



Baltic Urban Lab – Integrated Planning and Partnership Model for Brownfield Regeneration

UBC network

- Established in 1991 by 32 cities
- Currently has over 100 members in 10 countries around the Baltic Sea
- Of 7 new commissions – the UBC Sustainable Cities Commission is headquartered in Turku
- UBC SCC comprises the work on environment, energy and transport issues
- SCC coordinates and implements UBC Sustainability Action Programme, current one for the period 2015 - 2020



UBC SCC

Activities include

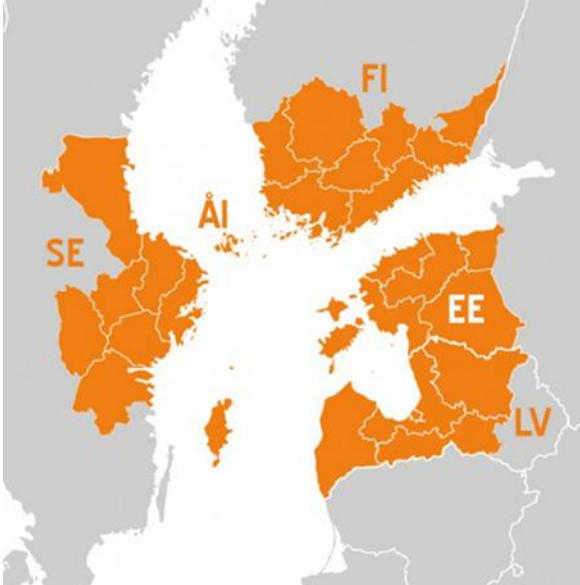
- UBC Commission meeting, (Energy, Transport, Environment, Urban Planning)
- Coordination of projects
- Coordination of conferences
- Policy statements
- Surveys, Good Practise Database www.ubcwheel.eu, etc

Project portfolio

- 25 large projects, currently 7 applications pending
- Involve around half our UBC member cities
- Cover topics such as climate change, clean shipping and maritime policies, water and wastewater management, sustainable mobility, integrated planning, and cooperation with Russia and Belarus



Baltic Urban Lab



- Application by INTERREG Central Baltic Programme 2015-2020
- Priority 2 “Sustainable use of common resources”
- Specific objective 2.3 “Better Urban planning in the Central Baltic region” targeting the challenges and opportunities related to improving the urban space via joint urban planning activities.
- Result Indicator: share of urban areas covered with integrated urban management
Output indicator: number of targeted integrated urban plans (4)
- Was granted funding in August to start 3 year implementation from October 2015
- Total budget 2 199 377,75



Baltic Urban Lab Consortium

WP leaders: *UBC SCC, Nordregio – Nordic Centre for Spatial Research and University of Turku – Brahea center*

City partners with pilot brownfield sites

- *Turku*
- *Tallinn (Urban Planning Department)*
- *Riga (City Council City Development Department)*
- *Norrköping*

Associated partners

- *State Regional Development Agency, VASAB Secretariat*
- *Regional Council of Southwest Finland*
- *Turku Science Park Ltd*
- *Turku Technology Properties Group*
- *BOVERKET – Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning*



Baltic Urban Lab Activities

Development of Integrated Planning and Partnership Model for Brownfield Regeneration (WP2)

Objectives and tasks

- *To formulate a common understanding and framework of the brownfield regeneration in the Central Baltic region*
- *Better capitalize and promote existing good practices on brownfield regeneration*
- *Improve Integrated PPP-partnership and co-creation based planning in the region*
- *Develop Integrated Planning and Partnership model (IPPM) to Brownfield regeneration for the Central Baltic cities*



Baltic Urban Lab Activities

City Pilots on integrated planning and partnership models (WP3)

Objectives and tasks

- *Develop viable strategies for the regeneration of urban brownfields*
- *Promote the establishment of Public-Private-People partnerships and dialogue in the cities for new solutions*
- *Improve involvement of stakeholders in the planning process*



Baltic Urban Lab Activities

Mutual learning, transfer of good practices and recommendations (WP4)

Objectives and tasks

- *Strengthen the role of Baltic Urban Lab as a learning opportunity to anyone in the region*
- *Ensure added innovation capacity in the pilots through mutual learning and joint development of solutions*
- *Ensure direct feedback and learning via Joint Pilot Review on the pilot processes*
- *Facilitate direct learning and exchange on practical examples on brownfield regeneration between project cities and external (experienced / learning) cities in the region*
- *Facilitate the institutionalization and diffusion of the knowledge and lessons learned from the project*



Baltic Urban Lab Expected Results

4 Integrated plans and development strategies for the participating pilot areas

- **Action plans for each pilot area** including stakeholder involvement plans
- Variety of **participatory methods** developed and tested
- **PPP-partnerships models** formulated on local level
- *Lessons learned from City Pilot processes including Integrated planning and PPP-approaches & participatory methods*
- **Common understanding on the definition of brownfields** and the framework influencing the redevelopment process
- **Good practices on brownfield regeneration** from the Central Baltic region and beyond identified and promoted
- **Analysis on the potentials of applying co-creation and PPP- partnership** approach in the framework of urban planning in the Central Baltic region
- **Integrated Planning and Partnership Model** for Brownfield regeneration for Central Baltic cities
- *Exchange and learning between local authorities and experts in the region on brownfield regeneration through training*
- *Joint Pilot Reviews and Site Study visits in four cities*
- **Policy and Practice recommendations** on revitalization of urban space



Baltic Urban Lab Pilot Sites

Turku: Itäharju area

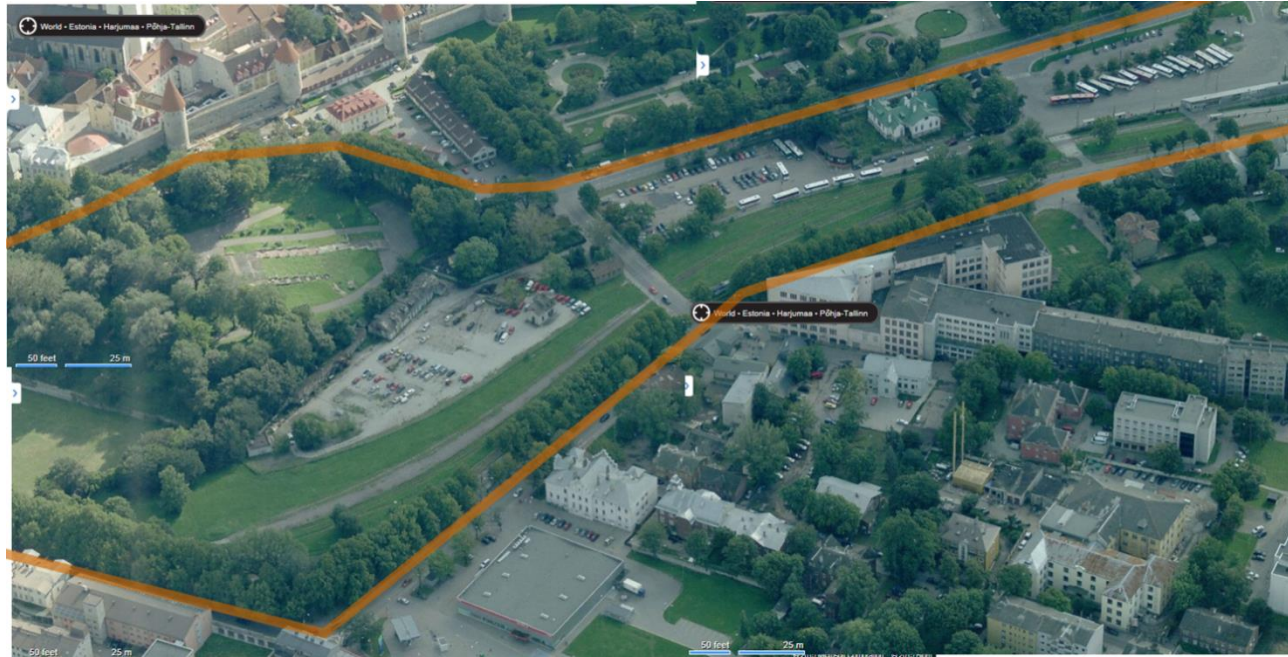
- Size: 70 hectares
- Proximity of the city centre and train station
- The existing adjacent science park and university area
- Current state: Collection of waste paper, collection of metal, garages, markets, health club, car shop, empty buildings, bakery, newspaper press, warehouses, offices etc.
- Main challenges related to the redevelopment of the area:
 - big road and railway separates area causing a lack of proper entries
 - highly polluted ground
 - great part of the area is owned by the city, but there are a lot of rental agreements (some of them last until 2051)



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Tallinn: Skoone bastion area

- Size: 13 hectares
- mainly municipally owned land, state land, unreformed land & randomly situated small private land plots
- Location: a green belt between medieval old town and wooden architectural milieu district Kalamaja; and between central railway station and passenger harbour.
- Several versions considered for future development (for example urban park with services, or underground bus-station), but no concrete plans



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Riga: Mūkusalas street

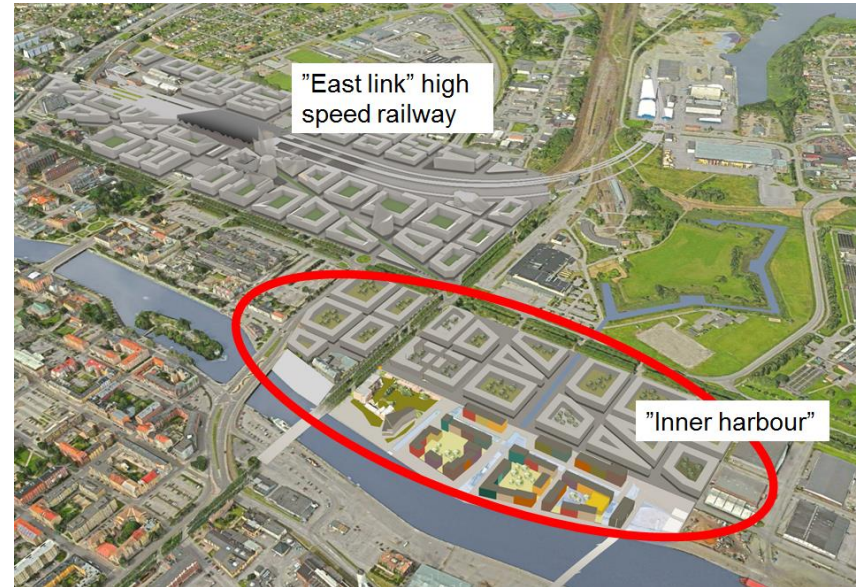
- Size: 50 hectares
- Part of neighborhood Torņakalns
- Mostly owned by legal entities of following sectors: trade, building, finance and insurance, household services, industry, as well as of the state and local governments
- Among priority development areas in the city of Riga
- Development Programme of Riga 2014 – 2020 foresees several scenarios
 - University of Latvia are building new complex for natural sciences
 - Multimodal transport hub in Torņakalns neighbourhood with potential Park and Ride
 - Bordering project Ranka dambja route
 - Private initiatives: business, services etc.



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Norrköping: inner harbour area

- Size: 20 hectares
- Approximately 50% publicly owned by the municipality of Norrköping, 50% owned by several different private property companies.
- In close connection with the Swedish national high speed railway project the Eastern link Norrköping is currently planning new urban development projects including a new railway station.
- Site is a former gasworks from the 1800-1900, polluted by hydrocarbons, lead and arsenic.
- After the required remediation done close to the sea and under ground water level, the site will be transformed to a living quarter with approximately 5000 new inhabitants.



Baltic Urban Lab next steps

Currently planning the project's Kick off in Turku for 19-21 January 2016

- *Communication activities related to creating project's visual identity, establishing and using social media channels, developing structure and functions for the Online Platform*
- *Activities for joint understanding of the framework of brownfield redevelopment in different countries (EE, FI, SE, LV) to enable critical insights into the redevelopment process and performing analysis of planning systems influencing the process*
- *Desk research analysis on the potentials and challenges of applying co-creation and PPP-partnership approach in the framework of urban planning in the Central Baltic region - principles, suitable methods and recommendations for cities*
- *Cities start preparing Action Plan including the description of the site, challenges to be addressed, methods and approaches to be tested in the pilot, expected outcomes & preliminary schedule. Stakeholder Involvement Plan defining the aims and activities (will be integrated into the action plan)*
- *Collect good practices on brownfield regeneration as well as on citizen participation*



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