



UBC Commission on Environment  
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**Dear UBC Friends,**

It is our honour and pleasure to invite you all to the Meeting of UBC Commission on Environment which will be held in Tampere, Finland 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2008.

The meeting will concentrate on the ***Visions of future in the Baltic Sea Region***. In the meeting a process towards the next action programme 2009-2015 will be started with broad and active discussion among the UBC member cities. The Commission on Environment wants to answer to the current needs and wishes of the cities and therefore asks cities to **submit proposals for topics, speakers or case studies** you would like to present during the brainstorming session of the meeting. These proposals will be incorporated to the meeting programme. Please, send your proposals to: bjorn.gronholm (at) ubc.net by the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2007.

This meeting will offer an efficient networking opportunity for the cities to exchange experiences, learn from each others, discuss of possible common project ideas and establish co-operation, not just within the commission on Environment, but also with other UBC Commissions.

UBC cities are asked to have a look at the practical information on the meeting and register to the meeting by the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2008.

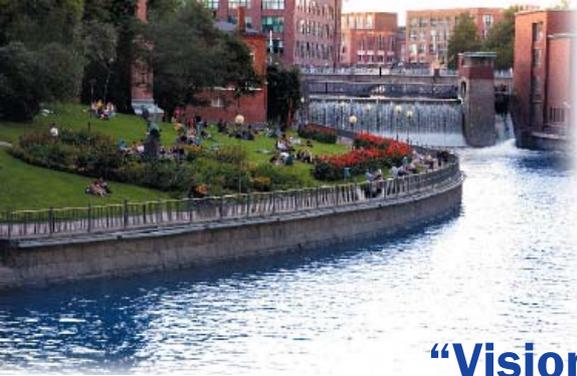
Yours faithfully,

*Guldbrand Skjönberg Mikko Jokinen*

Guldbrand Skjönberg and Mikko Jokinen  
Co-chairs  
UBC Commission on Environment

*Timo P. Nieminen*

Timo P. Nieminen  
Mayor  
City of Tampere



# Agenda for the UBC Commission on Environment meeting

(as of 26 November 2007)

7-8 February 2008, Tampere Central City  
Administration, Aleksis Kiven katu 14-16 C, Tampere



## “Visions of future in the Baltic Sea Region”

### Thursday 7 February

- 9.00 *Welcome*  
Representative of the city of Tampere  
  
Commission co-chair, Mr **Guldbrand Skjönberg**  
City of Nacka, Sweden  
  
*Presentation of the task of the workshop,*  
Mr **Björn Grönholm**, Head of UBC Environment and Sustainable Development Secretariat
- 9.30 *Visions of the Baltic Sea Region*  
  
*“Agenda 21 trends and developments of the BSR during the past 15 years”,* Dr **Marko Joas**, Department of Public Administration, Åbo Akademi University  
  
*“Baltic Sea Region in the upcoming 15 years”,*  
Mr **Björn Grönholm**, Head of UBC Environment and Sustainable Development Secretariat  
  
Discussion and summary
- 10.30 *Coffee*
- 11.00 *Sustainable Cities in the Future*  
  
*“The Vision of a Fossile Free Växjö”,* Ms **Sarah Nilsson**, Head of Sustainable Development, city of Växjö  
  
*“Gdansk in the future”,* **Maciej Lorek**, Head of Environmental Department, city of Gdansk  
  
Discussion and summary
- 12-13 *Lunch*
- 13-16 *Intensive discussion and brainstorming for the UBC Action Programme 2009 – 2015*  
  
This brainstorming session will use different methods to enable efficient discussion on :  
- Challenges of the UBC cities  
- The needs of cities around the Baltic Sea  
- Tools developed in projects SUSTAINMENT, BUSTRIP, MUE-25 and ACTOR  
- The service components in communication strategy of UBC EnvCom (including Bulletin, website, database etc)  
- Involvement of UBC Commissions, UBC Executive Board  
- Involvement and participation in networks, campaigns and other similar activities  
- New & efficient working methods for projects  
  
*Coffee available app. 14-15*
- 17-18 *Reporting from the brainstorming*  
Presentations and evaluation of the work  
Next steps in the development work
- 19.30 *City Hall reception, Aleksis Kiven katu 22*

### Friday 8 February

- 09.00 *Conclusions of brainstorming yesterday*  
Reporting on the discussions and recommendations  
Commitments of the cities in the future
- 09.30 *Commission on Environment activities and events*  
chaired by Mr **Björn Grönholm**, Head of UBC Environment and Sustainable Development Secretariat  
  
Update of the activities during year 2007  
  
Presentation of the UBC EnvCom Advisory Board, participants, tasks and roles  
  
Presentations of project proposals under development
- 10.30 *Coffee*
- 11.00 *Presentation of the project proposals continues*  
  
Climate Change in the BSR, concretizing the resolution on Climate Change
- 12-13 *Lunch*
- 13.00 *Introduction and presentation of “the Baltic Challenge”*  
  
Proposal from Mariehamn on “Improved Water quality in the BSR through commitments of reducing phosphorous”  
  
Upcoming events
- 14.30 *Closing of the Commission meeting*  
  
Commission co-chair Mr **Guldbrand Skjönberg**, City of Nacka, Sweden
- 15-17 *Possible sightseeing in Tampere*  
  
*Project development meetings*



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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### 1. Registration and payments

To register for the meeting and to reserve accommodation, please register using the online form at [http://www2.ubc-action21.net/index.php/main:ubc\\_envcom0208](http://www2.ubc-action21.net/index.php/main:ubc_envcom0208)

The Environment Commission will cover the costs of all the meals and refreshments during the meeting. We are also able to partly support the accommodation costs of the participants. For receiving this possible subsidy contact Stella Aaltonen at [stella.aaltonen@ubc.net](mailto:stella.aaltonen@ubc.net).

### 2. Getting to Tampere

#### by air

There are frequent daily flights between Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (HEL), and Tampere-Pirkkala Airport (TMP) the flight time being 30 minutes. There are also direct flights from Copenhagen and Stockholm, Frankfurt/Hahn, Tallinn and Riga to Tampere-Pirkkala International Airport.

Tampere Airport is served directly by five airlines: SAS, Blue 1, Finnair and Ryanair.

Please also notice that low fares airline Ryanair flies from Riga, Bremen, Frankfurt, and Hamburg to Tampere-Pirkkala Airport. For the Ryanair flights timetable please visit: [www.airpro.fi/ryanair\\_lentoaikataulut](http://www.airpro.fi/ryanair_lentoaikataulut).

The trip from Tampere-Pirkkala airport to Tampere city centre takes less than half an hour. The fastest way to reach the city centre is to take an Airport taxi, which takes travellers to all the city centre hotels. The fare is 12 € per person, whereas a normal taxi costs about 20-30 €.

Tampere area local cab: landline 10041 or mobile phone 1004131.

#### by bus

Travelling by an express coach is an easy way to get from the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport or Helsinki city centre to Tampere. The coach departs every 1-2 hours and the traveling time is approx. 2,5 hours (ticket approx. 20€). For further information, please visit the website: <http://www.expressbus.fi> or [http://airpro.fi/ryanair\\_linjautojennakataulut](http://airpro.fi/ryanair_linjautojennakataulut)

#### by train

There are train connections by comfortable trains between Helsinki and Tampere city centres. From the Helsinki-Vantaa airport you can easily take a bus to Helsinki or Tikkurila railway station and take a train from there. Trains depart every hour (except for night time), and the travelling time 1,5-2 hours (ticket approx. 26€). For further information please visit website: <http://www.vr.fi/heo/eng/index.html>

### 3. Accommodation

The block reservation "UBC meeting" in Omenahotelli Tampere has been done for all participants. When you have registered through the link under registration, we will confirm the accommodation to you automatically.

Omenahotelli Tampere  
Hämeenkatu 28, 33200 Tampere, Finland  
Tel. +358 020 7716 555, fax +358 020 491 2777  
E-mail: [info@omena.com](mailto:info@omena.com)  
<http://www.omena.com/hotelli?hid=584037>

### 4. Meeting Venue

The meeting will be held at Tampere Central City Administration (Tampereen kaupungin keskusvirastotalo), which is located in the city centre, at the address:

Aleksis Kiven katu 14 - 16 C, 33101 Tampere.

For further information please visit the website: <http://www.tampere.fi/english/administartion/index.html>

The city reception is going to be held in the Tampere city Hall, (Tampereen kaupungin Raatihuone) Aleksis Kiven katu 22. Picture of the venue available at: <http://www.tampere.fi/sanoinjakuvin/kuvat/panoraamat/raatihuone.html>.

### About Tampere

Tampere is the third largest city in Finland and the largest inland centre in the Nordic countries. Currently there are over 200,000 inhabitants in Tampere, and almost 300,000 inhabitants in Tampere Sub-Region, which comprises Tampere and its neighbouring municipalities. Tampere is located at a distance of 173 kilometers northwest from Helsinki.

The city was founded in 1779 on the banks of Tammerkoski Rapids (one of Finland's official national scenic areas). There are 200 lakes and ponds in Tampere, and a total of 450 in the entire region. 24 per cent of Tampere's surface area is water and 76 per cent land. 18.5 per cent of the land has a town plan.

In 2004, the City of Tampere came first in an image survey comparing the largest cities in Finland. It was also the most attractive city among Finns who plan on moving.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions concerning the practicalities of this meeting.

*Hope to see you all soon in Tampere!*

