

## **JOINT STATEMENT**

### *Preamble*

The 6<sup>th</sup> Baltic Sea Region Cultural Heritage Forum calls for the attention of safeguarding the post-war and late 20<sup>th</sup> century built environments as valuable manifestations of the region's history and development.

The post-war 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage in the region reflects the ideology and different interpretations of the welfare society in an eastern and a western context. Furthermore, the late 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage represents the general shift towards globalization and a stronger emphasis on individuality. The conference fosters to understand the importance of post-war and late 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage as an integral part sustainable development strategies of urban and rural landscapes.

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The post-war and late 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage in the Baltic Sea Region is at risk due to extensive social changes and a lack of recognition from society in general. The architecture, ideology and function that intervene in the legacy of 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage require specific demands. The practical core challenges are the exceptional scope in quantity, the experimental use of different materials and the rapid change of functions and use. A deepened regional cooperation is decisive in order to safeguard the legacy of post-war and late 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage in the Baltic Sea Region.

The Conference call upon all state parties to recognize and strive towards the following:

- Promote research in the field and spread knowledge and raise awareness of post-war and late 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage in the Baltic Sea Region
- Deepen cooperation in order to tackle the specific challenges of post-war and late 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage to enhance safeguarding; that includes adaptive re-use and classification
- Elaborate common approaches for cultural assessment regarding post-war and late 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage, landscape and public spaces and promote integration of these methods in planning processes, property management and property development
- Mediate tangible and intangible values of post-war and late 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage for the purpose of integrating democratic perspectives in order to obtain sustainable development
- Promote preservation and management of 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage as part of global effort to reduce global warming. Life cycle assessment (LCA) is a valuable tool in addressing this angle
- Promote research on a cross-sector basis regarding materials, best practice/methods and techniques for the preservation of post-war and late 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage including sustainable improvement of the energy performance
- Recognize preservation and continuous use and reuse of 20<sup>th</sup> century built heritage as important aspects of ecological and social sustainability
- Highlight post-war and late 20<sup>th</sup> century architecture in a Baltic Sea Region context in order to attract tourism and regional development / foster heritage-based economy.