



# BALTIC URBAN LAB

Creating and testing new integrated  
planning and partnership models  
for brownfield regeneration

to help cities revitalize urban space and support  
the development of smart, sustainable city districts  
with high-quality living and working environments

# INTEGRATED PLANNING

In Baltic Urban Lab, partner cities test new planning methods and solutions for strengthening Public-Private-People partnerships. Cities jointly learn and exchange experiences they encounter while preparing for the re-development of their brownfield sites.

The city pilots will result in **Integrated Plans and Development Strategies** for the four selected sites. These will define a common vision and suggest further steps for better usage of each area.

For the wider benefit of the Central Baltic Region, the project will lead to the formulation of the **Guidelines for applying Integrated Planning and Partnership models for Brownfield Regeneration.** This will increase the skills and capacities of local authorities to more effectively manage and utilize brownfields, as guidelines will help them apply integrated approaches to planning and better coordinate multi-stakeholder processes.



# CITY PILOTS

The pilot site of **Inner Harbor in Norrköping** is a former industrial site that is highly contaminated. It will become a residential area consisting of more than 2 000 new apartments. During the Baltic Urban Lab project, a geological survey will be conducted at the site, and an interactive soil- and geo-data visualization model will be developed in order to demonstrate results to the public.

For the **Mūkusalas street pilot site in Riga**, a holistic analysis of the current situation will be prepared, alongside local public/entrepreneur opinion surveys, in order to better understand challenges and opportunities connected to the planned re-development.

To regenerate **Tallinn's Skoone bastion area**, stakeholder meetings are being organized, a multiphase citizen involvement survey will be carried out and a structural plan of the area will be visioned. The aim is to develop an add-on IT application in order to create a new citizen involvement tool which will give valuable input for city planners.

In the pilot site of **Turku's Kupittaa-Itäharju area**, innovative partnership approaches and participation models, particularly for the early involvement of the private sector, will be developed and tested. New risk-assessment and remediation methods, alongside impacts on land-use, will be detailed in an environmental study on contaminated land.

# POLICY WORK

Baltic Urban Lab identifies and disseminates already existing **good practices on brownfield development as well as on citizen participation**. Moreover, to promote urban planning that is based on the co-creation of solutions for urban challenges in broad cooperation with a variety of stakeholders, a desk-research analysis on the **potentials of applying co-creation and Public-Private-People-partnerships (4P)** will be carried out. The lessons learned from testing various forms of 4P will also be disseminated in a report.

In order to reach a common position on the brownfield regeneration framework in Central Baltic countries, this project will formulate a **memorandum of understanding on the definition of 'brownfield'** for each national context. To aid this process, the current state of **planning systems, relevant regulations and challenges** related to brownfield development in each country will be mapped.

Knowledge and lessons learned from the project are to be utilized in the drafted **Policy and Practice Recommendations** for local, national and macro-regional actors seeking to apply an integrated approach in the revitalization of urban space.





# PROJECT INFO

**Baltic Urban Lab is an EU co-funded territorial cooperation project implemented from October 2015 to October 2018 by these cities with the pilot sites testing the Integrated Planning and Partnership Model:**

- ◆ **Norrköping** – Urban Planning Department (Sweden)
- ◆ **Riga** – City Council City Development Department (Latvia)
- ◆ **Tallinn** – Urban Planning Department (Estonia)
- ◆ **Turku** – Property Management Division (Finland)

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- ◆ Turku Science Park Ltd. (Finland)
- ◆ Turku Technology Properties Group (Finland)
- ◆ State Regional Development Agency, VASAB Secretariat (Latvia)
- ◆ National Board of Housing, Building and Planning BOVERKET (Sweden)
- ◆ Tallinn University (Estonia)

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