

UBC Cultural Cities Commission: budget, action plan and vision 2015 -2016

UBC Cultural Cities Commission (CCC) id's hereby applying for funding for the years 2015 and 2016.

2015

Meeting costs (3 meetings)	7000€
Cost for Secretariat: arrangements for meetings, promotion material etc.	4500€

2016

Meeting costs (3-4 meetings) and seminar in co-operation with partners	8000€
Cost for Secretariat: arrangements for meetings, promotion material etc.	3500€

Cultural Cities Commission is applying funding from UBC for years 2015 and 2016 a total amount of 23 000€.

The action plan for 2015

- UBC 72nd General Meeting in Kemi 25.-27.2.Finland. Presentation of the action plan of Cultural Cities Commission
- International conference "CULTURAL AND CREATIVE CROSSOVERS" - Partnering culture with other sectors to maximize creativity, growth and innovation 11.-12.3.2015 Riga and first board meeting of the UBC Cultural Cities Commission 12th March in Riga
- The VI Annual Forum of the EUSBSR, 'Achieving e-Quality by Connecting the Region', 15-16th of June in Jūrmala, UBC CCC presentation.
- Baltic Sea Culture Gathering, 15 -17.9. Gdańsk, arranged by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Poland, UBC CCC board meeting.
- UBC XIII General Conference in Gdynia 27.-30.10.2015, UBC CCC board meeting
- Cesis Culture Department(Latvia), professional visit to Pori (Finland) in September, Nordic-Baltic Mobility program.
- Implementing the Vision presented in UBC Kemi meeting, working co-operative projects

The action plan for 2016

Four (4) board meetings, a seminar jointly with partners.

Implementing the Vision of CCC

Planning and launching project together with Ars Baltica (Under negotiation)

Strengthen our communication to and with UBC member's cities in the cultural area with a special focus on our Russian member cities St. Petersburg and Kaliningrad

Empowering Children's Culture

The vision of CCC for 2015 and 2016

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 commission on culture 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 been developed: 1. Network based cultural cooperation, 2. Professionalization of the cultural field, 3. Strategic partnerships, 4. Research

1. Network based cultural cooperation:

- Develop the exchange program even further, as this program has 3 aims, namely to stimulate professionalization, to develop the UBC cultural network, and to stimulate project making between the UBC cities.
- To promote a more intensive cooperation between the UBC cities on cultural level which has as criteria the cooperation aspect
- To promote the cities to invite cultural project from the other UBC cities for local events like festivals, celebrations or part of the daily programs

2. Professionalization of the cultural field:

- Exchange program to simulate the exchange of knowledge and experience through cooperation
- Sharing experiences at meetings and conferences
- Sharing new knowledge in newsletters, social media and the like

3. Strategic partnerships. Partners we want to develop contact to:

- Nordic Council
- EUSBSR PA Culture
- Ars Baltica
- Others

4. Research

Research is necessary for the cultural field to promote the necessity of culture. We would like to develop programs together with;

- Nordic council
- National or regional universities
- City authorities
- Professional research institutes