

UBC Commission on Gender Equality

Established in 2007

City of Umeå is secretariat for the Commission

The goal of the commission is to create action for gender equality around the Baltic Sea and within the Union of Baltic Cities.

What we do

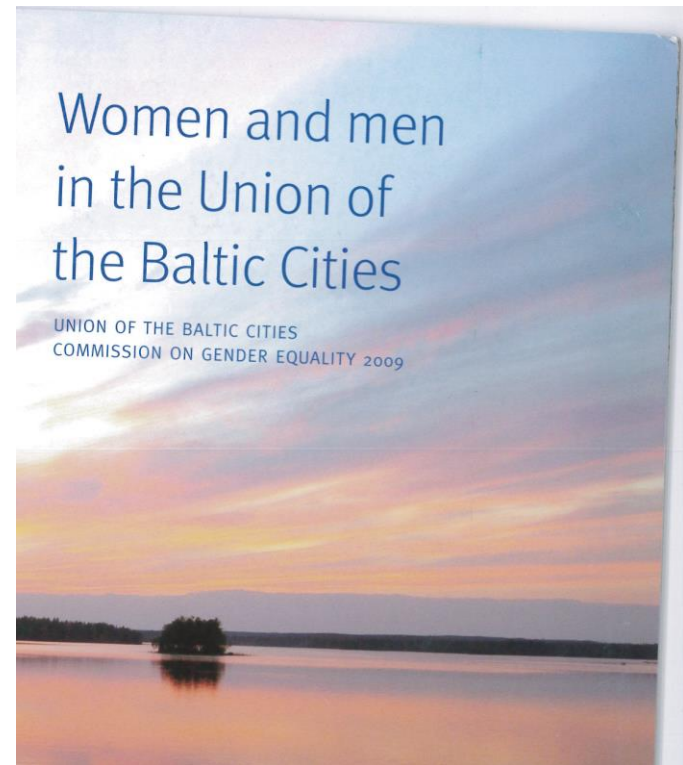
- Awareness-raising within the field of gender equality
- Promoting that a gender perspective is integrated into activities of the UBC
- Channeling information and contacts of the member cities
- Promoting projects within the area

Women and men in the Union of the Baltic Cities

UBC General Conference,
Kristiansand, Norway, 2009

Social planning, urban planning and
planning work

Male violence against women
Prostitution and human trafficking



Tools for change

Initiate cooperation with the cities where we have the meetings

- Sharing best practice
- Exchange of experience
- Practical knowledge

Gender commission 2011- sep 2012

- Gender equality commission meeting, april 2012, Helsinki
- Seminar on gender budgeting, april 2012, Helsinki
- Commission on Health and Social Affairs , june 2012, Vaasa
- Campaign posters to promote awareness on gender equality



Future work - UBC Commission on Gender Equality

Focus:

- Social planning, urban planning and planning work
- Combating prostitution and trafficking
- Labour market issues
- Gender budgeting
- Baltic sea strategy

Activities:

- Commission on gender equality, meeting, November 2012, Brussels
- Joint meeting with the Commission on Urban Planning, May 2013, Umeå
- Workshop, 5th Nordic council of ministers conference for sustainable development, september 2013, Umeå
- Update " **Women and men in the Union of the Baltic Cities**" to the XII UBC General Conference, October 2013

Project "BSR Local Platform on Social Development" sep 2012 – aug 2014

Aim

- Strengthen the social dimension in the BSR strategy (next programme period 2014-2020)
- Coordinate a thematic network on social issues
- Promote local level participation for the realization of the BSR strategy

Key areas

Equal labour market - Social investments - Increased labour productivity - Less drop-outs from school – Sustainable health – Social capital

Activities

- Project applications
- Thematic conferences, seminars
- Thematic networks, platform for policy input (and output)