



CULTURAL CITIES  
COMMISSION

## ACTIVITY REPORT

CULTURAL CITIES COMMISSION/JAANA SIMULA

2016-2017

### 1. General description

- chairperson Jaana Simula, Pori FI, vice chair Radosław Krajewicz, Chojnice PL
- secretariat chairperson / UBC secretariat

#### Aims & goals

The commission wants to work strategically and cross border with central national and international bodies dealing with policy making for sustainable and inclusive development within the Baltic Sea strategy and EU 2020 strategy. The Cultural Cities Commission wants to be voice for culture on local level in order to have the cultural issues on local level heard and taken into account in all policies for developing the local level on regional, national and international context.

In order to realize the vision four objectives has developed: 1. Network based cultural cooperation, 2. Professionalization of the cultural field, 3. Strategic partnerships, 4. Research

### 2. Meetings/seminars/conferences

2016

#### Working board meetings

Rostock, 14.3.

- number of participants
- outcomes: outlines for coming seminars in Słupsk and Ustka (Dolina Charlotty), Poland and Turku, Finland

Turku, 27.9.

- number of participants
- outcomes: outlines for year 2017 and coming seminar in Pori, vice chair nominated: Radosław Krajewicz, Chojnice PL

#### UBC Board Meetings

77th UBC Executive Board meeting, Stockholm, 10.11.2016

Chairperson presenting the findings of the Connections between culture, education and new

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technologies –seminar by Cultural Cities and Youthful Cities Commission and the BSR Culturability Seed Money application process.

### **Seminars jointly with other commissions**

#### **Cultures of Sustainability in Baltic Cities – commission collaboration 2016, Słupsk and Ustka**

As a part strengthening collaboration between the commissions, Cultural Cities Commission was a partner in making joint commission seminar “Cultures of Sustainability in Baltic Cities” in Słupsk and Ustka, Poland on 15th- 17th June 2016. UBC Safe Cities Commission and Sustainable Cities Commission. The main aim was to discuss and find key principles on how to produce safe and sustainable events from small-scale local events to big international events in the Baltic Sea Region cities. A toolkit is in making: “Guidebook for smart and sustainable event management”.

#### **Connections between culture, education and new technologies, Turku**

A joint commission meeting with the UBC Youthful Cities in was on 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September with the theme New Cultures of Education. The seminar of the meeting was focusing on different connections between culture, education and new technologies. The topics and examples were about coding and libraries as well as gaming and museums connect, how cultural institutions work together with schools and educators. The phenomenal based education and its role in new Finnish national education plan was also explored. Important part was also the on-site study visits.

### **Conferences**

#### **24th BSSC meeting in Hämeenlinna 15th of September**

UBC Cultural Cities Commission chairperson was invited to give presentation on best practices in the UBC cities concerning social inclusion with culture in the EUSBSR Policy Area Culture hosted discussion “Culture – Driving force for regional integration and social inclusion”.

#### **The 7<sup>th</sup> EUSBSR Forum**

Stockholm, 8.-9.11. The 7th Strategy Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Chairperson took part in the work shop “How do the cultural and creative sectors encourage cooperation, innovation and inclusion in a culturally diverse BSR?” on the 8 November 15:00 - 16:20 arranged by the Nordic Council of Ministers Latvia Office with a talk “Why would or should BSR cities/regions be interested in using/developing Minecraft/cultural planning”.

## **4. Cooperation with other organisations**

### **Culturability II**

Culturability Phase 2 organised by Danish Culture Institute with partners is organized as a set of meetings and workshops in 2016 and 2017 with experts from cultural and non-cultural stakeholders, including policy-makers, academia and entrepreneurs from culture and creative sectors. Meeting materials: <http://culturability.lv/workshops-and-meetings/>

Rendsburg 14.-15.4. 1st Kick-off Meeting

Chairperson presenting UBC, Cultural Cities Commission and the cultural work in cities.

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29.-30.9. Jūrmala, Social Inclusion & Digital Tools & Gaming

Chairperson presenting cases from the UBC cities

### **EUSBSR PA Culture**

9.11. Stockholm, PA Culture Steering Group meeting

Chairperson reporting on the behalf of UBC Cultural Cities Commission

## **2017**

### **Working board meetings**

Pori, 1.3.

- number of participants

- outcomes: outlines for coming seminar in Kaunas and XIV UBC GC in Växjö

Kaunas, 26.9.

- number of participants

- outcomes: outlines for 2018 and XIV UBC GC in Växjö

### **UBC Board Meetings**

15.-17. 2. Kristiansand, 78th Executive Board meeting,

Chairperson presented commissions action plan and budget 2017-2018

15.6. Berlin, 79th UBC Executive Board meeting

Chairperson informed about the project Culturability BSR – Culture for Sustainable Development which is one of the Seed Money Flagships under the EU Action Plan for the Baltic Sea Region and involves UBC cities in cultural planning.

### **Seminars**

1.-3.3. Pori, Culturability II - Cultural Planning Days

The Culturability II – Cultural Planning Days was arranged together with UBC Cultural Cities Commission, City of Pori, University Consortium of Pori, University of Turku / Cultural Production and Landscape Studies and Danish Culture Institute in Latvia. The purpose was to familiarize the participants with cultural mapping in practice. Case-sharing from following cities by representatives from cultural planning pilots and projects: Jurmala (Latvia), Visaginas (Lithuania) Gdansk (Poland), Kiel (Germany), Nakskov (Denmark) and Pori (Finland).

26.-27.9. Kaunas, Kaunas Culture and Kaunas 2020 in making

Seminar by Kaunas City and Cultural Cities Commission. Topics and visits: Kaunas – European Capital of Culture 2022” program and preparation, architectural tour in the centre of Kaunas “Modernism Architecture”, presentation of Kaunas event “Bienale” (<http://bienale.lt/2017/en/>) and presentation of the community cultural project in in Silainiai city part.

### **Seminars by UBC**

11.4. Gdansk, UBC Working Group on Gender Equality conference "Attractive and Inclusive Cities – Promotion of Equality of Men and Women in Local Life". Chairperson present.

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2.-3.2. Gdansk, Cultural Tourism

Vice chair attending.

##### **EUSBSR PA Culture**

12.6., Berlin, PA Culture Strategic Project Development Workshop

Chairperson presenting coming BSR Culturability project

13.6. Berlin, PA Culture Steering Group meeting

Chairperson reporting on the behalf of UBC Cultural Cities

#### **5. Communications**

Facebook, UBC Bulletin

Jaana Simula

6.10.17