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## **The activities of the Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association to be part of the operations of the City of Turku**

Development Manager Maarit Luukkaa, 4 February 2019:

The City of Turku has been working in co-operation with the Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association since 1998 when it was founded. The target of the Association is to advance co-operation and networking to promote well-being in Turku and more broadly in the Baltic Sea Region according to the guidelines of the WHO Healthy Cities programme.

The Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association has been chosen as a WHO Collaborating Centre till the end of February 2019. According to the WHO regulations, the Association cannot continue this task which is significant for Finland. The City of Turku has been a member of the European Healthy Cities network since 1988 and it can apply for the status of a WHO Collaborating Centre.

The City of Turku has had negotiations, led by Director of the Administration Group Tuomas Heikkinen, with the Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association. It was decided in the negotiations that the City of Turku will apply to be a WHO Collaborating Centre. In the same connection, the annual financial support from the city to the Association will be included in the city's own budget. The projects of external financing and health promotion work in the Baltic region, which are now the Association's responsibility, will be joined to the operations of the City. This requires an additional resource of one person-year (permanent) for co-ordinating health promotion work, and one temporary person-year for carrying out the projects. A separate proposal has been made (record 14985-2018) for necessary personnel resource allocation. The unification of operations strengthens the statutory task of the City for health promotion.

The following projects of external financing will be the City's responsibility:

- BaltCityPrevention 1.10.2017-30.9.2020 /Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme. Role partner.
- MUCH MORE 1.9.2017-30.8.2019 /Central Baltic Programme. Role main promoter.
- Open the door for reading 1.10.2017-30.10.2019 /Erasmus+. Role partner.
- PACTE 1.1.2018-31.12.2020 /Erasmus+ Sport. Role partner.
- HEAT 1.4.2018-30.4.2020 /Central Baltic Programme. Role main promoter.
- FEMIS 1.9.2018-30.8.2019 /Nordic Council of Ministers. Role main promoter.
- HealthyBoost 1.1.2019-30.6.2021 /Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme. Role main promoter.

- Smart Europe Experience 1.1.2019-31.12.2020 /Polish Ministry of Development. Role partner.

The City Management Group led by the Mayor of Turku accepted the above proposal for uniting the activities on 21 August 2018. The Board of the Association supports the unification of the activities as part of the operations of the City of Turku. WHO supports the continuation of the Collaborating Centre activities as an operation of the City. The official method for application for a Collaborating Centre can be started in March 2019.

I propose that

- The City of Turku will apply for the status of a WHO Collaborating Centre in March 2019.
- The projects of external financing BaltCityPrevention, MUCH MORE, Open the door for reading, PACTE, HEAT, FEMIS, HealthyBoost and Smart Europe Experience, which are in the Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association's responsibility, will be transferred to the City in March 2019. The projects will be placed in the Well-being and Activity project portfolio.
- The City will implement international and local networking in the Baltic Region to promote well-being as part of the health promotion work carried out by the City.
- An annual allowance is allocated in the budget of the City to implement the activities.

Mayor Minna Arve:

Decision I decided that

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