

Digital Nordic Cities Recommendation

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The UBC Executive Board discusses

1. The thematic focus of the UBC in 2021 is digitization in cities.
2. For the implementation of the thematic focus, a concept is to be developed that describes goals, projects and the implementation structure.
3. The concept is based on the following principals
 - The expertise and experience of the member cities with digitization are jointly developed further and made systematically accessible to all members and external interested parties.
 - The added value for existing member cities and potential new members is significantly increased by the provision of knowledge, experience and an Baltic Sea-wide network.
 - In the future the UBC should be perceived in the Baltic Sea region and beyond as a competent and reliable partner for digitization of cities.
4. The UBC Executive Board sets up a task force under the auspices of the Smart and Prospering Cities Commission to develop the Digital Nordic Cities concept. The cities of Kiel, Aarhus and Rostock form the task force. The task force will integrate other UBC cities.
5. The concept will be presented on the board until the end of 2020. The costs associated with the creation are borne by the UBC.

Reason

Municipal digitization is one of the most important future topics for all UBC member cities. The frame conditions are extremely complex and dynamic. These huge challenges will only be met if expertise, experience and successful implementation concepts are shared and implemented with other cities. The UBC in general and the UBC Smart and Prospering Cities Commission in particular is a suitable platform for the interests of the member cities.

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