

## 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Herning, Region Central Denmark (Denmark)

### AGENDA June 13<sup>th</sup> 2008

**Time** 13 June May 2008  
9:00 Registration  
9:30 - 12 am General Assembly meeting

**Venue** Herning Kongrescenter, HERNING, (DK)

**Roll call** Of the regions

#### 1 § **Opening the Meeting**

Welcome by Region of Central Denmark.

Welcome by Ms Christel Liljeström, President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission.

**Final decision**

#### 2 § **Adopting of the Agenda**

**Final decision**

#### 3 § **Outlook for the CPMR**

Mr Claudio Martini, President of the CPMR, President of Tuscany Region

**Presentation**

#### 4 § **Activity Report 2007 - 2008**

*Appendix 1 - BSC Annual Report 2007 – 2008*

Ms Christel Liljeström will present the Baltic Sea Commissions Annual Report on the organisations activities in the period **June 2007 (Bodø) – June 2008 (Herning)**.

#### 5 § **Economic Reports**

*Appendix 2 - BSC Economy Report 2007-2008*

Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa, Executive Secretary of the BSC will present the economy report for 2007 and the budget for 2008.

- Presentation and vote on the 2007 annual accounts
- Update on the implementation of the 2007 budget
- Presentation and vote on the 2008 draft budget

**Final decision**

6 §	<b>Revision of membership fees 2009 - 2012</b>	<i>Appendix 3 – BSC member fees 2009 - 2012</i>
	<p>Ms Christel Liljeström, BSC President present the suggested revision on membership fees to provide equal levels for all regions by 2012.</p>	
	<b>Final decision</b>	
7 §	<b>Amendment to the BSC Statutes</b>	<i>Appendix 4 – BSC Statutes – With amendments to the GA in Herning 2008</i>
	<p><b>Article 7: Amendments to the charter</b> Amendments to the Baltic Sea Commission charter can only be made by the General Assembly and will normally be based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee.</p>	
	<p>Mr Poul Müller, Vice President of the Baltic Sea Commission presents the amendment to the BSC Statutes.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaption to changes in the regions</li> <li>• Adapting to the fact that not all member regions are boarding to the Baltic Sea</li> <li>• Removing the demand that the president have to be the political leader of the member region</li> <li>• But he/she should be office-holding in the member region</li> </ul>	
	<p>The presidium suggest that paragraph should be revised and suggest the following reading:</p>	
	<p><i>Please, refer to 10 § below in this document or Appendix 4.</i></p>	
	<p>Adoptions made are to be for immediate implementation.</p>	
	<b>Final decision</b>	
8 §	<b>Proposed Resolutions for the BSC General Assembly</b>	<i>Appendix 5 - Discard – Incompatible with Sustainable Fisheries</i>
	<p><b>Discard – Incompatible with Sustainable Fisheries</b>, Proposed by NSC and supported by the BSC WG for fisheries:</p>	
	<i>Appendix 6 – Towards A Sustainable European Regional Cohesion Policy</i>	
	<i>Appendix 7 - Energy as A Priority in European Sustainable Procurement</i>	
	<p>The political position of the CPMR opinion of the general secretariat on a project for post-2013 Europe.</p>	
	<i>Appendix 8 - BSC/BSSSC Answer to the Green Paper on Cohesion</i>	
	<b>Final decision</b>	
9 §	<b>Activity Plan 2008 - 2009</b>	<i>Appendix 9 – Amendments Visions &amp; Objectives With 2008-2009 Activity Plan</i>
	<p>The Activity Plan is a part of the Vision &amp; Objectives. The Executive Committee suggest amendments to the Vision &amp; Objectives:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The punch line</li> <li>• Activity Plan for the period June 2008 – June 2008</li> </ul>	
	<b>Final decision</b>	

**Article 3: Constitution**

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The Baltic Sea Commission brings together the Presidents of the member Regions which border the Baltic Sea i.e. regions and islands which have a coastline vis-à-vis the Baltic Sea.

The Presidents, who may delegate their own representative, should be appointed by the Regional Authorities immediately below the level of the Central Government.

Members of the Executive Committee should be office-holding elected members from the member regions.

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**Article 4: The election of the President and of the Executive Committee**

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The elections of the President, the two vice-presidents and the Executive Committee will take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> year, following the procedure outlined below:

- General Assembly shall elect a President, two Vice-Presidents and an Executive Committee.
- The Executive Secretary asks the Assembly if there are any nominations to the post of President of the Baltic Sea Commission. Each nomination must be seconded by a region other than the region represented by the nominee. The President of the Baltic Sea Committee will be the president /political leader of their respective regional authority.
- Once the nominations are known, a vote by show of hands will be taken. However, if any of the regions so request, the vote will be by secret ballot. If there is more than one candidate, the vote will also be by secret ballot. The candidate having obtained an absolute majority of the votes of the delegates present will be declared elected.
- Then the election of the Executive Committee takes place. Each member country shall appoint one representative and one substitute representative. Two vice-Presidents shall be elected, who must be from different countries in between themselves and of the President. In case of absence of the President during the period of his/hers mandate, the Vice-Presidents assumes his/her functions.

**Final decision**

Election of President:  
Election of two Vice Presidents:  
Election of the Executive Committee:

**Article 5: The Executive Secretary**

The Baltic Sea Commission has an Executive Secretary whose responsibility is to ensure the day-to day organisation of its work and implementation of its decisions. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee the General Assembly shall nominate the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary appointed should be from another country than the President. His/her mandate is renewed every 2 years. The Executive Secretary of the Baltic Sea Commission assists the President in his/her task and acts under his/her authority.

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To CPMR Baltic Sea Commission

*The Municipality of Gotland has hosted the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Secretariat since 2006. We hereby offer to prolong that responsibility for the two coming years. Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa will continue as Secretary General and she will be stationed in Visby as hitherto.*

*Best regards*

*Eva Nypelius ( c )*

*Ordförande Kommunstyrelsen*

**Final decision** Nomination of the Executive Secretary:

**12 § Enquiry Into the Future of the CPMR**

[\*Appendix 11 - CPMR Future\*](#)

The enquiry into the future of the CPMR aims to give the organisation a clear vision of the nature of its membership, and of the political goals commonly shared by its Members. It intends to assess the organisation's past strengths and weaknesses, and draw lessons from them. It will outline the main objectives which its Members wish to pursue in the forthcoming years, as well as define the main fields of activities where they wish to see the CPMR involved, be it within or outside the geographical scope of the EU.

The enquiry will not deal with strictly organisational matters, since addressing such matters before clarifying political goals would be getting priorities wrong. Debates and decisions on organisational matters will obviously have to follow, but it seems appropriate that they be handled by the organisation's future Secretary General.

**1) SWOT Analysis**

- *What do you consider to be the CPMR's biggest achievements during recent years?*
- *On what occasions, or in what areas, do you consider that the CPMR has failed, or could have done more?*
- *What do you consider as the most important issues which the CPMR should address in the foreseeable future?*

**2) CPMR external relationships**

- *How do you think that the CPMR could get more actively involved with other stakeholders on the European scene, and with which ones?*
- *How do you think that the CPMR could play a greater role with the territories covered by the EU Neighbourhood Economic Policy?*
- *How do you think that the CPMR could become increasingly involved with other structures or networks of regional organisations worldwide?*

These findings will be summarised and presented to the CPMR Political Bureau due to be held in Rhodes in June 2008. After discussion by the Political Bureau it will be drafted a number of "scenarios". The scenarios will be submitted to Members in the course of the summer 2008, in view of a large debate during the General Assembly in early October.

There will also be the organisation of an "opinion pool"; via a short questionnaire which will be distributed to all Member Regions in electronic format (to enable quick processing) the Members will be asked to give their opinion on each scenario proposed and to indicate their individual preference regarding the nature and goals of the CPMR. They will also be given the opportunity to make comments or suggestions.

**Final decision**

13 §	<b>Presentation of a new BSC member region</b>
	<p>The <b>Southern Denmark Region</b> is welcomed as a new Baltic Sea Commission member.</p> <p>The Region of <b>IdaViru, Estonia</b>, has applied for to rejoin the CPMR, and the BSC, as from the CPMR General Assembly in CPMR General Assembly, Aquitaine (Fr) Bayonne October 1-3. The BSC is happy to welcome the region IdaViru today.</p>
14 §	<b>Candidate for the Baltic Sea Commission General Assembly 2009</b>
	<p>The 14<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly will be held in May/June 2008.</p> <p>The BSC General Assemblies earlier visited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> 1996 Silja Line, on board from Helsinki to Stockholm</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> 1997 Riga, Riga District, Latvia</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> 1998 Oulu, Northern Ostrobothnia, Finland</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> 1999 Borgholm, Öland, Sweden</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> 2000 Rønne, Bornholm, Denmark</li> <li>6<sup>th</sup> 2001 Tallinn, Harju, Estonia</li> <li>7<sup>th</sup> 2002 Klaipėda, Klaipėda County, Lithuania</li> <li>8<sup>th</sup> 2003 Umeå, Västerbotten, Sweden</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> 2004 Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany</li> <li>10<sup>th</sup> 2005 Naantali, South-West Finland, Finland</li> <li>11<sup>th</sup> 2006 Karlskrona, Blekinge, Sweden</li> <li>12<sup>th</sup> 2007 Bodø, Nordland, Norway</li> <li>13<sup>th</sup> 2008 Herning, Region Central Denmark, Denmark</li> </ul>
	<b>Final decision</b>
15 §	<b>Any Other Business</b>
	<b>Final decision</b>
16 §	<b>Thanks and Closing the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Baltic Sea Commission</b>
	<b>Final decision</b>

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