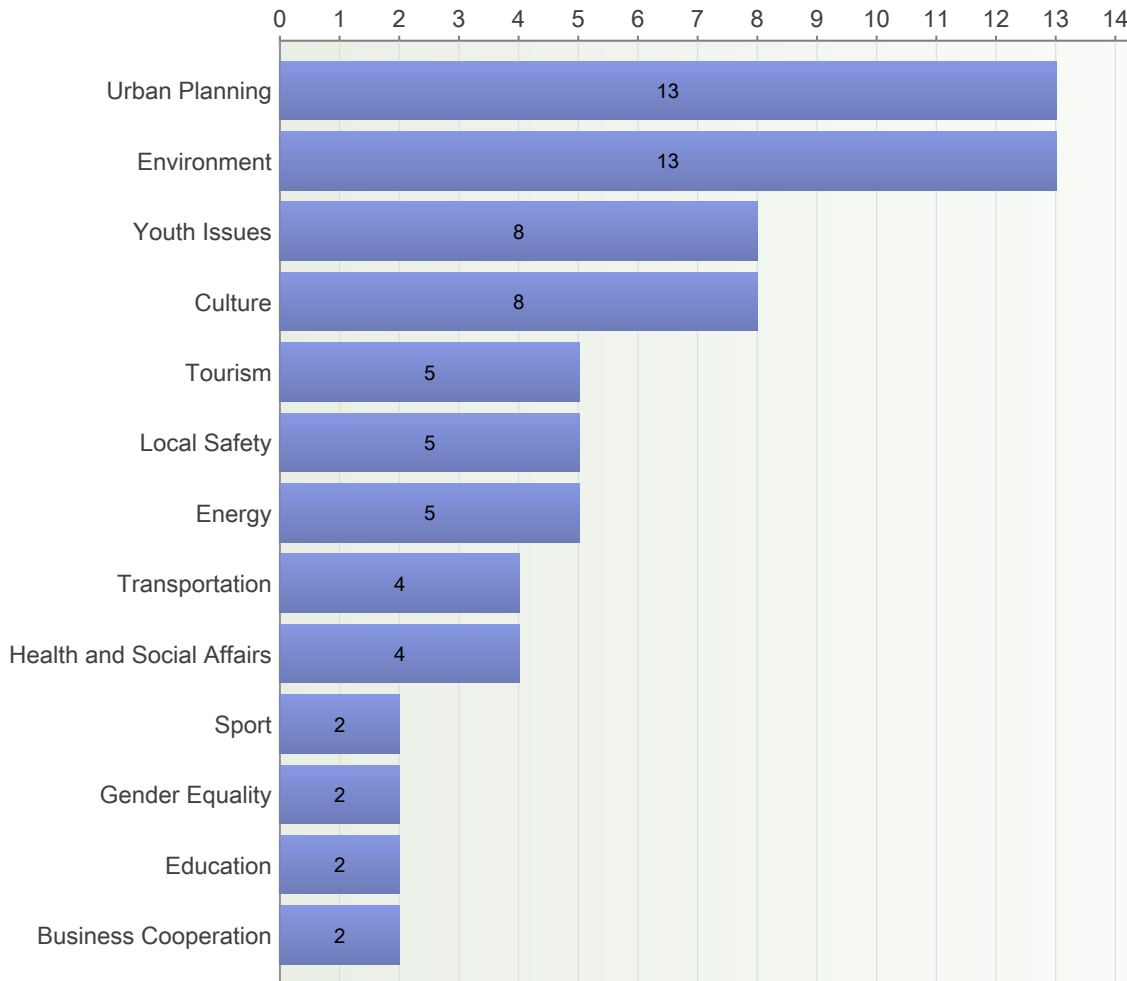




Evaluation of the UBC Commissions - Results of UBC evaluation

1. To which UBC Commission(s)' actions is your city taking part regularly?

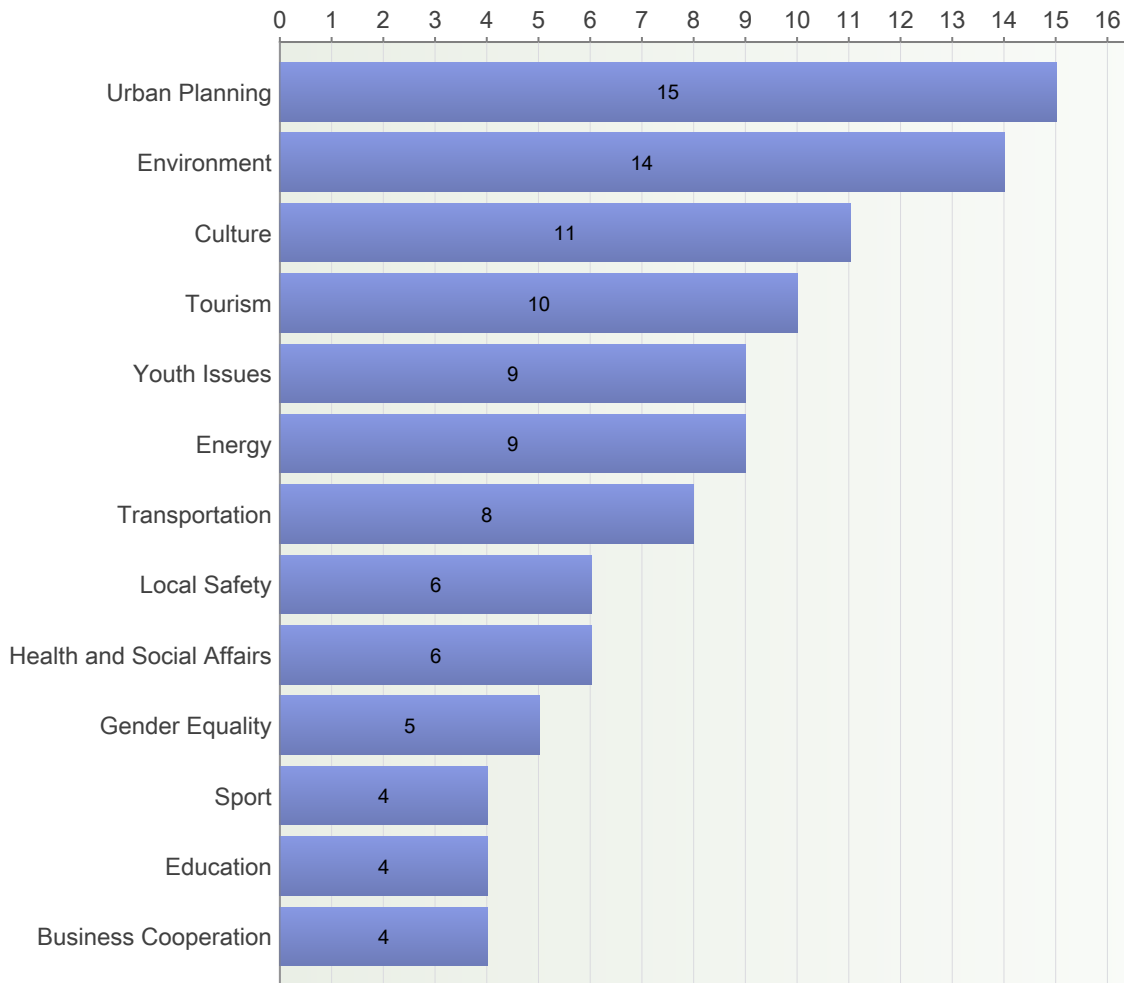
Number of respondents: 28





2. In which UBC Commission(s)' actions does your city plan to participate in the near future?

Number of respondents: 30





3. What is the thematic importance and relevance of various UBC Commissions for your city?

Number of respondents: 32

	1 Not relevant at all	2 Somehow relevant	3 Fairly relevant	4 Very relevant	I don't know the Commission	Total	Average
Environment	1	1	9	17	3	31	3.16
Urban Planning	1	6	7	15	1	30	3.13
Culture	1	8	10	9	1	29	2.86
Youth Issues	2	6	10	9	2	29	2.76
Tourism	2	3	18	4	2	29	2.69
Transportation	6	3	13	5	1	28	2.54
Energy	2	4	12	8	5	31	2.52
Health and Social Affairs	5	5	9	7	3	29	2.41
Business Cooperation	3	7	8	5	4	27	2.26
Sport	5	10	4	6	4	29	2.1
Education	3	9	9	3	5	29	2.07
Local Safety	11	5	3	6	3	28	1.93
Gender Equality	6	12	7	1	3	29	1.9
Total	48	79	119	95	37	378	2.49



4. How effective are various UBC Commissions in promoting UBC goals and achieving results?

Number of respondents: 31

	1 poor	2 satisfactory	3 average	4 very good	5 excellent	I don't know the Commission	Total	Average
Environment	1	1	3	13	10	2	30	3.8
Urban Planning	2	2	5	11	7	3	30	3.33
Youth Issues	3	4	5	11	3	4	30	2.83
Culture	3	6	6	6	3	5	29	2.48
Transportation	3	6	4	10	0	6	29	2.31
Energy	2	4	7	7	0	7	27	2.19
Tourism	5	6	7	5	0	6	29	2
Health and Social Affairs	3	7	7	4	0	7	28	1.93
Gender Equality	3	7	8	3	0	7	28	1.89
Sport	5	4	5	4	1	9	28	1.75
Education	3	10	5	1	1	7	27	1.74
Local Safety	3	6	5	4	1	11	30	1.7
Business Cooperation	10	2	4	4	0	8	28	1.5
Total	46	65	71	83	26	82	373	2.27



5. Which overall score would you give to the work of each UBC Commission? In the scale 1 being the poorest and 10 being the best.

Number of respondents: 28

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Average
Environment	0	1	0	2	3	4	2	4	4	7	27	7.44
Urban Planning	1	1	0	2	5	2	2	3	8	2	26	6.85
Youth Issues	2	0	0	3	4	5	2	5	2	1	24	6.08
Transportation	0	1	1	3	8	2	4	5	0	0	24	5.71
Culture	2	0	1	3	6	7	0	4	3	0	26	5.69
Tourism	0	1	2	4	4	3	5	3	0	0	22	5.5
Energy	0	2	2	5	4	4	4	3	0	0	24	5.25
Sport	3	1	1	6	2	3	2	2	2	0	22	4.91
Local Safety	2	1	2	3	8	2	3	2	0	0	23	4.83
Education	1	1	2	5	5	5	0	2	0	0	21	4.76
Health and Social Affairs	1	3	2	4	6	3	3	2	0	0	24	4.75
Gender Equality	2	0	4	4	5	5	2	1	0	0	23	4.65
Business Cooperation	2	4	3	2	6	2	1	1	1	0	22	4.23
Total	16	16	20	46	66	47	30	37	20	10	308	5.43



6. Other comments or feedback about the UBC Commissions' work (methods, structure) etc.

Number of respondents: 13

- Maybe it would be a good idea to display the results of the Commissions in a standardized shape on the UBC website. This way an outsider could, perhaps, appreciate better and easier what the Commissions stand for (actually treated topics) and which results/impact does their work have.
- The Commissions are useful for exchange of knowledge and experiences, but should be more as a platform for developing EU projects together. It is not the case in every commission we are active in and it is one of the reasons the municipality is not active anymore in two other commissions.
- Different departments of City of Helsinki have during the years made several attempts to find relevant activities in the committees of UBC, at least to Culture, Business, Transportation, Social&Health, Local Safety, Tourism - but the agendas seem to be always not very relevant for our city departments. Often the situation is such that they prioritise Eurocities or some other European framework as their primary platform for exchange of experiences. At the moment it is only Environment Committee where we participate regularly. The simple reason is that the BSR common agenda is clear in these issues. Almost all other sectors are such where regional interests are either narrower or wider than BSR.
- The commissions work are rather "closed" and not so openminded for new members. They have also like UBC old ways of communication. There are also hard to find project partners.
- We would like to use the UBC Commissions much more for regular networking and international cooperation. UBC conferences and meetings give good framework for such work and when needed it is a well placed preparation for closer project cooperation. However, our own time limitations has hindered us in using UBC in a more systematic way. Best wishes for your good work.
- Some commissions are effective and achieve results. Too many are just small clubs without added value for UBC or member cities. A commission must achieve results; just organising a meeting and/or distributing grants from UBC money is no activity. A thorough revision of commission work must be achieved.
- Many of the Commissions are not that good at communicating their events and agendas to the members. It is like: if you are new and don't know anyone, this will not change because the Commissions works with and for the members that are already active. That makes it difficult to take part. Also note that several of the Commissions has not updated information on the UBC website for a very long time. How would you then know what is going on?
- I think this survey is constructed in a poor way and the idea to score the commissions work when you don't have information and knowledge of their results is absurd!!
- No further comments
- It is worth considering to decrease the number of commissions and to create some thematic clusters.
- Unfortunately, we must confess that over the recent several years our city was not regularly active in the work of the UBC Commissions, participating only scarcely in one or another event. So this evaluation is not at all accurate and mostly based on former knowledge about the UBC activities. This situation was caused by the economic crisis period, when the City budget for business trips abroad was contracted to the minimum.
- maybe you could put some of the commissions together. Like Youth issues and sport or culture
- To our understanding commissions are working under very different circumstances, much because of more or less interest from cities. We guess it is time to reduce the number of commissions to give more strength and also to give them a more modern structure.