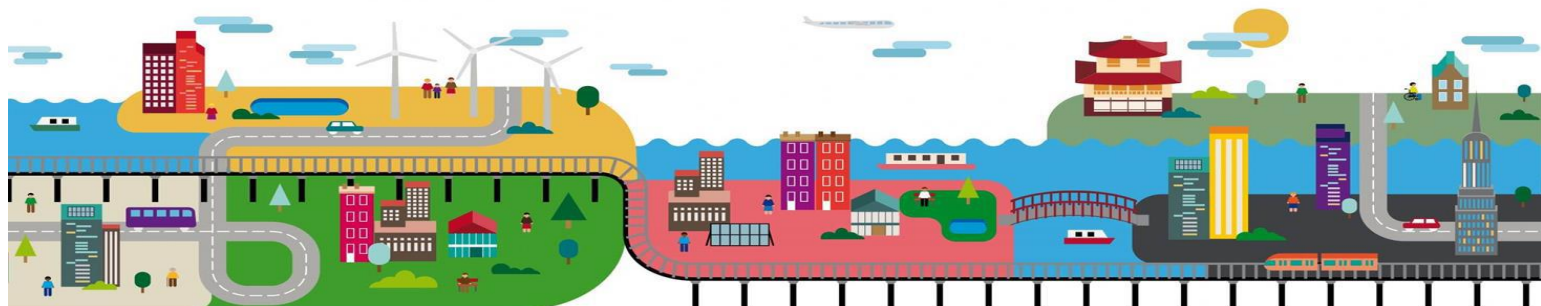


IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

City:	Umeå	Kamakura
Province, State, Department...:	Västerbotten County	Kanagawa Prefecture
Country:	Sweden	Japan
Population:	128 901 (Dec 2019)	172,493 (April 2020)
Size (km²)	land 2 317 km ² water (incl. sea) 2 898 km ²	land 40 km ²
Period of cooperation	October 2018 – December 2020	

Cooperation Themes:	<p>Citizen and stakeholder participation</p> <p>Circular economy</p> <p>Social inclusion</p> <p>Sustainable food consumption</p>
Related SDGs and Urban Agenda topics:	<p>The initiative will contribute to sustainable development goals number 4, 9, 11, 12, and 17.</p> <p>The initiative is relevant to EU Urban Agenda: Circular economy.</p>
Key focus of cooperation themes:	<p>Transfer of methodology for stakeholder participation in urban processes, Kamacon to "Umecon".</p> <p>Linking respective Fab Labs within the international network of Fab Cities, to work on circular economy themes.</p> <p>Involving citizens (special focus on youth) in city planning.</p> <p>Promoting vegetarian/vegan meals to reduce the impact on the environment through changing eating habits based on the SDGs concept. Promotion will take place in connection with Tokyo Olympics 2021.</p>
Key challenges of cooperation theme:	<p>The themes of the Umeå-Kamakura cooperation address the general challenge <i>sustainable urban development</i>. Umeå is growing rapidly and the growth needs to be sustainable in all its dimensions; social, ecological and economic. In Kamakura city population and workforce are decreasing but in a similar way there is a need for sustainable solutions to problems in the community. Innovation and technologies are needed to find such solutions. Kamakura has a high degree of public awareness on sustainability issues compared to other cities in Japan, but there is a lack of understanding about vegetarian and vegan food being sustainable meal choices.</p>



<p>Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</p>	<p>Increased citizen and stakeholder participation in city planning and urban processes in Umeå. New tools for circular economy in both cities through cooperation between Fab Labs and sharing of innovations in the Fab City international network. Increased awareness in Kamakura of the impact of meal choice on sustainability and a change in consumer behaviour that will contribute to the fulfilment of SDGs.</p>
<p>Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):</p>	<p>Umeå participation in Kamakura Kamacon workshop. Kamacon visit and workshop for methodology transfer in Umeå. Transfer of knowledge and experience from the Sustainable Restaurant Network in Umeå to Kamakura for the promotion of sustainable meals in Kamakura.</p>
<p>Expected <u>results</u> and <u>benefits</u>:</p>	<p>Three new workshop methods in Umeå based on Kamacon methodology for target group youth. New method established in Umeå for stakeholder participation in urban processes based on Kamacon methodology. Cooperation established between Fab Labs in Umeå and Kamakura. Umeå joins Fab City international network as first city in Sweden. A map of vegetarian and vegan restaurant options in Kamakura targeted first at foreign Olympic visitors and later expanded to all tourists and residents in Kamakura. The map will lead to higher awareness and changes in the behavior of citizens.</p>

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