

Urbanization, Mobilities and Immigration as a driver of urbanization in the Baltic Sea Cities. URMI project.

Insights on urbanisation and immigration

The Workshop presentations will concern e.g. immigration as a driver of urbanisation in the Baltic Sea Cities, and cities in the era of complex mobilities: findings from the URMI project.

At the time of the UBC General Conference in Växjö, the URMI project (Urbanisation, mobilities and immigration, <http://www.urmi.fi>) has been running for over a year and would be ready to connect with the international stakeholder community. The Växjö event would be a great opportunity for the research team to present some findings and to discuss their implications in terms of policy options.

The URMI consortium proposes to host workshop sessions in Växjö, with the following structure.

1) Presentations by the URMI team members: (15+30+15 minutes)

- Immigration as a driver of urbanisation in the Baltic Sea Cities: What is the big picture of international mobility? How significant was the recent growth in the number of asylum seekers for the Baltic Sea cities?

Tuomas Martikainen, Institute of Migration & Kaisa Schmidt-Thomé, Demos Helsinki

- Urban strategies (of Finnish municipalities) in the era of complex mobilities: How do cities cope with the current challenges? How do they address the questions of sustainability?

Pekka Kettunen, Åbo Akademi

- Socio-economic and ethnic segregation: What are their interrelationships based on the case studies of the URMI project?

Timo Kauppinen, National Institute for Health and Welfare

2) Invited comments & Questions & Answers -session

- Invited comments (one per presentation) from city representatives and other selected participants

- Open floor for questions and answers with the help of the online tool screen.io that collects comments and questions

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