



BALTIC BEETLE TOUR



Old automobile lovers from Elbląg arrange the brave excursions around the Baltic Sea. The route includes 31 UBC member cities. They would like to visit all of them.

The club is preparing the trip that join together the automobile achievement with coming into new contacts with the similar environments around the whole Europe. "Beetle Club Elbląg" already cooperates with similar organisations in Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, France and Czech Republic. The Baltic Sea Region, although politically divided for many years, is of very coherent culture. The next trip, which will either have the features and advantages of the tourist experience and will create the friendly network between the automobile clubs in the neighbour countries.

After the last tour in 1997 - Garbitour Atlantic - to the Atlantic coast on French-Spain border the club worked out a very effective travelling system for up to 10 cars (max. 30 persons). The extensive route of the trips requires driving for 500 km/ a day. Besides, there are also foreseen few days for visiting the most interesting places and cities as well as taking part in the automobile events, held on the way of the trip.

The course of new excursion will be reported by the international monthlies such as German "VW Scene International" and French "Super VW Magazine". The results of the trip will be showed on the fairs and the "Motor Scene" exhibition in Dortmund (Germany). Also Polish northern broadcasting are open for the initiatives.

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BALTIC MEETING POINT

Baltic Meeting Point is the new meeting place for discussion of important issues concerning sustainable community development in the Baltic Region – sustainable in an ecological, social and economic sense.

Here researchers and representatives of society and industry are able to meet and forge contacts leading to new products and shared research and development projects. Baltic Meeting Point demonstrates good ideas which participants may be inspired to put into practice back home and initiates a process which brings dynamism and new networks to the region.

Baltic Meeting Point comprises interesting workshops, exhibitions and cultural events. This year the workshops will address the interplay between town and countryside, water issues and energy. Presentations address new solutions, the ways in which new technologies can both affect and be affected by democratic and socio-cultural processes, as well as health and the environment. The event will also demonstrate how new ideas can be converted into profitable products through entrepreneurship and skilled decision making. It all adds up to an important meeting of research, industry and society.

The three days will conclude with a summary by participating students. The process will then continue in the form of projects, run by various groups of participants, which may be reported on at subsequent meetings.

To form a creative atmosphere, time has been set aside for discussions and meetings where participants can seek cooperation partners. The programme also includes cultural events, exhibitions and social activities.

The finer details are down to the participants, who will be drawn from the entire Baltic Region. Together with the organisers and local industry, they are the force which will create Baltic Meeting Point's image and the factors for its success.

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The Editorial Board wishes following contributions to the bulletin:

- Stories related to the theme
 - Short news about activities in the cities
 - Vivid and creative photographs to the stories
- Please do not hesitate to contact the UBC secretariat in any questions relating to the Baltic Cities Bulletin!

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