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TOWARDS MORE LIVEABLE CITIES

PAULINA SZEWCZYK, CHAIR OF THE UBC PLANNING COMMISSION, GDYNIA, POLAND



Seminar

Designing Liveable Cities in the Baltic Sea Region



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UBC Planning Cities Commission

- operating since 1998
- Led by the **city of Gdynia, Poland since 2018.**
- The **network of professional planners around the Baltic Sea Region**
- Supporting city servants in their work of building **high quality of life, economically strong, resilient, sustainable cities**
- Promoting interaction and cooperation between Baltic Sea cities and towns **in the field of urban planning and construction in practice**



UBC Planning Cities Steering Group 2023-2025



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ANNUAL MEETINGS - SEMINAR & WORKSHOP



1. Introduction to the host city & inspiring lectures



2. Visit to the workshop area



"I think these events are excellent places to exchange experiences and knowledge, I hope that every city that is present in this event gets to bring something home. At least we in Turku are happy that there are so many people working for our areas" – Elina Rantanen, Deputy Mayor of Turku and the 1st Vice-President of UBC about Planning & Sustainable Cities Commission Joint Seminar held Turku 13-15 September 2023

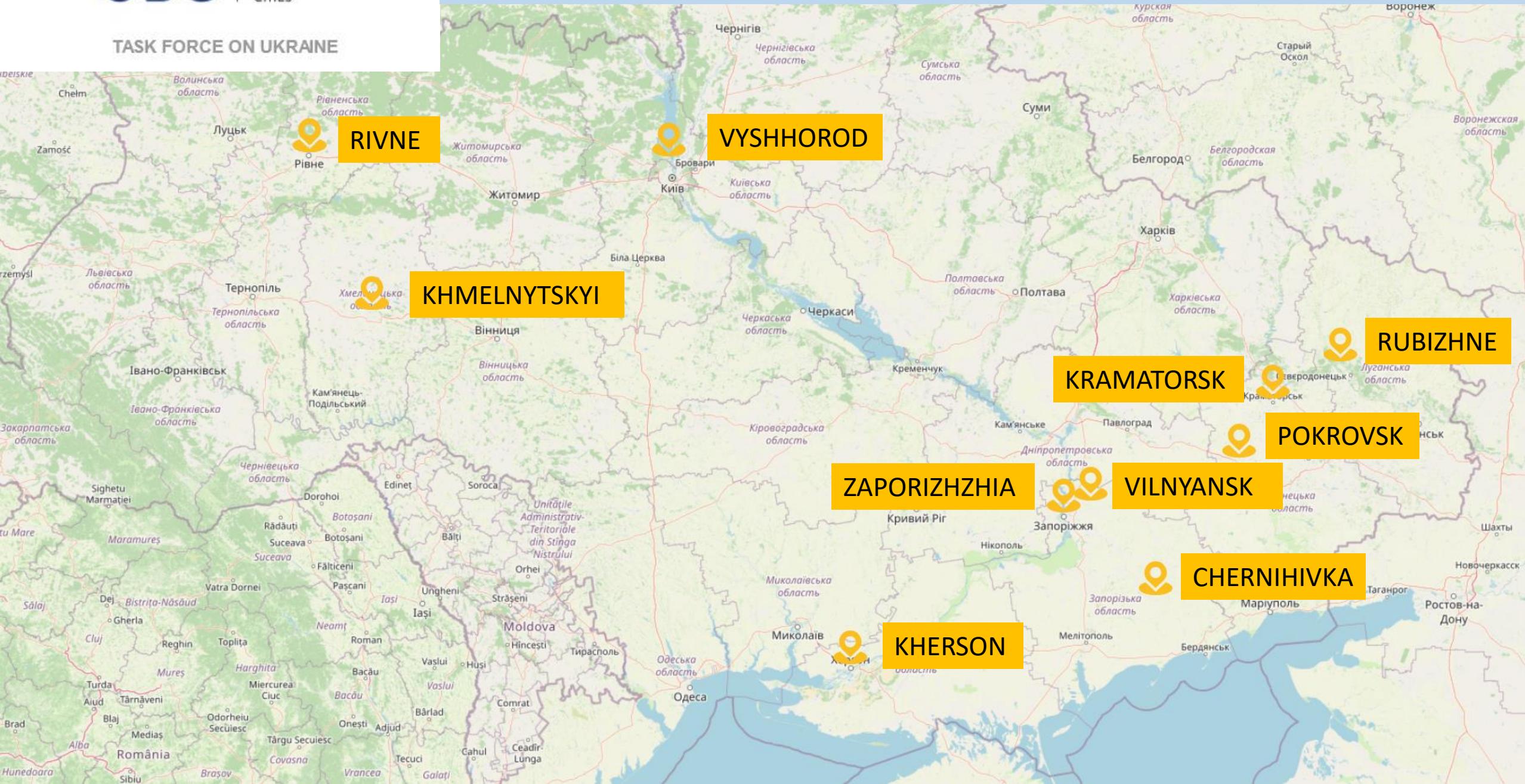


3. Drawing urban concepts, brainstorming, sketches, preparing final presentation



4. Presenting the results

Aim: „to establish and sustain communication alliances between UBC and Ukrainian Associated Cities”



Other UBC PCC activities



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ENERGETIC ENERGY ON-LINE MEETING

15 DECEMBER 2022

10:00-11:30 CET

11:00-12:30 EET

ENERGY



Differences in the energy mix – different goals

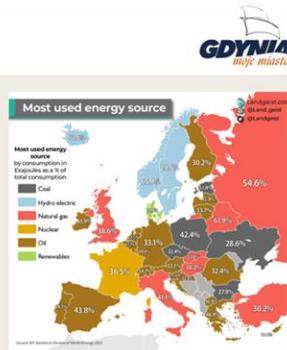
Example: electricity production 2022 - according to sources

> Poland

- Conventional power (coal, gas, other) - 8,9 %
- Renewable (water, wind, other) - 60,9 %
- Nuclear power - 30,2 %

> Sweden

- Conventional power (coal, gas, other) - 81,7 %
- Renewable (water, wind, other) - 18,3 %
- Nuclear power - 0 %



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Comprehensive planning + internal guidelines



EXPERT'S CONFERENCE
ON THE UPDATED VASAB
VISION



1 June 2023 * Wismar, Germany

Vibrant, Resilient,
Well-connected –
The Baltic Sea Region in 2040
Expert's Conference on the updated VASAB Vision
www.vasab.org



Planning Cities Commission at the 9th VASAB Conference of Ministers 1-2
June 2023, Wismar

11:35 - 12:20

Reflections on the VASAB Vision 2040 from spatial planning
research & practice

Prof. Jacek Zaucha, University of Gdańsk, Poland
Prof. Jörg Knieling, HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany
Paulina Szewczyk, City of Gdynia, UBC Planning Cities Commission
Mats Brandt, Ostrobothnia Region, Finland



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UBC TALKS

Revitalising urban space

30 May 2023
9.30-11.00 CEST



UBC TALKS webinar
Revitalising urban space

Tuesday 30 May 2023
09.30-11.00 CEST / 10.30-12.00 EEST

[Event page »](#) | [Registration »](#)

The webinar is organised in preparation to the UBC Sustainable & Planning Cities Commissions meeting in September 2023 in Turku and will present several city cases on revitalizing urban spaces in UBC cities.

09.30-09.35 CEST

Welcome to the webinar

09.35-09.45

Introduction

UBC Sustainable and Planning Cities Commission

09.45-10.00

Waterfront for people – revitalizing areas with potential in Turku

10.00-10.15

Anna-Leena Jokinen, Urban planning architect, City of Turku

10.15-10.30

Gdynia Sea City, Revitalising the waterfront in Gdynia

10.30-10.45

Paulina Szewczyk, Deputy Director of the City Planning Office, City of Gdynia and UBC Planning Cities Commission Chair-person

10.45-11.00

Riga Street Design Manual

Evelina Ozola, Chief Designer, City of Riga

Social sustainability as structuring pillar for urban development in Umeå

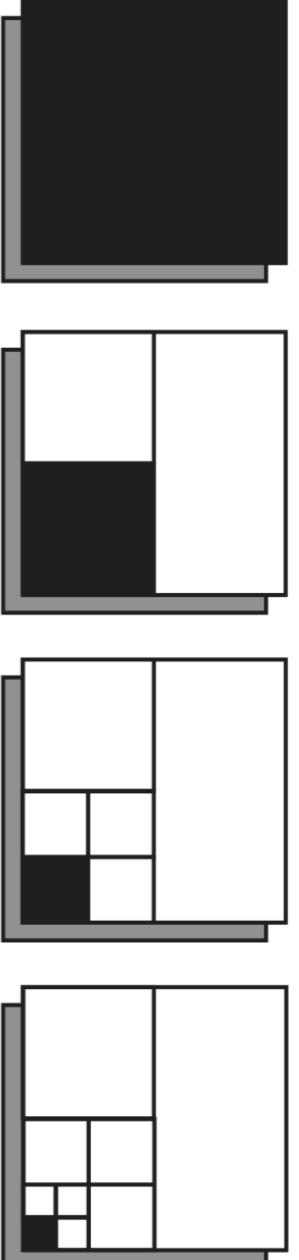
Harry Bertilsson, Head of Urban Planning Unit, City of Umeå

Invitation and take-up messages for the meeting in September

Joint UBC Planning Cities and Safe Cities Commission workshop was held during the XVII UBC General Conference in Palanga.

„Civil protection and urban planning. Building a resilient city.”



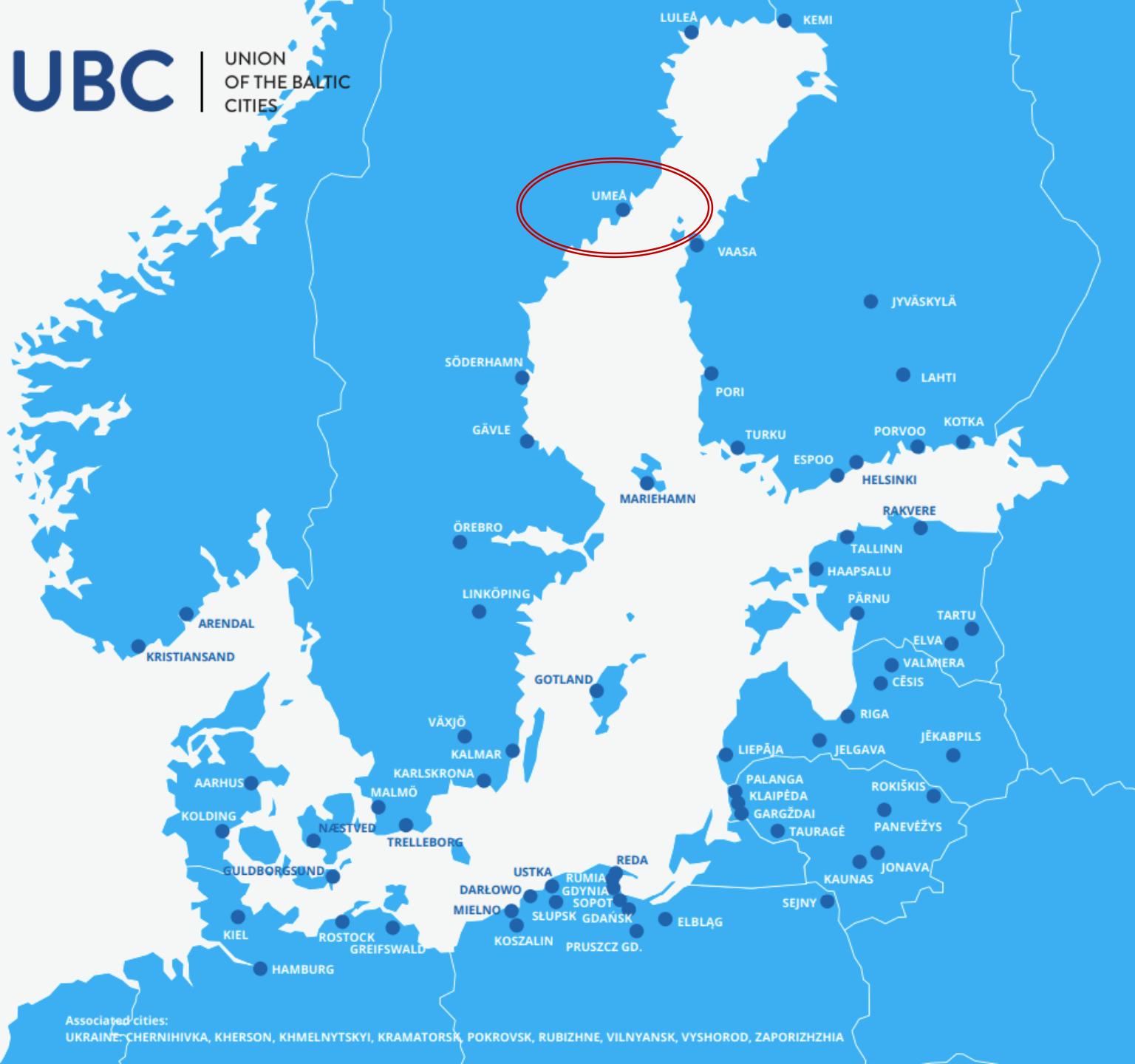


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refers to all scales

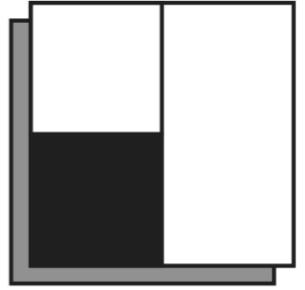
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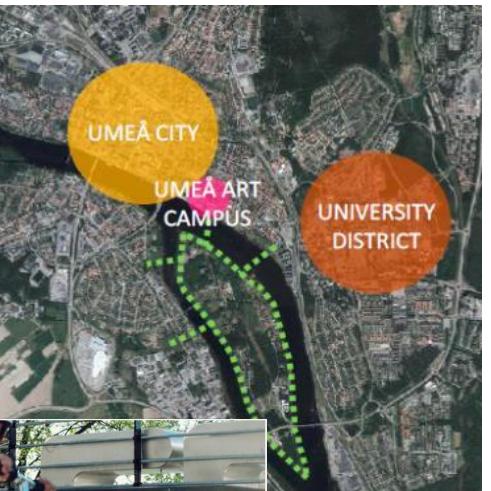


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Umeå, Ön

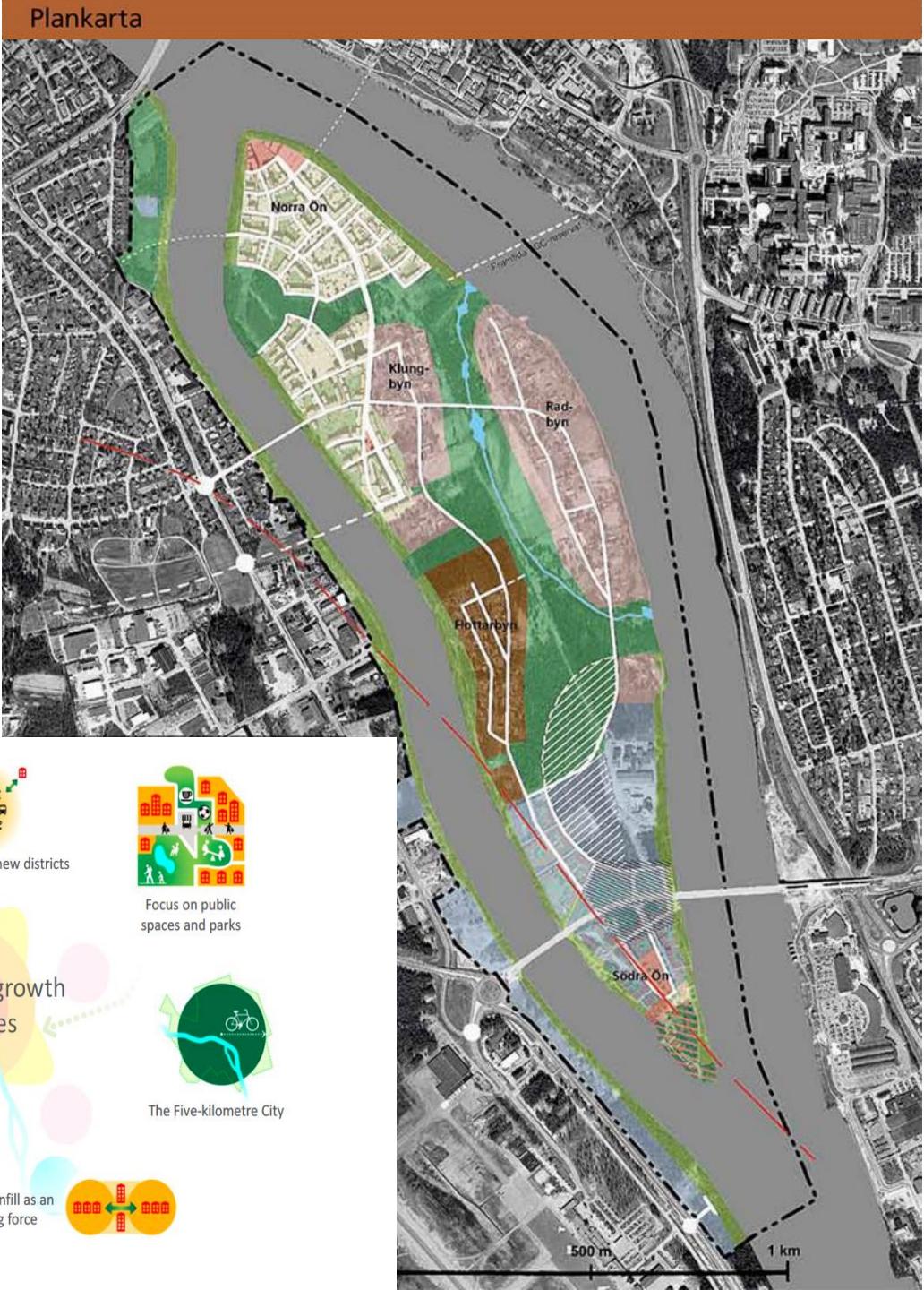


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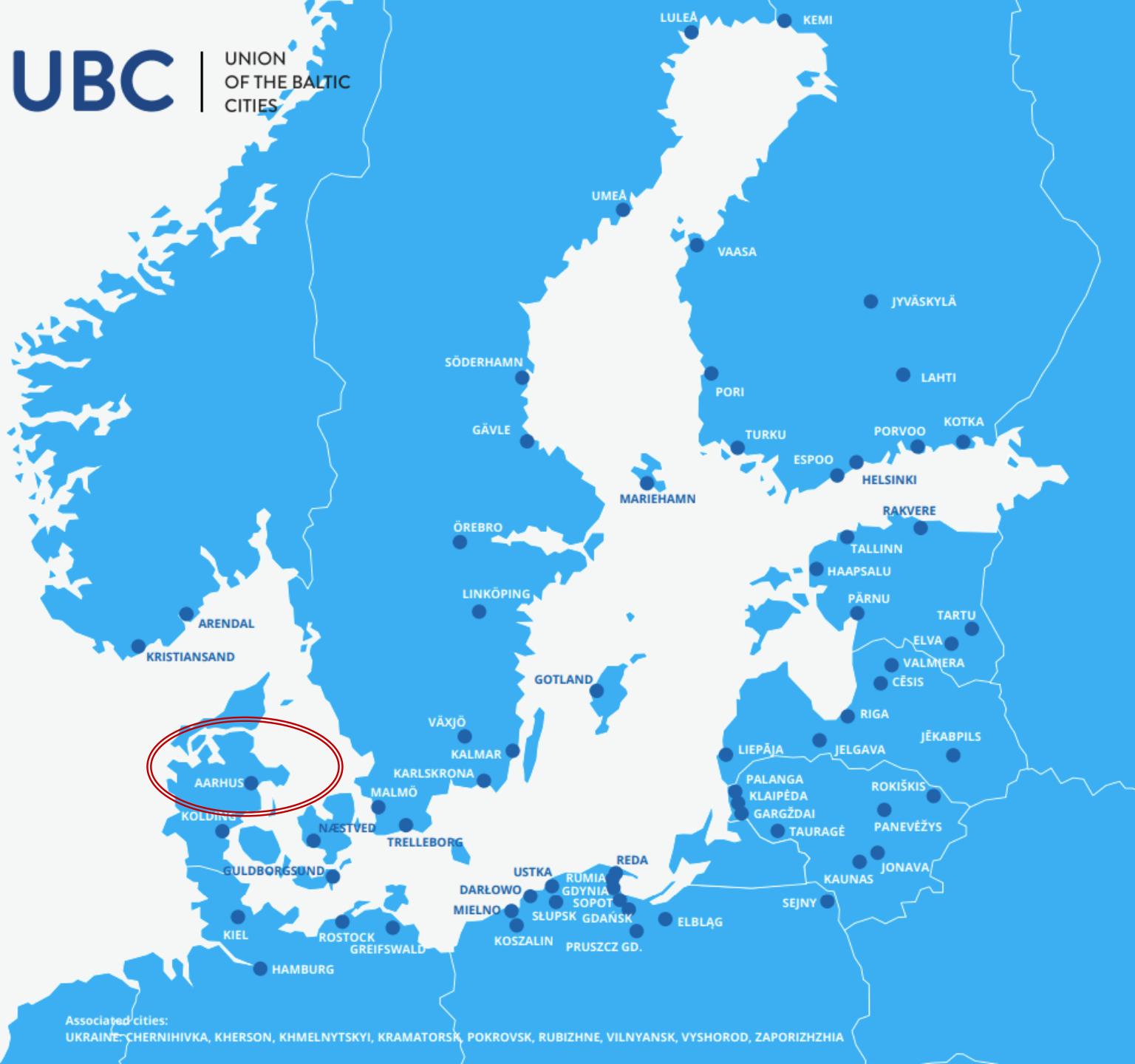


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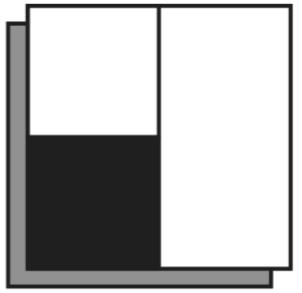
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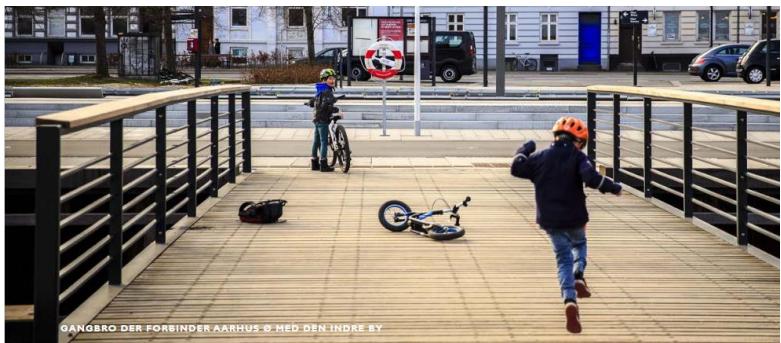
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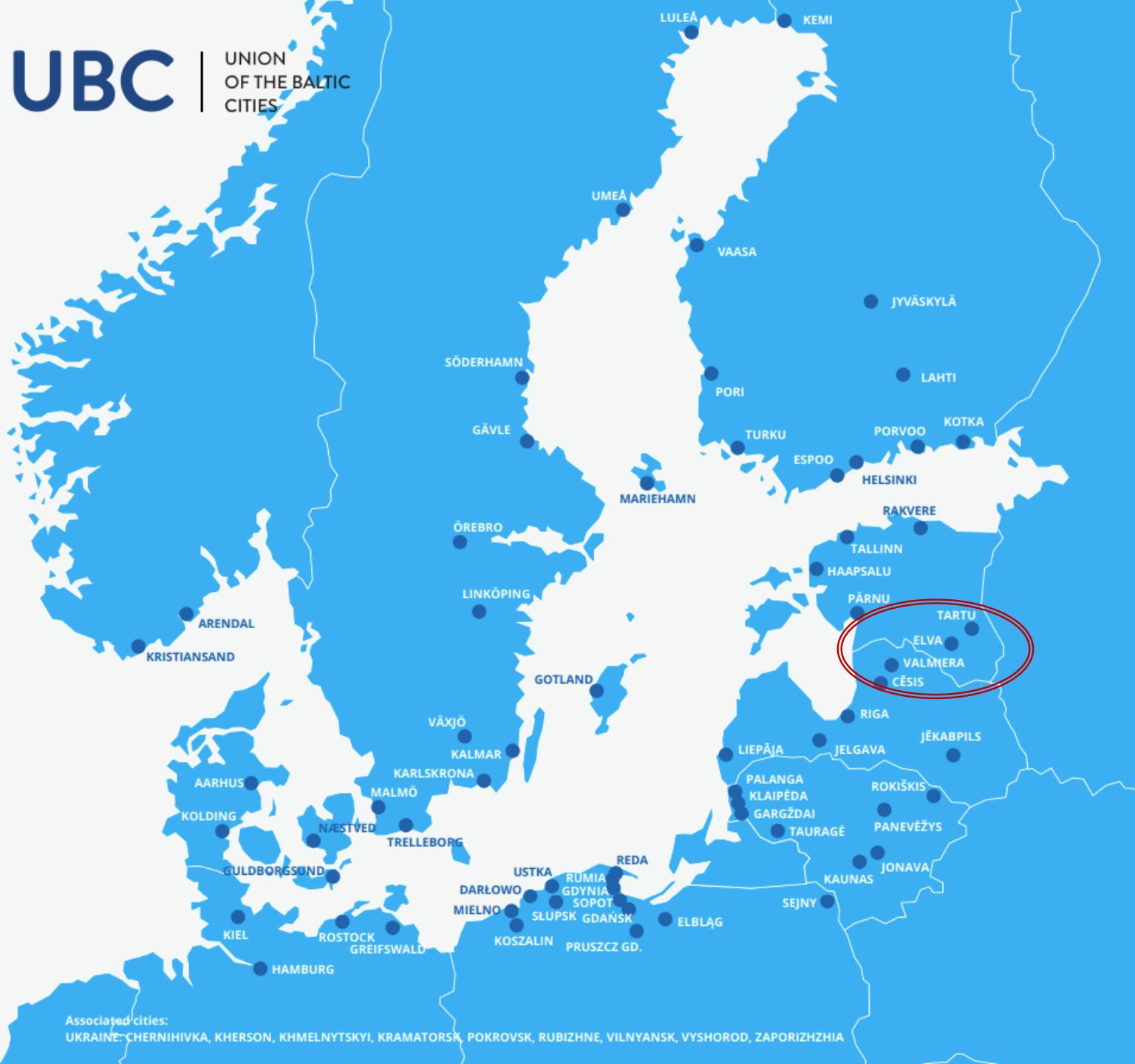


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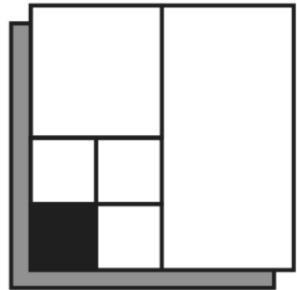


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Central Square



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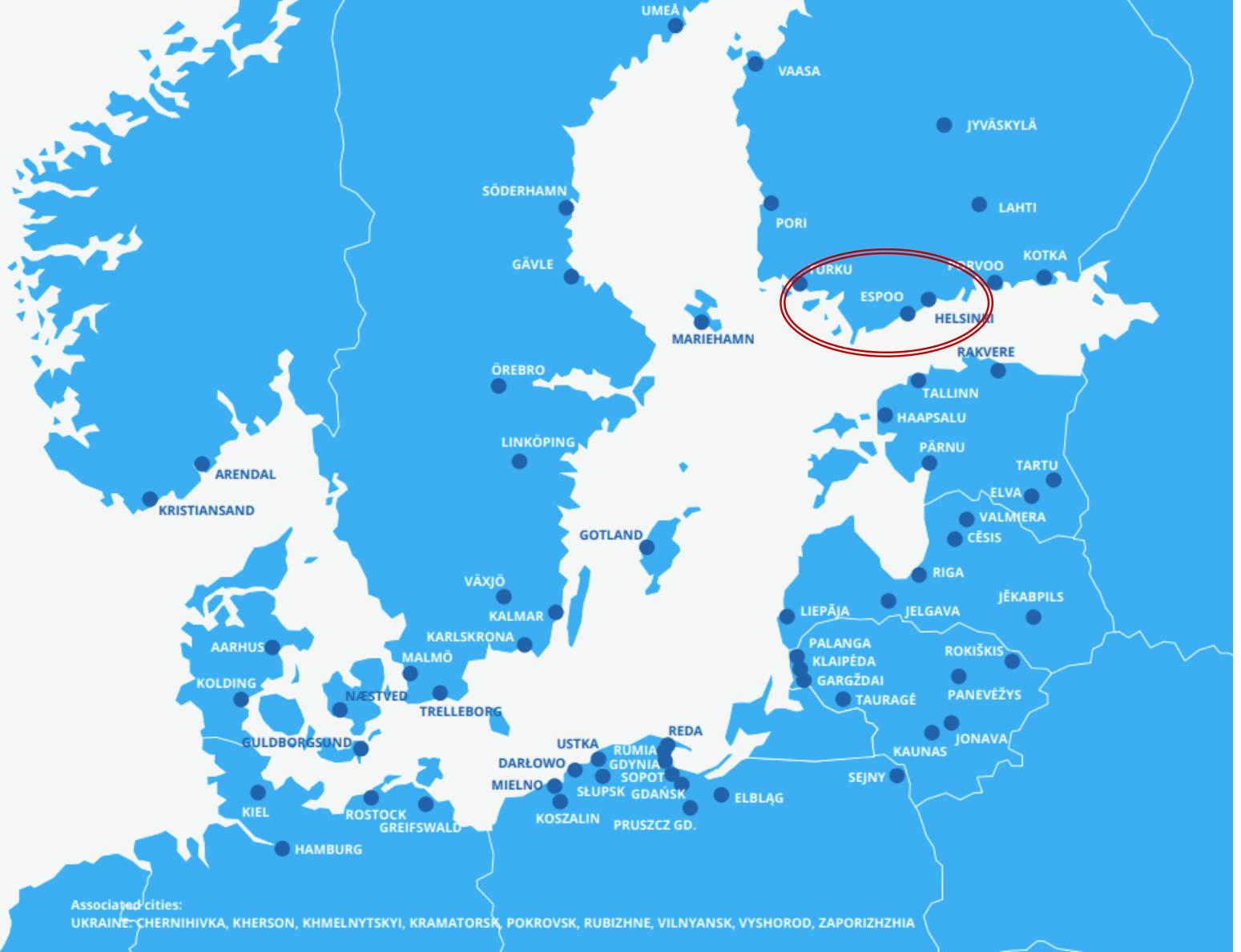
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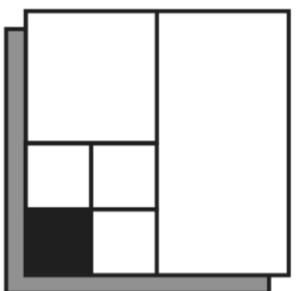


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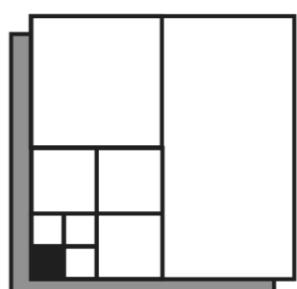
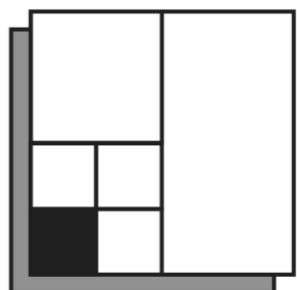
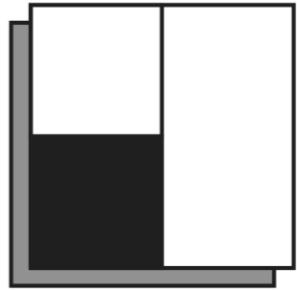
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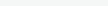




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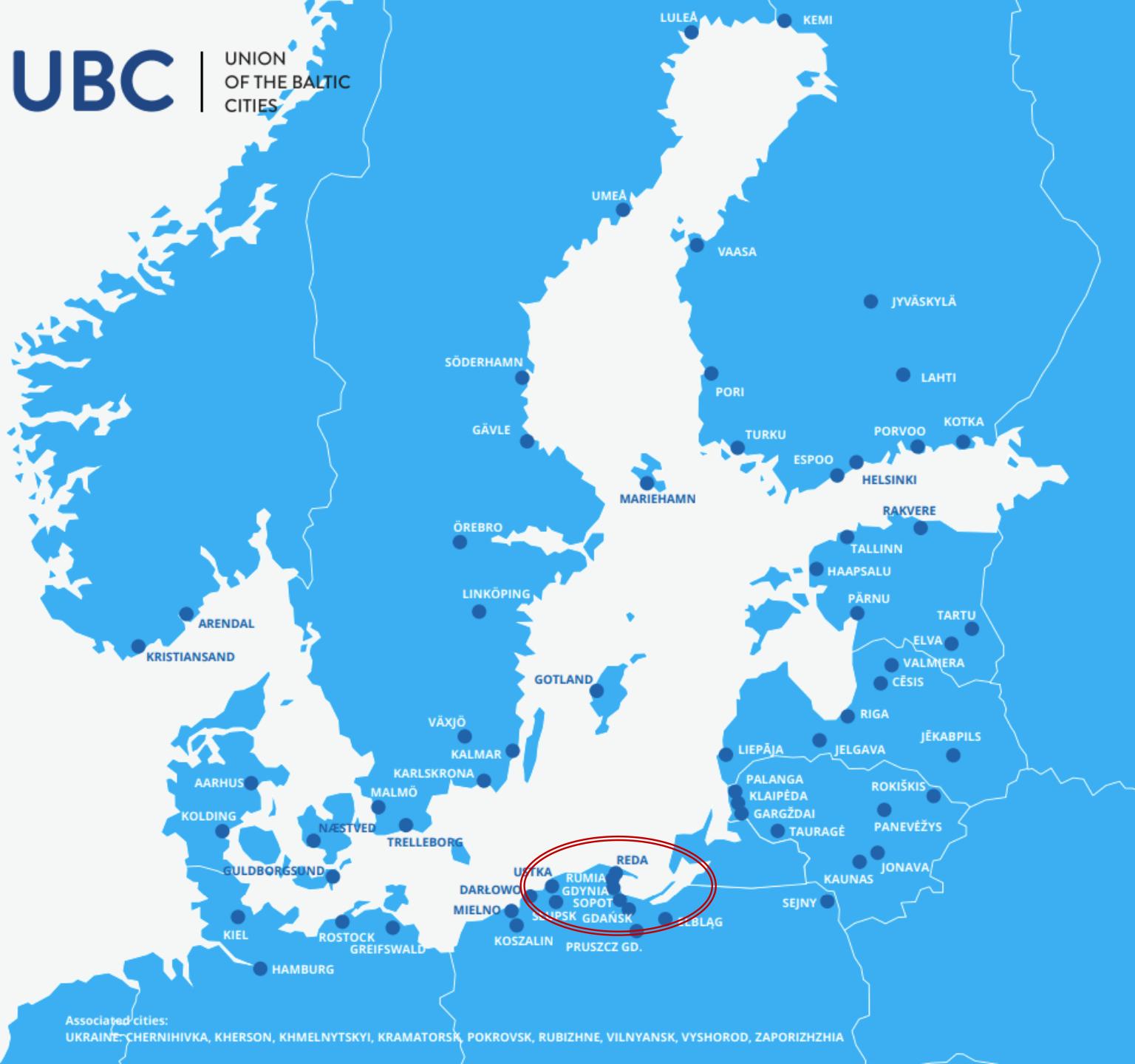






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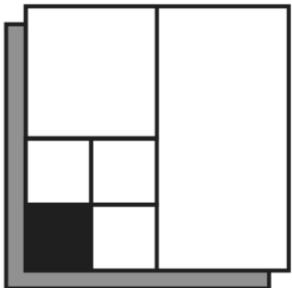
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Associated cities:



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Widna 2a
Neighbourhood House



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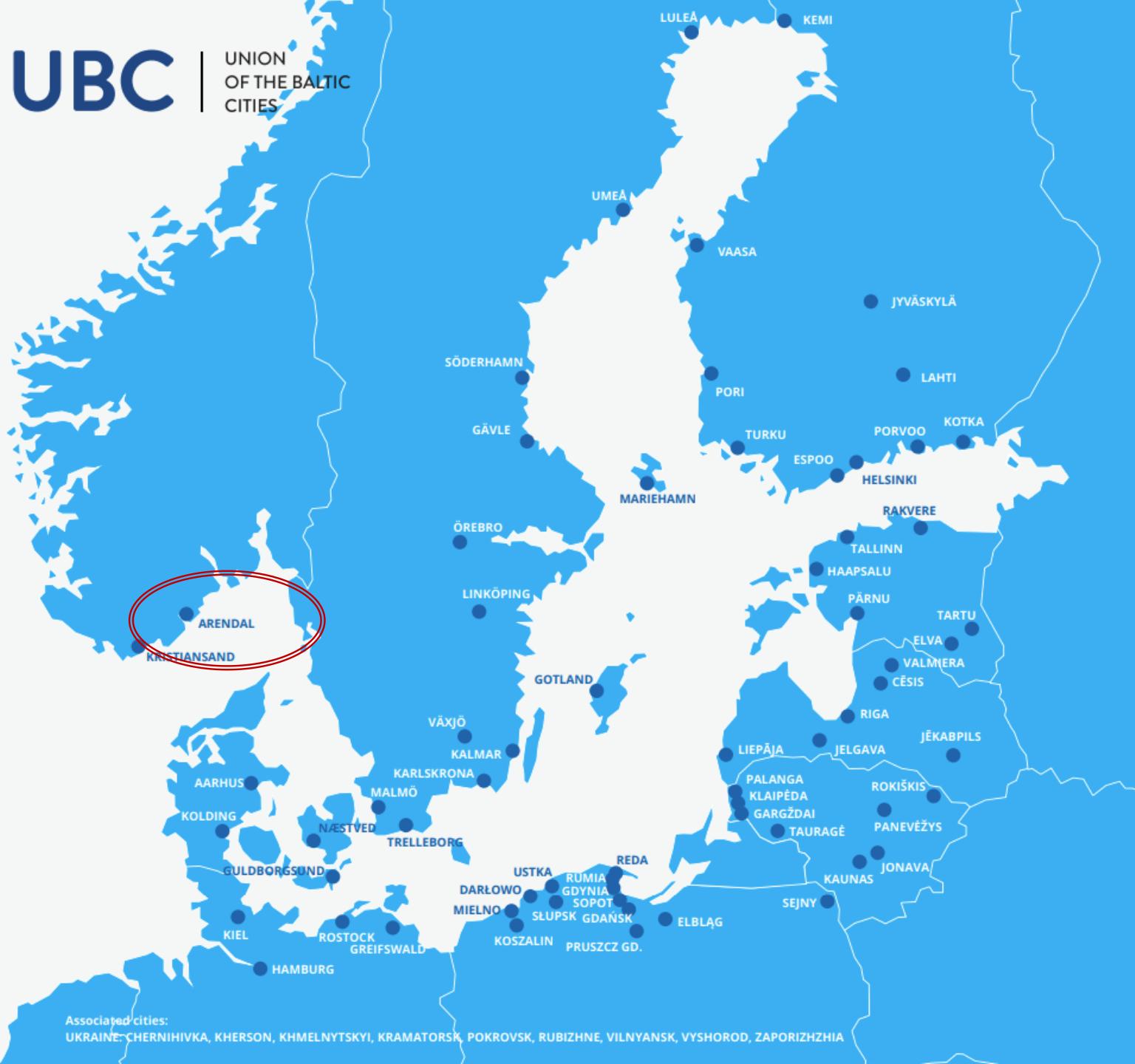


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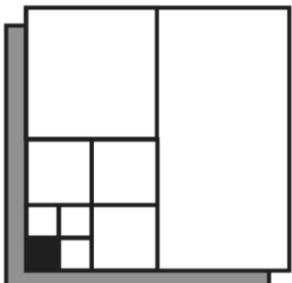
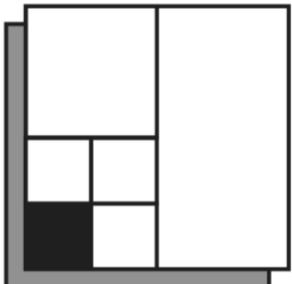
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Arendal



People meet people-arrangement in Arenda city center. Photo Lisbeth Iversen



The citizens took actions! From empty buildings and places-to sparkling spaces. Photo Mona Hauglid

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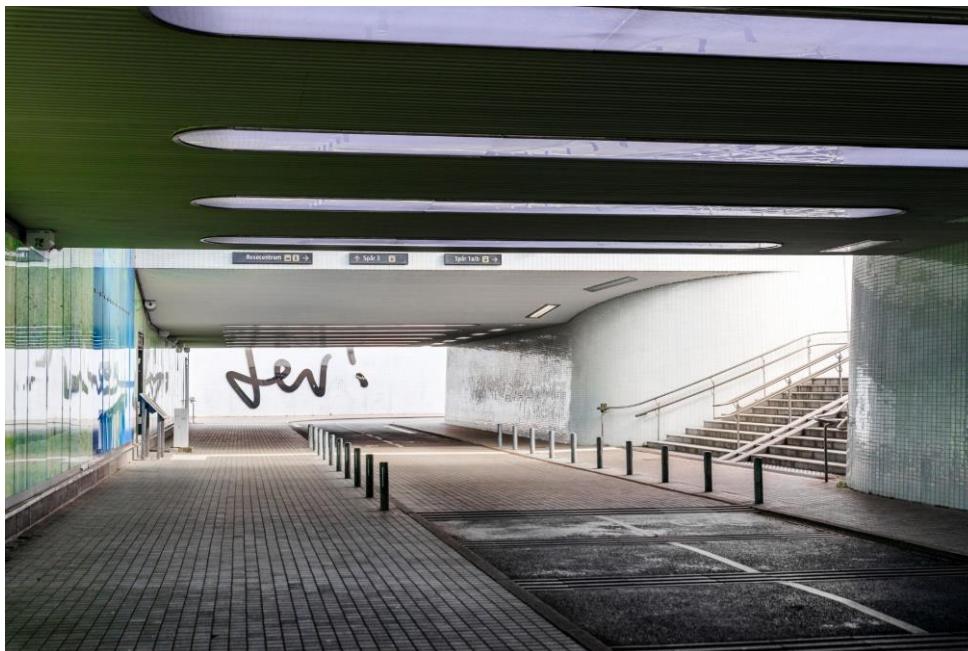
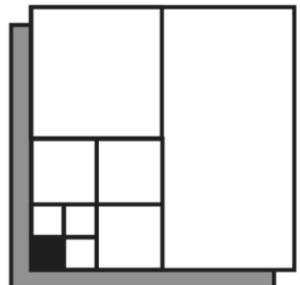


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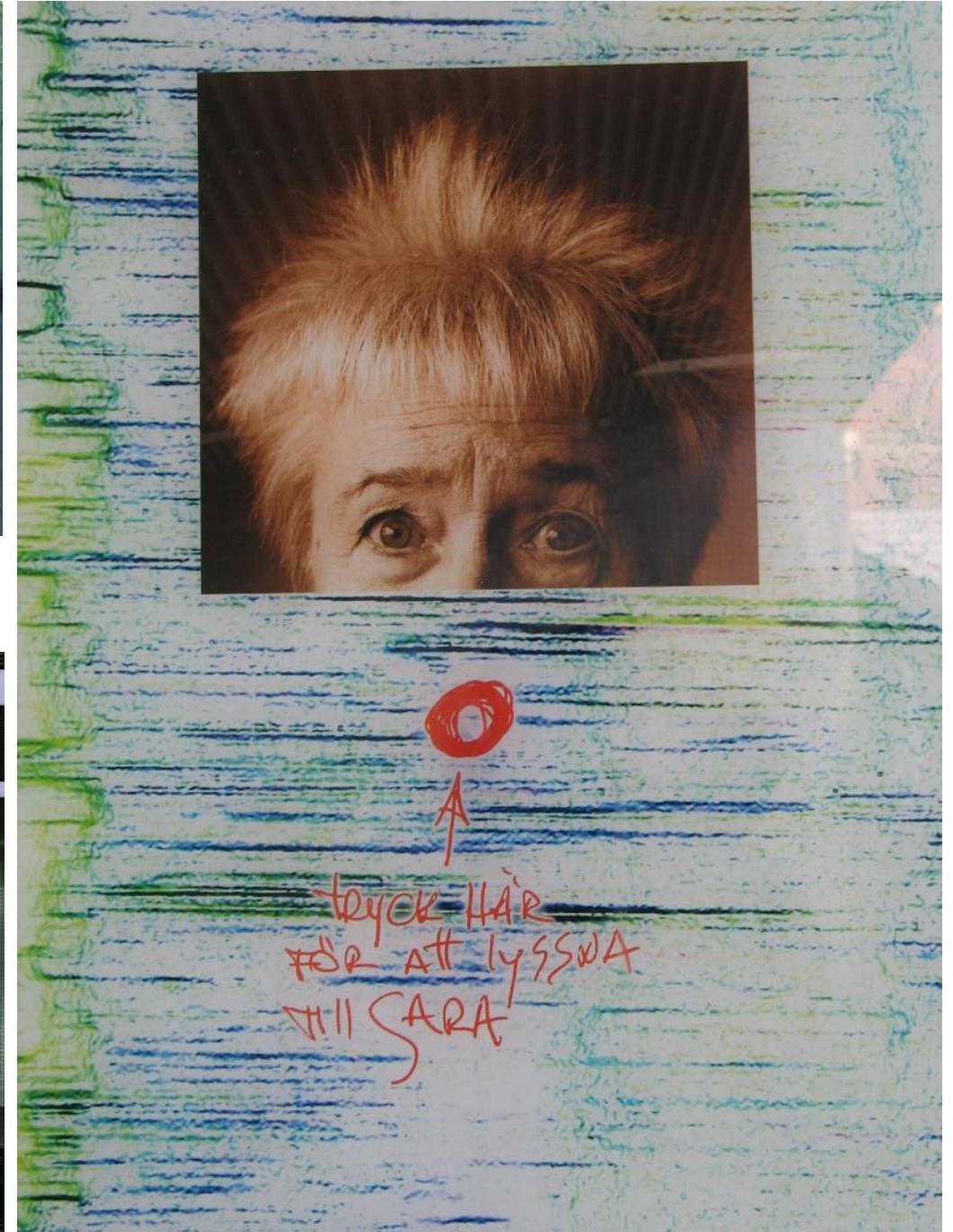


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