



12th ANNUAL FORUM OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION - LITHUANIA 2021

CONCEPT NOTE Presentation of the EUSBSR cities

The project will be co-financed by Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme

Despite the virtual type of the Annual Forum 2021, the organizers will make efforts to ensure as many spaces as possible for EUSBSR cities to showcase their promising practices from policy to grass-root level in order to promote European cooperation and networking. During the two sessions, minimum 18 cities will engage in presenting their practices, debate with other stakeholders and build stronger commitment to EUSBSR as a regional platform.

"Cities leading positive social transformations" – 29th of September, 15:00-18:00

The session will be dedicated to showcasing cities' strategic projects in promoting positive social movements in terms of social inclusion, participatory models in communities and decision making, citizenship initiatives, debating the role of new technologies in promoting social cohesion and finally reflecting on impacts of corona crisis on social movements.

The agenda:

15.00 Introduction to the day & Welcome speech from the UBC

15.05 – 15.55 Session I "Inclusion and integration processes"

16.00 – 16.50 Session II "Participatory processes and new technologies"

17.00 – 17.50 Session III "Cultural models for positive transformation"

17.50 – 18.00 Closing remarks

*During each session of 50 minutes, 3 cities will present their practices (10 min each) and 20 minutes will be dedicated to Q&A and a debate moderated by the UBC team.

"Cities as leaders in Green recovery" – 30th of September, 15:00-18:00

The session will be dedicated to showcasing cities' strategic projects in advancing green projects and initiatives in terms of transport, food, ecology, smart cities and discovering the role of European and cross-border cooperation in this matter.

Agenda:

15.00 Introduction to the day & Welcome speech from the UBC

15.05 – 15.55 Session I "Infrastructure green recovery – a base?"

16.00 – 16.50 Session II "European project and networking"

17.00 – 17.50 Session III "Lifestyles and cities – can we do more?"

17.50 – 18.00 Closing remarks

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