

## **Sustainable Cities in the Nordic-Baltic Region, Stockholm 24-27.4.2022**

### **THE COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

#### **Theme and perspectives**

The theme for the Sustainable Cities in the Nordic-Baltic Region 2022 is to develop visions for Gullmarsplan and Årstaskogen, the area connecting central Stockholm to the Southern suburbs. The area will undergo redevelopment and the ambition is to provide housing, work places, services, transportation, culture and opportunities for outdoor recreation. Part of the challenge will be to connect the visions for Gullmarsplan to different qualities of the surrounding urban landscape. Key words are urban transformation, mobility, integrated grey-green infrastructure and culture as an engine of change and vitalisation. We hope to see visions that take into consideration multiple voices and perspectives on what might be desirable, and the case will offer opportunities to talk to many of the stakeholders. During the course the students will in teams create a plan to create sustainable solutions to meet the variable demands of Nordic-Baltic urban settings and take part in inspiring lectures. The case is part of a larger strategy for shifting Stockholm towards a more sustainable pathway, which is partly decided and partly open to visions and new ideas. Thus, developing visions for Gullmarsplan is relevant not only for the area itself, but for how sustainability is framed and sought in the City of Stockholm. The course takes a social-ecological approach to urban planning, seeking to integrate and interrelate social and environmental considerations. The course encourages interdisciplinary thinking, built on the diverse skills and experiences of the course participants.

#### **Questions and possible suggestions to push oneself off**

The main question - how could social-ecological sustainability be considered, improved and implemented in and around already developing the case area? The teams can for example suggest innovative ideas in the competition area:

- for the enhancement of the general social-ecological system of case area and/or its parts (what are the existing and evolving values and drawbacks and how to work with them?)
- for the sustainable development considering ongoing urban transformation and its phases of case area and/or its parts (how temporal and intemporal needs, uses and opportunities can be considered in timely manner?)
- for the resilience existing and evolving of social system of case area and/or its parts and social system innovation (how to involve and work together with different players, communities and groups?)
- for the sustainable mobility of different scales of case area and/or its parts (what is needed for the user centred and environment friendly transportation system?)
- for social-ecologically based sustainable urban design, services, and activities in case area and/or its parts (what solutions can be beneficial now and in the future?)

Teams are also welcomed to merge some (or all) of listed above on their own creative way towards interdisciplinary and innovative solutions for processes, materials, and tools. The solutions can range from conceptual approaches to detailed solutions, and they can address e.g. physical sites and/or come up with concrete or virtual activities. While focusing on one scale in your proposals, please keep in mind the interrelatedness between different scales, different

sectors, integration of both social and ecological aspects in your proposal and identification of potential synergies between them.

### **Implementation of proposal**

Each proposal should include a tentative implementation plan that lists activities, expected challenges, strengths, objectives and schedules required to achieve them. Take into account the feasibility of the proposal in terms of realisation, time and socio-ecological continuity. Results Each team prepares: 1. groups proposal/s - presentation for 15 minutes oral presentation; 2. short summary where explains the ideas of the proposal/s (max 200 words). Proposals should be presented digitally in pdf format. All proposals will be published on the Sustainable Cities in the Nordic-Baltic Region website.

The online presentation session and award ceremony is arranged on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Audio recording, video and visual and written material can be used in eventual proceedings regarding this event and in documentation and further communication regarding the project Sustainable Cities in the Nordic-Baltic Region.

### **Tutoring and consulting**

Tutoring is available throughout the course by PhD students/mentors, researchers from different disciplines (spatial planning, sustainability field, urban and landscape ecology, landscape and architecture; see tutors' profiles (on drive).

The final proposals (presentation) and the prepared short summary of the ideas in 200 words should be handed in by 17:59 on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. If needed/wished, the groups can continue to prepare oral presentations until 19.00. The material must be loaded on google drive. Each team has its own folder for this purpose on google drive and all team members have received a link to this folder by email. Please also confirm organizers by email when the task is completed. Tiinaliisa.Granholm@hanaholmen.fi.

### **Presentation**

In preparing the final presentation, teams should take into consideration the task's evaluation criteria. The group proposals will be presented to the jury and external audience 9.00 on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. Each team will have 15 minutes to present their ideas. 10 minutes per team will be given for the questions and discussion from the guests and jury. Afterwards all presentations with team proposals will be published on the Sustainable Cities in the Nordic-Baltic Region website.

### **Evaluation**

Proposals will be evaluated by jury based on the evaluation criteria. After evaluation session, the jury announces results of the competition at 11.30 am the same day during award ceremony.

### **Evaluation criteria**

Proposals are evaluated based on the following criteria (each evaluated on a scale 1-5):

1. Balance between: a) boldness, freshness and insightfulness of the concept in improving socio-ecological systems in the competition area and; b) feasibility of the proposal in terms of realisation, time and socio-ecological continuity.

2. Ability of the team to utilize each member's unique expertise to understand the complexities and to produce transdisciplinary knowledge as the basis for new, creative and sound solutions.

3. Integration of both social and ecological aspects in proposal and identification of potential synergies between them.

4. Proposal's capacity to impact and have leverage for sustainable future.

5. Open remarks

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