



The Best Environmental Practise in Baltic Cities Award 2003



**On the occasion of
the VII UBC General Conference
17 - 19 October, in Klaipeda:**

The Baltic Sea Wave
**Business Development in
the New Europe**

The Baltic Cities Environmental Award 2003

Why this award

The Baltic Cities Environmental Award is arranged every second year on the occasion of the UBC general conference. Now for the third time UBC has the honour to invite its member cities to participate in the contest. The intention of the Award is to encourage the Baltic Sea Region cities to develop their administration and services in an innovative way for the good of the whole municipality and its citizens.

The themes

Since the theme of the General Conference is “Business Development in the New Europe” we would be delighted to get applications also embracing local businesses in some way. Special emphasis of the Environmental Award will be put on the themes:

- **Air Quality**
- **Bio-diversity**
- **Energy**
- **Environmental health**
- **Information & Education**



The Award

The Best Environmental Practice in Baltic Cities Award 2003 will be given as an honorary award (diploma and grant of 5000 Euro) to one of the UBC member cities. The grant is kindly donated by the Danish company, Per Aarsleff A/S.

The Ceremony

The ceremony will take place on the occasion of the VII UBC General Conference “The Baltic Sea Wave - Business Development in the New Europe” in Klaipeda, Lithuania, on 17-19 October 2003.

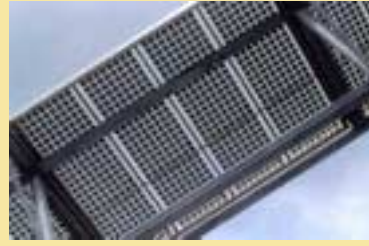
Award committee

The UBC Executive Board will nominate an award committee for the evaluation of the applications. Cities that will be represented on the award committee are excluded from applying. The members of the committee shall be independent of the practices being evaluated and they are to conduct their task according to sound ethical principles. The winner will be selected through the experience and insights of the members of the award committee.



Who can enter

A city, or partnership including a city that is a member of the UBC, can participate in the award contest. Non-members who are interested in participating could contact the UBC General Secretariat to become members.



Deadline

The entry should arrive at the UBC Commission on Environment Secretariat no later than 1 September 2003.

Criteria

The UBC is calling for innovative practices, which have been developed and/or implemented by city administrations to meet local needs. The intention is not to look for best overall management schemes, but to look for good innovative practices, which support local environmental development. This approach should mean that each UBC member city is entering the competition on the same premises – not depending on the location or size of the city, but on its performance. The key aspects of the evaluation will be the following:



Innovation, the practice should:

- Demonstrate innovation in one of the themes. All other innovative elements in the overall process as well as in technical implementation will also be appreciated.

Relevancy, the practice should:

- Deal with issues relevant to the city's environmental impact.
- Be relevant from the Baltic Sea regional point of view.

Themes, the practice should:

- Tackle one or more of the themes listed above. To deal with more than one theme is not a goal in itself.
- Describe the practice involved to combat the environmental impact.

Quality, the practice should be:

- Cost effective.
- Implemented in a good way taking into account aspects like planning and management.

The scale of the practice is not a determining factor. We would like to emphasise that the proposal should contain activities which have taken place in the period since 1999. The origin of the practice can naturally be older. Please, avoid proposals that have already received other international awards. Practices that have participated in the two previous Baltic Cities Award submissions are welcome with a new application.



How to apply

Submission should be made by e-mail to anna.granberg@turku.fi. The requirements for the application are the following:

- The applications should:
 - Contain a maximum of ten pages (A4, font size 12)
 - Not be larger than 500-kb
 - Be in English
- The applications should include the following sections:
 1. **Name of Best Practice**
 2. **Name of the applicant city**
 3. **Contact person and possible partners with full contact details**
 4. **Abstract of maximum 200 words, which contain goals, short description and results**
 5. **The theme the practise deals with**
 6. **Description of practice**
 7. **In what way the practice is innovative**
 8. **Budget or draft description of the finances**
 9. **Time-frame during which the practice has been conducted**
 10. **Environmental impact and fulfilment of environmental goals of the city**
 11. **Other results**
- We would like to receive two pictures from every practise in a printable resolution (min. 300 ppi) or paper prints sent by post.



Air quality



Bio-diversity



Energy



Environmental Health



Information & Education

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