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## ***A CALL FOR STORIES TO THE UBC BULLETIN***

Cities are continuously changing and evolving. The sprawling urban areas, heavy traffic, increasing number of visitors, the economic, social and spatial inequities have all serious impacts on the local safety. Consolidation and transfer of existing knowledge, awareness on urban safety and prevention seem to be necessary to improve quality of life in human settlements.

Safety of citizens is an inherent part of urban sustainable development.

Hopefully, the next issue of the Baltic Cities Bulletin, entitled:

### **Making Baltic Sea cities safer**

will bring innovative tools and instruments to improve security services as well as to assure better safety standards and procedures for all Baltic Sea Region inhabitants.

The Editorial Board would like to invite you to write stories on your city's problems, challenges and experiences connected with the local safety. The articles may concern the overview of the problems the city faces, e.g. traffic congestion, illegal street trade, graffiti, homelessness, juvenile offences, etc. What are their origins and reasons? How do their consequences influence the public order and urban society? How does the city deal with these challenges? Are there any educational and prevention programmes? Naturally, the success stories, presentation of solutions, know-how and best practices are more than welcome.

As usual, apart from the main theme, we are looking forward to receiving stories on interesting events and daily life news from our member cities. Those articles are published in the chapter "News from Member Cities". The UBC Commissions are welcome to inform about their events, meetings and projects in the chapter "UBC Today".

Looking forward to your reply,

Paweł Żaboklicki  
UBC Secretary General

## Please follow these guidelines when submitting your story:

- Deliver the story by e-mail to: [anna.dargiewicz@gdansk.gda.pl](mailto:anna.dargiewicz@gdansk.gda.pl) in MS WORD format. Please remember to kill the viruses before sending it. Please expect confirmation of reception. Lack of confirmation means that the message is not delivered.
- Each member city may submit two articles - one related to the cover theme and one to the chapter "News from Member Cities". All stories shall be sent in English.
- Each article may have max 400 words, no more than 1 page A4, font TimesNewRoman 12pt. The editorial board sometimes needs to shorten the stories in order to include more stories into the Bulletin. It is also important to include the author's name and contact details for any follow-up questions related to the story.
- Please make all efforts to include a smashing photo or a digital picture to illustrate the article (JPG format, min. 300 ppi, one e-mail - one picture, the file should not exceed 3 MB). Remember to send us also the coat of arms of your city, if you have not sent it earlier.
- The deadline for stories to the Bulletin is **26 September 2011**. Please respect this timetable as we are unable to print out stories received after this deadline.

All the material should be sent directly to the UBC Secretariat in Gdansk. If you have interesting issues to report, please do not hesitate to send them.

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