



## MAYOR OF GDYNIA

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Gdynia, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**Mr. Per Bødker Andersen**  
**President**  
**Union of the Baltic Cities**

### Candidate Application for the UBC XIII General Conference in 2015

Dear Mr. Andersen,

On behalf of inhabitants and authorities of the City of Gdynia I would like to express our great interest in hosting the Union of the Baltic Cities XIII General Conference in 2015. For many years now, Gdynia has been an active and engaged member of the Union of the Baltic Cities. We do believe that the activities undertaken by the Union and discussions carried out within the frame of its works greatly contribute to the economic, social and cultural development of the whole Baltic Sea Region. The Conference in Gdynia would constitute an exceptional opportunity to promote the results of that work in our region and beyond.

The participants of the Conference in Gdynia would have a unique chance to get acquainted with our beautiful City. Gdynia is a modern and vibrant place, situated within a scenic coastal landscape, with a population of a quarter of million. As a sailing capital of Poland, Gdynia can boast of a long and easily accessible coastline, one of the largest marina in the country, as well as plenty of seaside recreational areas in the immediate vicinity of the main streets. The city centre is worth to be mentioned as well – planned and built in the interwar period, it is a testimony to the Modern Movement listed in the Register of Historical Monuments. Gdynia is not only a perfect leisure spot though. We put great emphasis on the 21st century technologies and modern office facilities so that innovative companies and their products could develop and grow. Maritime sector still plays a fundamental role in the city economy but this is the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation that Gdynia is now known for.

We very much hope that you will favourably consider our proposal and decide to organise the next UBC General Conference in the City of Gdynia. I am more than certain that it would not only contribute to better understanding of the role of the UBC among local community. It would also constitute a perfect occasion for fruitful discussion on the development of the Region and the UBC itself. Should you have any queries regarding our application, please contact Ms. Joanna Leman, Manager of the Foreign Relations Department of the Gdynia City Hall (phone: +48 58 668 8207, e-mail: [j.leman@gdynia.pl](mailto:j.leman@gdynia.pl)).

Yours sincerely

  
Marek Stepa, PhD Eng. Arch



Europe Prize  
2002



Council of Europe  
Plaque of Honour  
1998



Council of Europe  
Flag of Honour  
1996



European  
Commission  
Golden Stars  
of Twinning  
1995