

**Annual meeting
of Inclusive and Healthy Cities Commission
combined with conference on intergenerational local policies**

Gdynia, Poland, October 2017

This year's annual meeting of Inclusive and Healthy Cities Commission was combined with two-day international conference entitled **“Intergenerational City - Challenges in Demography and Opportunities for Sustainable Development”**. The event took place on 9-10 October 2017 in Pomeranian Science and Technology Park in Gdynia, Poland, and was attended by 230 participants from Poland and abroad - politicians, city officials, academics, experts, representatives of various institutions and organisations, youth and senior citizens. It was a time to present current undertakings on intergenerational local policies implemented in three UBC member cities. Per-Inge Liden, Chairman of the Labour and Social Council and Vice chairman of Karlstads Stadhus AB - Karlstad, Sweden, gave the presentation “The voice of the young in an intergenerational city”. Martti Merra, Director of Sports and Youth Services in Espoo, Finland, explained how sport and recreation activities can be used as a tool on intergenerational actions. And first conclusions from Gdynia Intergenerational Dialogue and Social Innovation Incubator were presented by representatives of City of Gdynia, Poland. It was time very well spent on seeking collectively answers how to build a city open to citizens of all ages - a city that recognizes the needs, potential and prospects of people creating a local community at every stage of their life. The plenary sessions were streamed live and visual notes were taken.

During the second day of the conference, **the annual meeting** of Inclusive and Healthy Cities Commission took place. Five member cities and representative of UBC Secretariat participated in this meeting. Activity report 2017 and Activity plan 2018 were presented. During this year the Commission has had two meetings: a workshop meeting in Trelleborg in March (service design method has been implemented to sketch the idea of possible common projects and Open social spaces has been a key theme for this workshops to develop) and current annual meeting in Gdynia. Members has been also engaged in the UBC board meetings in Kristiansand (February) and Berlin (June) and in the preparation meeting held in Rostock (September) for the Conference planned in March 2018 in subject of migrants integration. The upcoming events are XIV UBC General Conference, Växjö, and a study visit in Gdynia during White Ribbon Campaign - eight workers from the social field activity in Karlstad will visit Gdynia in December 2017.

According to members decision, the presidency of the Commission will be held for two years: Gdynia will take responsibility for chairing the Commission (Jarosław Józefczyk) and co-chair will be held by Karlstad (Lina Helgerud).

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