

INTRODUCING THE UBC PRESIDIUM



Mr Anders Engström
Mayor of Kalmar, Sweden
President of the UBC since 1991

Motto for the term 1998-1999 in UBC:

“The role of our cities is to contribute to positive democratic, economic, social and environmental development in the



Baltic Sea Region”
Mr Michael Bouteiller
Mayor of Lübeck, Germany
Vice-President of the UBC since 1991

Motto for the term 1998-1999 in



UBC:
“Strengthen the City-Network!”
Mr Bart3omieJ Sochański
Mayor of Szczecin, Poland
Vice-President of the UBC since 1997

Motto for the term 1998-1999 in UBC:

“Working together makes us stronger and better, and it makes the Europe stronger and better, too.”

PRESENTATION OF THE UBC EXECUTIVE BOARD 1998-1999

City of Aalborg, Denmark

- **Number of inhabitants:** 160 726
- **Main fields / interests for Baltic Sea cooperation:**
 - to establish international projects a.o. with EU and national funding in Eastern Europe with special attention to the Baltic states and Kaliningrad in the fields of environmental and urban environment projects, SMEs, education as well as research projects (5th framework programme)
 - generally increased cooperation with Eastern Europe and Scandinavia
- **Motto for the period 1998 - 1999 as a UBC Board member city:** generally to improve our international cooperation and engagement
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City of Bergen, Norway

- **Number of inhabitants:** 224 157
- **Main fields / interests for Baltic Sea cooperation:** Economic development
- **Motto:** To strengthen the contact between our region and the regions in East and Central Europe
- **Contact person for UBC matters:** Mr Audun 3iestad
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City of Gdańsk, Poland

- **Number of inhabitants:** 467 000
- **Main fields / interests for Baltic Sea cooperation:**
 - the city role in the process of creation of new strong selfgovernmental Gdańsk region; we would like to use Scandinavian and German experiences in question.
 - to work out the Gdańsk urban development strategy including district revitalisation, city infrastructure, housing

- to develop efficient city administration structure
- other fields like social care, social pathology, ecology.

• **Motto:** Cooperation between the Baltic cities as a decisive factor in the process of European integration.

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City of Kaliningrad, Russia

• **Number of inhabitants:** 420 000

• **Main fields / interests for Baltic Sea cooperation:** economy, culture, environment, health and social care, education

• **Motto:** Development towards sustainability within the Baltic Sea region.

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City of Klaipėda, Lithuania

• **Number of inhabitants:** 203 000

• **Main fields / interests for Baltic Sea cooperation:** To accelerate preparation for the EU membership and raise the Lithuanian living standard to European level. The city is determined to stir up its activity in all UBC commissions and defines the following priorities of projects in each of them:
Culture: to open cultural layers of our country - cognition of various cultural fields in the Baltic region, exchange of cultural information.
Information and Communications: to create

information base and communication network and to join the communication structure of the Baltic region.

Social affairs: preventive work, integration of the disabled to society, reduction of unemployment

Environment protection: integration of sustainable development concept into municipal policy.

Tourism: introduction of the UBC cities to Lithuanian tourism resources.

Transport: reform of public transport structure in the cities.

Sport: through sports to give young people more chances for communication and guarantee on continuity of traditions.

• **Motto:** Advantages of the UBC membership - the road to the European Union

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City of Pärnu, Estonia

• **Number of inhabitants:** 51 807

• **Main fields / interests for Baltic Sea cooperation:** Tourism, culture, social affairs, environment, communication, EU projects

• **Motto:** Through UBC to EU

- to participate actively in the commissions of tourism, culture, social affairs, environment, communication, Women's Network, Task Force

- to double the number of member cities in Estonia

- EU project partners from UBC
All friendship towns of Pärnu around the Baltic Sea will be the members of the UBC.

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City of Rēzekne, Latvia

• **Number of inhabitants:** 41 500

• **Main fields / interests for Baltic Sea cooperation:** Tourism, environment, social affairs as well as spatial planning and economic development

• **Motto:** Taking into account its favorable geographic situation and excellent economic potential, Rēzekne City is developing a reputation as a fast-growing city of interest to both local and foreign investors.

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City of Rostock, Germany

• **Number of inhabitants:** 231 313

• **Main fields / interests for Baltic**

Sea cooperation: Social Affairs:
- economical development especially of SMEs
- labour market promotion, decreasing of unemployment
- UBC network for health prevention
- care of elderly people
- youth care
- tourist city marketing
- common approach as UBC - Baltic region towards Brussels and EU institutions

• **Motto :** Strengthening of the influence of our Baltic Region and the UBC as an organisation for cities. Intensifying of the different networks for exchanging of experiences between cities.

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City of Stockholm, Sweden

- **Number of inhabitants:** 700 000
- **Main fields / interests for Baltic Sea cooperation:** To develop the new Commission on Business Cooperation
- **Motto:** The Baltic Sea area, the centre of Europe
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City of Turku, Finland

- **Number of inhabitants:** 165 000
- **Main fields / interests for Baltic Sea cooperation:** Health, environment and health-related economics
- **Motto:** Long live the Baltic!
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THE UBC SECRETARIAT IN GDAŃSK AT YOUR SERVICE



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The UBC Secretariat is located in Gdańsk in Poland.

Its responsibilities include:

- coordination of UBC daily work and activities
- communication with the member cities and other organisations
- organising UBC conferences, meetings and events
- producing reports, documents, newsletters

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