

## Summary report of the Stakeholder Methodology Training

The Stakeholder Methodology Training was organized on 27-29 May 2008 in Malmö, Sweden with the purpose to provide tools for the city-partners for better involvement of various stakeholders in their planning processes. In the seminar 31 representatives of the partner-cities took part.

Before the training partner-cities were to collect examples of their stakeholder methodologies on the basis of tasks prepared by the UBC Commission on Environment. In several sessions of the seminar the participants were introduced to the steps of how to prepare stakeholder involvement, always mixed with small tasks and group work to practice the presented content. Methods for stakeholder involvement were shown in an exhibition, which gave room for discussions about suitability of methods for the cities own case. In an interactive role play together with all participants, the method of open space was tested in practice to give an impression of how it can work.

The last day was rounding up the steps of stakeholder involvement before two experts were presenting their own experience of involving stakeholder. Ms Minu Hemmatti, with great experience in multi-stakeholder processes in international contexts, stressed the importance of monitoring and evaluation. Mr Ditlev Nissen, consult in participation and conflict resolution, was presenting his experience in conflict resolution in a project he had in Greenland.

The three days of training seminar gave a lot of input for the cities' further work and was hopefully inspiring for the upcoming Local Forums. The Stakeholder Methodology Training launched Stakeholder Involvement Campaign to promote the concept of stakeholder involvement in planning and facilitating the compilation of good practices of stakeholder methodologies.

The experience gathered and tested for the training was used in writing the "Engage your stakeholders - stakeholder involvement toolkit for local authorities". The toolkit was launched in English and Russian in the Final Conference of the project.

