UBC participation in the EUSBSR Forums

At the **7**th **EUSBSR Annual Forum in Stockholm on 8–9 November 2016**, the UBC coorganised two seminars:

- "Cities and regions: Drivers or bystanders in Baltic Sea cooperation?" The seminar focused on cities and regions as key players in the Baltic Sea Cooperation. Organisers: UBC and Land Brandenburg.
- "Nothing about us without us Sustainable and green future and prosperity, growth and jobs from a youth perspective". The seminar focused on youth involvement in the labour society and BSR Vision 2030 in youth perspective as well as features youth representatives in dialogue with politicians from local and regional level. Organisers: BSSSC, UBC, Euroregion Baltic.

Read more about the seminars: http://ubc.net/content/ubc-seminars-eusbsr-strategy-forum-raised-important-issues-youth-and-cities-roles-bsr

At the 8th EUSBSR Annual Forum with the theme "Connectivity" in Berlin on 13–14 June 2017, the UBC co-organised altogether four seminars and back-to-back meetings before and during the Forum:

- Youth Conference 2017
- Youth seminar "Nothing about us without us making it work!"
- First Participation Day of the EUSBSR
- Smart water sector seminar

At the 9th EUSBSR Annual Forum with the theme "Baltic Sea Region After 2020" organised in Tallinn on 4–5 June 2018, UBC co-organised altogether three seminars and back-to-back meetings before and during the Forum:

- Youth Conference 2018 prior to the Annual Forum on 3 June, organized together with Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC), EuroRegion Baltic (ERB) and Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS).
- Second <u>Participation Day of the EUSBSR</u>, organized by the Horizontal Action Capacity and its coordinators Baltic Sea NGO Network, Union of the Baltic Cities and the Swedish Institute. See attachments for more details.
- Seminar "Nothing about us without us digital tools for better youth involvement and dialog" on 4 June, organized together with Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC), EuroRegion Baltic (ERB) and Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS). See attachment for more details.

Read more about the seminars and events: http://ubc.net/content/ubc-co-organised-four-seminars-and-back-back-meetings-eusbsr-annual-forum
See also: https://storify.com/EU Regional/8th-eusbsr-annual-forum

At the **10th EUSBSR Annual Forum, which took place in Gdańsk on June 12-13, 2019,** the theme of the Forum was "Circular and sharing economy as an answer to demographic changes and environmental challenges in the Baltic Sea Region".

UBC was co-organiser of:

• The Baltic Youth Camp, Gdańsk, 8-11 June 2019

The event was co-organized by the Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC) together with the Union of Baltic Cities (UBC), the Euroregion Baltic (ERB) and the Baltic Sea Cultural Centre (BSCC) in Gdansk, with support of PA Culture.

- Stakeholder seminar Regions and Municipalities involvement in the EUSBSR, Gdańsk, 11 June 2019
- Easing the way for migrants, seminar, Gdańsk, 13 June 2019

The seminar was co-organized by HA Capacity (consisting of Baltic Sea NGO Network/Norden Association in Sweden, Swedish Institute, Union of the Baltic Cities) and PA Education (consisting of Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg/Norden Association in Sweden) together with EU Strategy for the Alpine Region, EU Strategy for the Danube Region and EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region.

Read more: https://ubc.net/content/ubc-active-10th-eusbsr-annual-forum

11th EUSBSR Annual Forum, 20 October 2020 (online)

The EUSBSR 11th Annual Forum "Our Region, Our Future – Towards a Decade of Innovation and Sustainability" was organised online as a virtual event, broadcasted from Turku, Finland on 20 October 2020. The themes of the Forum were sustainability and innovations. The UBC and its Commissions were co-organizers of several workshops.

- "Unlocking the nutrient recycling potential in the Baltic Sea Region", 30 September
 2020
- STEAM Science and Technology Path for Every Child and Youngster, 2 October 2020
- Common Road Map for COOPERATION in BSR: Joint actions for Sustainable Region, 6
 October 2020
- Reducing security risks related to the climate change and mainstreaming climate agenda in EUSBSR after 2020? 12 October 2020

More information: https://ubc.net/content/eusbsr-annual-forum-2020-celebration-baltic-sea-cooperation-times-corona

12th EUSBSR Annual Forum

In 2021, the UBC together with Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, Kaunas City Municipality, KaunasIn and Klaipėda City Municipality, co-organized the 12th EUSBSR Annual Forum on 27 September— 1 October 2021. The Forum was entitled: Revitalise, Recover, Recharge.

• The sessions included "Enhancing stakeholder and citizen engagement within the EUSBSR Green Transition", "Cities leading positive social transformations", "Cities as leaders in Green recovery" as well as three Networking Village sessions.

More information: https://ubc.net/content/12th-eusbsr-annual-forum-5-days-40-events-and-1700-participants