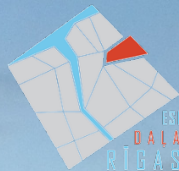




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# URBAN STREAMS

Union of Baltic Cities  
Commission of Urban Planning & Commission  
of Environment

RIGA | September 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>



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**FACTS:**

**Where:** Riga

**When:** 14th – 17th of September

**Who:** UBC CUP & EnvCom

**How much:** 50 participants  
from 29 cities






How does a good waterfront public space look like?



How to adapt river edges for flooding and storm water management?



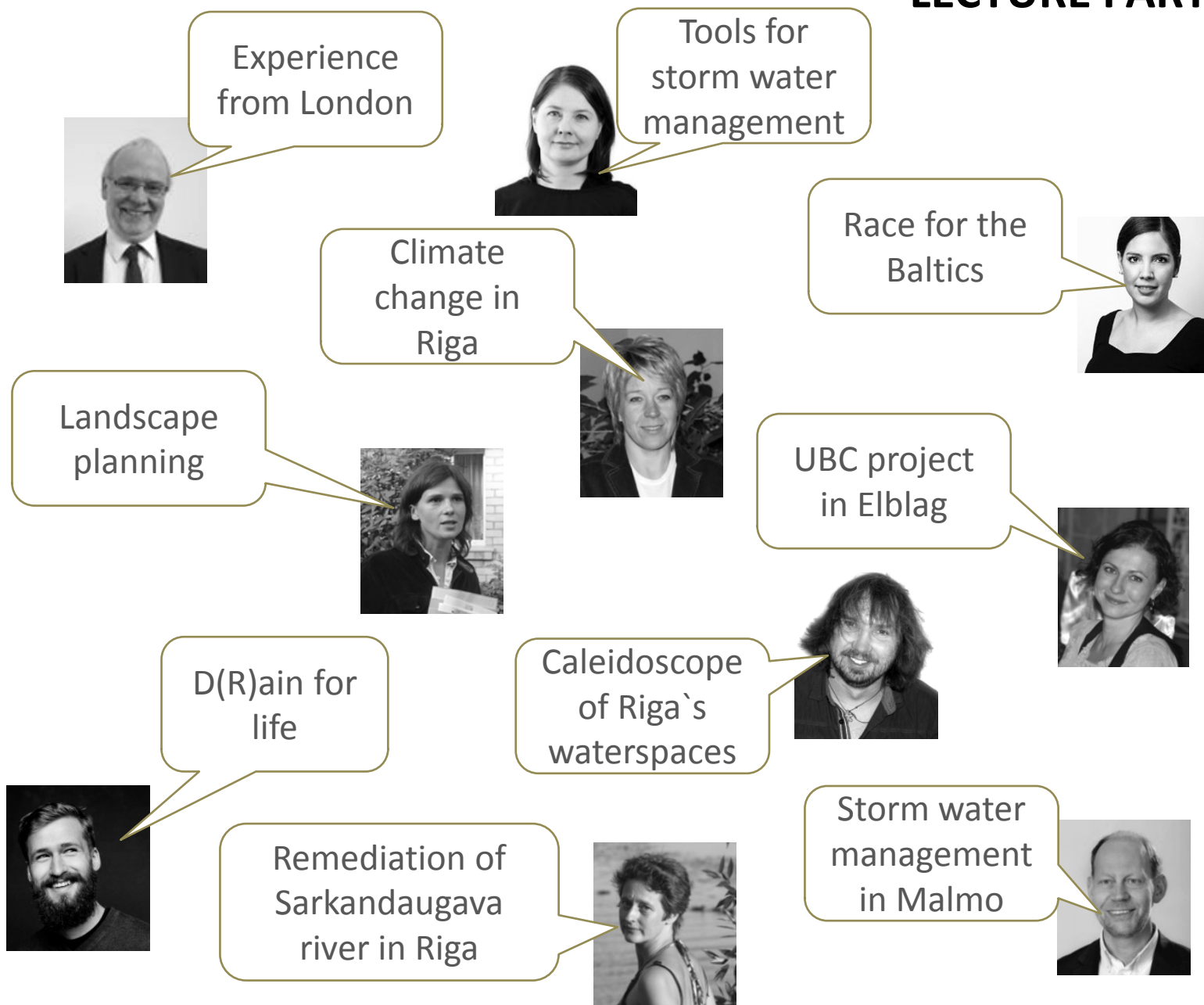
How do people want to use urban waterfronts?





How could the built environment around the water spaces look like?

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- **Presented for public and authorities** of Riga City Council City Development Department / Strategic Department
- Published on Departments webpage/facebook/twitter
- Ideas will be **included in new Territorial plan** for Riga

# UBC STRATEGY and Sustainability Action Programme 2016 - 2021



## **Planning process for the New Programme**

**Introduction to the process in Örebro 20 May 2014**

### **Workshop I in Riga 17 September 2014**

Presentation of current UBC SD Action Programme 2010 – 2015  
Results, activities of UBC SD Programme and current situation in UBC and BSR  
“Signals for the upcoming years – Action period 2015 – 2020”  
Workshop and first summary

**Email survey/request of comments to UBC member cities**

**Stakeholder workshop with other BSR organizations January/ February 2015 in Stockholm**

**Presentation to UBC Presidium February/ March 2015**

**Workshop II in Malmö 19 – 20 March 2015**

**Finalization May – June 2015 and presentation/ decision by UBC Executive Board**

**UBC General Conference in October 2015 in Gdynia**

**Includes all, coordinated by BG, co-chairs**



# UBC activities

Meetings and workshops

UBC Commission meeting, (Energy, Transport, Environment, Urban Planning)

Coordination of projects

Coordination of conferences

European Cities and the Global Climate Challenge Conference 2009

Swedish EU Presidency activities and communication

Solutions Local - Together Conference 2011

Policy statements

EU Strategy for BSR communication & Implementation

Involvement in the EU preparation for COP15, EUSBSR

Surveys etc **Good Practise Databases** [www.ubcwheel.eu](http://www.ubcwheel.eu)

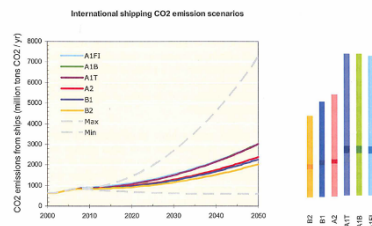


Figure 1-2 – Trajectories of the emissions from international shipping. Columns on the right-hand side indicate the range of results for the scenarios within individual families of scenario.



 UBC Sustainability Action Programme



Nordic Conference on Sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea Region, 31 Jan - 2 Feb, Turku 2011



# UBC EnvCom projects

## **Climate Change (UBC Resolution, General Conference Pärnu 2007)**

- **CHAMP**; Integrated Management Systems for Climate Change
- **BaltCica**; Impact, costs, scenarios on adaptation
- **GreenCitizens**; Sustainable transport and logistics in Umeå
- **Net-Com**; Support to cities involved in Covenant of Mayors
- **Nordlead**; Study and evaluation of success factors in climate work

## **Maritime policies and development (based on UBC policy statements and memorandum)**

- **Innoship**: Sustainable ports
- **Smartcomp** (Central Baltic) Smart and sustainable innovations in Maritime industry
- **SNOOP**; Evaluation and measuring air emissions from ships

## **Urban wastewaters (based on UBC city proposals)**

- **PURE**; waste water treatment, sludge, **Successful investments in Belarus**
- **PRESTO**; waste water treatment, sludge, investments in Belarus
- **WaterCluster** (BSR Programme)

## **Finnish-Russian cooperation (based on successful cooperation and contacts)**

- **NEAT+**; awareness raising in St Petersburg
- **BSNA**; awareness raising, videos and films, *mobile applications and games for youth etc*
- **Gulf of Finland year 2014** preparations

## **Sustainable Urban Transport (based on UBC city requests)**

- **Eltis+**, Sustainable and efficient transport
- **Quest**, Sustainable transport and good practises
- **Rulla**, Transport and mobility planning
- **Civitas Dynamo** Sustainable transport systems in Europe
- **New Bridges**, rural urban interaction, quality of life, regional development
- **Challenge** (IEE Programme)



# UBC: Policy Liaison & Coordination



**HELCOM observer**

**CBSS Expert group on Sustainable Development**

**European Sustainable Cities & Towns Conference** member of preparation committee

**ELTIS+ consortium supporter**

**EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region** commenting and involved in implementation

- **Flagship status** PA1 PURE and PRESTO, PA4 BSR Innoship
- **Coordination involvement** PA 5, PA 8.4
- **HAL / Turku process involvement**



**Communication with DG Regional Policy, DG Env, EU Interact**

**Communication with Funding Programmes**

**CoR Outlook paper** EU Budget - Integrating Climate Change for GREEN, SMART and INCLUSIVE GROWTH via the Committee of the Regions, DG Regional Policy etc.





# Results & achievements

**UBC Sustainability Action Programme 2010 – 2015. Part of UBC Strategy, include all UBC Commissions, coordinated by UBC EnvCom**

## Projects

- **Appr 25 large projects** 51,3 m € total / 5,3 m € budget (UBC EnvCom)  
(Now 7 applications under progress)

...including approximately 40 UBC member cities

## Flagship status

**PA1 PURE and PRESTO, PA4 BSR Innoship**

## Meetings

**Large scale conference 2011 and 7 commission meetings**

## Survey

1 in 2012 - 2013

## Publications

**8 Environmental Bulletins**

- Publications both in paper and electronical version
- 2 RENEVED web page, Good Practice database, Use of social media

## Testing

**New media and working methods**

- Different types of communications
- Broad participation in meetings
- Good testing of new technologies for efficient meeting management

## Partner status

**Well defined reputation&wanted cooperation partner in BSR**

- High success with project applications
- Broad involvement of UBC member cities. New cities involved in activities
- High number of requests for joining projects/conferences
- Broad participation in BSR projects, activities and European Policy making
- Good cooperation with other UBC Commissions
- Broad international staff in office

## *Key focus areas*

- Climate Change
- Sustainable Urban Mobility
- Urban Planning
- Integrated Urban Water Management
- Maritime Activities
- Supporting East-West Dialogue





# Themes: Project preparation

## Ongoing

Climate change adaptation and mitigation

Improved urban wastewater management

New Urban Mobility for Europe

Sustainable Energy Action Plan - Energy efficiency

Rebuilding brownfield areas (Kupittaa – Itäharju)

Blue Growth (Maritime and Sea)

Smart City for Baltic Cities

St Petersburg – Turku activities

## New Concepts.

Industrial Symbiosis

Multimodal mobility solutions

Smart electricity

Energy efficiency

CO2 neutral targets

Brownfield development

Coastal area management

Circular economy

## Consultations – Facilitations

Evaluations, peer reviews, assistance in starting up, partner search

# *Objectives/themes for consideration*

## **I Green urban economies**

- Make our instruments work for its drivers!

## **II Climate-smart Baltic Cities**

- Take climate leadership!
- Make Baltic cities the smartest !

## **III Partnerships for knowledge-based development**

- Partner up with sustainable businesses!
- Co-create our cities with citizens and stakeholders!

## **IV Urban biodiversity and nature**

- Care for nature, care for life!

