Accommodation support is available for a limited number of CEEC and Russian participants prior to agreement with the EnvCom Secretariat. If you wish to apply for it please contact first the EnvCom Secretariat. The hotel address is: Sjögatan 5, SE-852 34 Sundsvall. Phone: +46 60 14 04 40. Please, use the registration code: EnvCom.

Meeting and programme

Meeting venue is Hotel Baltic, conference rooms. Excursions during the event will be made by bus organised by the City of Sundsvall. On Saturday evening there will be an open air buffee dinner together with some outdoor activities so you are advised to bring an extra sweater or a warm coat as well as comfortable shoes. Snowfall can happen in April!

Please, note that registration should be in by **1 April 2004 at the latest**.

Further information

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