



XII UBC General Conference "Investing in young people. Combating youth unemployment and marginalization - from words into action", Mariehamn, Åland, 1-4 October 2013

Michael Ralph to speak at the XII UBC General Conference in Mariehamn



On the Plenary Session, 2 October 2013, the participants will hear his views on EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) implementation process. What are the prospects of the Strategy? What are the possibilities for the local level to be more involved in the Strategy? How does the Strategy see the youth? These are the most intriguing questions to be answered.

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The UBC General Conference in Mariehamn will focus on difficult situation regarding the high level of youth unemployment in the Baltic Sea Region. The youth representatives, as well as the cities, will both prepare their plan of action to combat youth unemployment and marginalization. The guiding principle in all proceedings is "combating youth unemployment and marginalization - from words into action".

The bi-annual General Conference is the highest organ and central event of the UBC, the main organisation and representative of the local authorities in the BSR. UBC has – especially during the past two years – devoted much attention to the shaping and implementation of the EUSBSR and its Action Plan and thus became a major partner of the European Commission/DG REGIO.

More information and registration to the conference at:

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