



## TASK FORCE MEETING COMING UP !

Your city is one of the 70 members of the Union of the Baltic Cities and therefore entitled to nominate one representative to the UBC Task Force for Communication and Public Relations (TF). TF is a functional group of contact persons who have the will and the skill to promote practical Baltic Sea cooperation within UBC member cities.

The Task Force members are typically city officials responsible for public and/or international relations in their cities, as the aim of the TF is essentially to develop communication about international projects, partnerships, events and other developments regarding cities and the region.

The Union is growing rapidly and so is the importance of the role of the TF. Please make sure that your city is involved in the presently ongoing updating process. The next TF meeting



*"Is your city already a Task Force member?" Paweł Aboklicki, Secretary General, Anders Engstrom, President and Sonja Hilavuo, Chairman of the TF encourage cities to join.*

under the theme **"Project management and Communication"** will take place in Kalmar, Sweden on October 5-7, 1997. Please contact the Chairman of the Task Force, so that your city can be included in mailing lists for further information about this event.

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## BALTIC MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITING (MEA) SEMINARS

**UBC's MEA project has proceeded to its second phase, the dissemination of the model to interested member cities. This will be achieved by organizing four training seminars during September-October 1997.**

The UBC Commission on Environment launched the MEA project in March 1996. It aims at creating a model to be used in conducting environmental audits in Baltic Sea cities. The project is financed by the EU's Life-fund, the Finnish Ministry of the Environment and the World Bank and the participating cities (Helsinki, Tallinn and Turku).

The first phase of the project was the pilot auditing of the City of Tallinn where the new MEA model was tested.

Based on the results and experiences of that study, the following publications have been written:

- Manual for Municipal Environmental Auditing (MEA) in Baltic Cities
- MEA Workbook
- Conclusions and Recommendations of the MEA Project in Tallinn
- The Initial Environmental Review of the City of Tallinn
- MEA Pilot Project in Tallinn

Some of the material is also available in Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish and Russian.

In the second phase of the project other Baltic Sea cities are encouraged to adopt the model and use it to audit their own city. The model will be presented in national MEA-dissemination

seminars in Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia in September and October 1997 as follows:

Panevėžys, Lithuania 22 - 23 September  
Riga, Latvia 24 - 25 September  
Kaliningrad 29 - 30 September  
Gdynia, Poland 1 - 2 October

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