



NEW UBC STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK – COMMENTS FROM CITIES AND COMMISSIONS

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Temat: UBC Strategic Framework

Hello, I'm writing to you regarding UBC Strategic Framework. From UBC Safe Cities Commission we would like to add several things to the UBC Strategic Framework. Under Aims we would like to add - "Improve security services as well as assure better safety standards and procedures for all Baltic sea Region citizens."

Under Values - "Safe"

And in the UBC work priorities for the 2016-2021 we would like to add:

- knowledge dissemination about the safety of young people through their education in the schools, promote appropriate lawful behavior,
- safety issue promotion among community members using modern media and other coordinated activities in local communities of the UBC member cities,
- building of urban safety through UBC citizens participation and cooperation with the private sector in terms of maintaining law and order in the cities.

I hope that these ideas could be added to UBC Strategic Framework. If you have any questions, please ask!

Best Regards,

Kaspars Varpins

Chairman of UBC Safe Cities Commission

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Temat: UBC Strategic Framework, Pori

Dear Madam/Sir,

It is good to proceed with the new UBC strategy during the next two years, because the action plans are aimed at common development objectives in the Baltic Sea region.



For its part, Pori wishes to work actively, in particular in the sectors of culture, children's culture, and sustainable development of the environment.

With best wishes,
Aino-Maija Luukkonen
Mayor
Pori

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Temat: VB: UBC Strategic Framework

Dear Mr President,

With reference to your message from the 17 November, we would wish to give some comments to the draft UBC strategic Framework 2016-2021 which has been collated from Swedish member cities, namely:

- 1) Related to statement for item 3 "vision" one city acknowledged that this vision is not as a vision stated for the UBC but for the Baltic Sea Region. The comment did not suggest that the statement was incorrect, but suggested that it may be good to state that it is a "vision for the Baltic Sea Region", not only giving the heading "vision";
- 2) Sub-heading under point 4, states "Synergy and added value by working regions", comment was to consider to include word or words "Cross border and macro regionally" into the heading", possibly by changing the word regionally to: "Synergy and added value by working cross border and macro regionally";
- 3) One comment related to point 5. How does UBC work: Proposal to mention all UBCs thematic commissions and also mention the working group for gender;
- 4) We noticed that the organization "Euroregion Baltic" is lacking in the list of cooperation partners under section 6. We believe they should be mentioned as one of the organizations we work for;
- 5) During discussions among Swedish members, there has been a proposal to make the UBC cooperation more results oriented and it has been proposed that this could be done by making the UBC work more project oriented. The proposal is therefore to change heading of item 7e: "Stronger,



more proactive and member-driven UBC” by adding the word (PROJECT ORIENTED) to the heading, the new heading would be: “Stronger, more proactive, project oriented and member–driven UBC” (and also include the same heading into Annex 2 (page 8);

6) One Another question related to section 7 “UBC work priorities”: Proposal to add a wording on cross-cutting issues such as gender equality (with emphasis to follow up on progress);

7) On same page (8) under the heading “Effective functioning of UBC structures”, we propose that there should be mentioned that the UBC secretariat should take a more active role in project development within UBC; we propose that this should be done by adding another point 7e, namely: – That the secretariat shall take a more active role in project development within UBC; under point 7.e (as well as in annex 2);

8) We further suggest to explicitly add that the UBC shall take an active role in facilitating and coordinating cooperation and exchange related to the refugee situation in Europe. This could be done by simply adding the phrase: - That UBC shall take an active role in facilitating knowledge exchange and cooperation between UBC-cities in issues related to the refugee situation in Europe under heading 7. We believe that this statement would be well in line with the resolution taken during the General conference in Gdynia;

9) Question related to point 8 (how do we measure success): How do we measure: effectiveness of commissions [?]; and quality of partners [?] how would measurable indicators for those aspects be set?

10) It was highlighted that annex 2 has a comprehensive list of important activities. The city commented believed that it is important to emphasize a strong link between the points mentioned in annex 2 and the action program to ensure successful results of important issues; the city commenting makes the point that: measures mentioned in the strategic framework, only shall be effective if they are actually connected to some real and concrete actions;

11) Also related to annex 2 (tasks for 2016-2017): Propose to put emphasis on capacity building within commissions; increased focus on transnational cooperation) – it was highlighted that it could be useful to connect with the Baltic Association (which is an entity being formed (that will work on capacity building in the BSR);

12) It was further emphasized that it is important that we in UBC lives up to our aim to actively promoting “democratic values such as gender equality, inclusiveness and participation” by always integrating these values into our own work, including how the commission’s work, how we put together the composition of the executive board and for instance when selecting speakers for conferences et cetera.



Note that this is a compilation of different views put forward from a number of Swedish UBC cities who have chosen to comment on the document. Although it does not represent the common view of all Swedish member cities we believe the views can be valuable inputs to finalizing the strategic framework for 2016-2021.

Best regards,

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Temat: UBC Strategic Framework

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for providing the member cities with a document describing the new UBC work priorities for the period of 2016-2021.

We are happy to say that the preparatory work done to formulate the document is impressive.

The statements in it are clearly formulated, the priorities, tasks and challenges of the organisation nicely disaggregated and reasonably structured.

The City of Tartu supports the UBC work priorities for the period of 2016-2021.

Thank you.

In appreciation,

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Temat: Statement from Luleå Municipality

Dear UBC colleagues,

Please, find attached a Statement by the mayor of Luleå Municipality, Sweden, Yvonne Stålnacke. The Statement is aimed to confirm Luleå's commitment to UBCs vision, values and aims described in the UBC Strategic Framework 2016 – 2021.

Best regards,

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LULEÅ MUNICIPALITY

2016-01-04

The President of the UBC
Mr Per Bødker Andersen

Dear Mr Per Bødker Andersen and dear UBC colleagues,

We have read the UBC Strategic Framework 2016 – 2021 document and with this letter we want to confirm our commitment to the Union of the Baltic Cities vision, values and aims. Luleå Municipality recognize great advantages of our membership in the Union of the Baltic Cities and the big potential of the network which benefits to all its members. UBC's role as the organization that brings together many countries and cities has gained even more importance in the current turbulent times in Europe when the cooperation between Baltic cities became crucial. With this statement we want to ensure that Luleå Municipality is a committed member of the Union of the Baltic Cities and is looking forward to a fruitful cooperation in 2016!

Yvonne Stålnacke

Yours faithfully,
Yvonne Stålnacke
Mayor
Municipality of Luleå