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## Press Release

### **BUP Summer Course on “Implementing Sustainable Development in European Cities and Regions” September 8-12, 2015**

The BUP Summer Course “Implementing Sustainable Development in European Cities and Regions” took place at the University for Applied Sciences in Hamburg-Bergedorf last September 8-12, 2015. The programme was organised by the Baltic University Programme in Hamburg, and Zittau (Germany) in cooperation with the BMBF Project “German Polish Energy Efficiency Project,” GPPE. The Summer Course aimed to acquaint delegates from various countries about matters related to sustainable development in the Baltic region and to foster international and multicultural learning.

The BUP Summer Course brought together diverse group of students, researchers, and university professors from various Baltic countries. The modules attended by the participants comprised of lectures, discussions and group works clustered around two main sessions: *Session 1*-An introduction to sustainable development on topics concerning energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable water management; and *Session 2*-Lectures that were held as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development. During the Summer Course, an introduction to the project Baltic Flows followed by a presentation on Urban Stormwater Management: Perspectives and Strategies, was given. During the session, students and participants were introduced to the main objectives of the Baltic Flows Project as well as issues concerning rainwater resource efficiency and strategies applied to manage stormwater.

The Baltic University Programme (BUP) is a regional university network that was founded in 1991. The network is coordinated by Uppsala University and deals with questions on sustainable development in general and in the Baltic Sea region in particular. The BUP is a thematic, multidisciplinary and multi-stakeholder network with more than 200 universities and institutions of higher learning in the Baltic Sea region. About 10.000 students per year participate in BUP courses given at their home university. The BUP supports the key role that universities play in a democratic, peaceful and sustainable regional development by developing university courses, based on research and by participation in projects in cooperation with authorities, municipalities and others.

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