



**To the President of UBC
Mr. Per Bødker Andersen
Deputy Mayor of Kolding, Denmark**

The Local Safety & Public Order Working Group was formed in March 2010 in Gdansk among nine cities (the Members of the Union of the Baltic Cities) and with the approval of Mr President and the Executive Council (58 Executive Board held in Trelleborg in June 2010). The main objective of the Working Group is the cooperation in exchanging the experiences in the fields of local security and public order.

Since its formation, the Working Group has organised three conferences during which the main directions of its activities were determined, the authorities were selected as well as the experiences were shared in the main six key areas of local security. As a consequence of sharing the experiences, innovative solutions improving the safety have been introduced, the work quality of local governments has been substantially increased, as well as the level and the quality of services provided to people in our cities have been improved.

The number of the member cities has risen from 9 to 15 since the existence of the Working Group. Equally important is the fact that another 16th city has declared its willingness of joining the Group this autumn during the 4th meeting in Nacka, Sweden.

In order to continue our work on new solutions to ensure the highest standard of services for the BSR inhabitants including better security for the tourists, we would like to increase the ranking of our Group in order to implement the above-mentioned improvements in the most effective and efficient means. Therefore, we would like to kindly ask you to support our request for changing the status of the Group from Local Safety & Public Order Working Group into UBC Commission on Local Safety.

On behalf of the Members
Local Safety & Public Order
Working Group
Leszek Walczak
Chairman

