

**UBC Safe Cities Commission report for 86th meeting of the UBC Executive Board
Online, October 28, 2020**

Meetings

Regarding COVID-19, no physical meetings of the Commission. In 2020 UBC Safe Cities Commission had 4 online meetings (every 2nd, 3rd week) regarding the COVID-19 pandemic (available in youtube.com). They were stopped, because the COVID-19 situation became better at that moment.

At the moment new online meeting is planned still in 2020, which will include discussions about actual situations of COVID-19 as well as youth safety (based on project “Youth for safer youth”).

Projects

ReSit - Situational Picture of Volunteerism for Societal Resilience in the Baltic Sea Region (funded by Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland). Questionnaire of institutions and volunteers has concluded. Now is the in depth interview period. At the end there will be report.

Youth for safer youth (funded by CBSS Project support facility). Will last till November 30, 2020. At the moment youth questionnaire about youth safety has concluded. In total we received 4281 responses. In Finland we received 3156, in Latvia -702 responses, in Lithuania – 423 responses. 19% of respondents were under 14 years of age, meanwhile the majority of respondents were in the age group from 14 to 18 – 68%, rest were older than 18. The summary of the questionnaire is being prepared and will be available at UBC homepage.

CASCADE – Community Safety Action for Supporting Climate Adaptation and Development (funded by DG ECHO). Work at the project is still ongoing together with UBC Sustainable Cities commission.

NEEDS - The Needs-based education and studies in societal security (funded by Erasmus+) began in October 2020. Total budget of project is 426 990,00 euro. Duration of the project is three years. Partners - CBSS, Laurea University of Applied sciences, Swedish Defense University, Riga Technical University, Tromsø university/Norway Arctic University, Hamburg firefighters, Main Fire school of Warsaw, Liepaja Municipal police as UBC Safe Cities Commission.

Planned activities

Taking part in the UBC Task force on Policy and Projects.

November 5th, 2020, participation at EUSBSR Priority Area Secure Steering group meeting (as well presentation of main findings of project “Youth for safer youth”).

Project “Youth for safer youth” findings presentation at project ChYResilience in November, 2020.

Preparation of overall questionnaire report about the youth safety questionnaire.