

WELL-BEING MAPS IN TURKU



The City of Turku is about to launch the Interactive Well-Being Web Map – project (IWWM). Project funding has been sought from the EU INFO 2000 programme. The project combines health and socio-economic data resources, utilising new multimedia and geographical information systems (GIS) technology. The end product will be a pilot version of Interactive Well-Being Web Map information service based on GIS' versatile analytic potential and on multimedia interactivity.

The GIS technology can effectively combine, analyse and visualise many different kinds of information. These systems are increasingly used as strategic planning instruments in public sector administration and in companies. The new GIS operate in real-time on the Internet and enable true multimedia utilisation.

The Interactive Well-Being Web Map (IWWM) is a virtual database that can be used by an individual or by public authorities for the diverse analysis and visualisation of information on health and well-being. IWWM creates new potential for utilising public sector data resources as a significant aid in strategic decision-making, and measures for prediction, planning and allocation. It also makes illustrative map presentations and related information more comprehensible to lay people.

The City of Turku is the project coordinator. The other partners are from Greece, Wales and Ireland.

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The theme of the next bulletin will be 'LOCAL AGENDA 21'. Everyone is welcome to send material to be published in it. The deadline for contributions is 31 January 1999 – please respect it.

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!



LÜBECK LAW IN TALLINN



On 15 May 1248, King Eric Ploughpenny of Denmark granted "all those rights which the citizens of Lübeck have" to the citizens of Tallinn. Likewise, the town councillors of Tallinn are mentioned for the first time in this document.

Lübeck Law remained the basis of the administration of justice for more than six hundred years. All rulers of Estonia from the thirteenth to the mid-nineteenth century reconfirmed it. Only in the second half of the nineteenth century Lübeck Law lose its importance as an independent law code of Tallinn, as the reforms of the Russian government in the 1870s and 1880s were implemented.



Old Town Hall in Tallinn

Through Lübeck Law and the Hanseatic League Tallinn was integrated into the cultural and economic sphere that comprised Central, Eastern and Northern European towns. The norms of Lübeck Law have influenced the moral standards and mentality of the local inhabitants for a long time. Tallinn has been established a European town for 750 years.

This year the motto "Lübeck Law in Tallinn 1248-1998" has accompanied

many different events. The celebrations started on 15 May with a meeting of the current City Council, held in the historic Town Hall. On the same day an exhibition on the history of Tallinn and its city council was opened. Until mid-November everyone has the opportunity of viewing the unique documents from Tallinn City Archives, among these all five surviving manuscript codices of Lübeck Law – three of them date from the thirteenth century. Some of the valuables that belong to the town council and are now kept in Tallinn City Museum are also on display. The codex of Lübeck Law of 1282, the second oldest among the ones preserved in Tallinn,

will be published in December. It will also include an introduction in Estonian and German, the transcription of the codex and its translation into Estonian.

The "Old Town Days", held on 6-10 June, was the culmination of the anniversary. This is an annual feast, which this year was dedicated to the

anniversary of Lübeck Law. The representatives of many other towns, including the mayor of Lübeck, participated at the conference "The Citizen and Municipal Power". The conference concentrated on the relationship of the citizen and the municipal power in organising town life today. The discussion was dedicated to the future of democracy in towns.

The main academic event of the anniversary was the international symposium "City in north-eastern Europe. The Cultural Connections from the Enforcement of Lübeck Law until the Enlightenment". Among the participants were distinguished historians from Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Norway, Russia and Sweden.

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