

Joint Declaration

Between the City of Stockholm and the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
Geared towards strengthening cooperation within the framework of

European Green Capital



Preamble

The EU Commission has awarded Stockholm "European Green Capital 2010", and Hamburg "European Green Capital 2011". This is a title to identify role models for sustainable cities.

The signatories understand their European Green Capital title as a great honour and obligation. We aim to establish and connect this responsibility in this sense to the following European Green Capitals. Hamburg and Stockholm's environmental policy shall set an example for the cities of Europe, to launch a cross-European exchange of experts and best practices and involve our citizens on environmental issues and promote European Green Capital award.

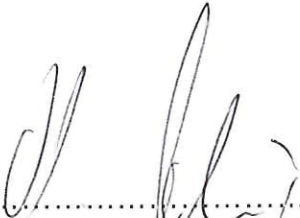
The impact of the European Green Capitals will equally depend on the quality of its content and the means of communication to the European public. The two cities themselves have to act as role models.

Field of cooperation

In this regard, the signatories agree to support each other and strive to achieve common goals as European Green Capitals and as a first step will cooperate on the following:

1. In the near future, a strong focus on common areas of cooperation in environmental and climate protection will be identified and developed.
2. The collaboration is designed to increase awareness of the European Green Capital title. In this regard, development of a joint position as European Green Capital for dialogue with the EU Commission shall be examined and promoted.
3. The signatories inform each other of their respective European Green Capital activities and examine the possible involvement of each other in projects, events, marketing and communications schemes.
4. Each side shall designate a contact person for the implementation of these tasks.
5. The term of this agreement covers the years 2010 and 2011 and, in the case of joint projects, the time frame may be extended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have duly executed this JD on the day and date written hereinabove.



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Ole von Beust, Mayor
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Ulla Hamilton, Vice Mayor
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