



# CPMR

## BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

### Pre-general assembly Oporto (P)

### Memorandum

- Time:** Thursday 20 September 2001 at 11-13
- Venue:** Centro de Congressos e Exposições – Alfândega, D. Maria Room
- Participants:** The total number of participants reached up to 41.  
Chairman: Mr Inge Andersson (Västerbotten, S)  
Secretary: Mr Jaakko Mikkola (BSC Executive Secretary)

The Balvi region (LV) was warmly welcomed to the Baltic Sea Commission of the CPMR: Balvi region was recently admitted to CPMR in the Political Bureau meeting in Helsinki on 2-3 July 2001. Mr Andris Kazinovskis, Managing Director of Balvi, briefly presented his region. Balvi was also presented in the September issue of BSC Newsletter.

Items to be discussed:

- 1) **Draft Resolution of the Northern Dimension Intercom group, adopted by the BSC Executive Committee in Uppsala (S) on 12 September (62 §)**

Mr Inge Andersson, Ms Susanne Andersson and Mr Tapio Välinoro presented the work of the Northern Dimension Intercom group. Mr Esa Halme and Ms Silva Wistrand had comments on the text. Three (3) amendments which were additions to the text were adopted. They were proposed by Ms Silva Wistrand (public health), Mr Juho Savo (natural gas pipeline networks) and Mr Aimo Ahti (information society).

- 2) **Activity report of the events after 6<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly in Tallinn on 29 May 2001**

Mr Jaakko Mikkola gave an account of the following events:  
 CPMR Political Bureau meeting in Helsinki on 2-3 July;  
 HELCOM 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Heads of Delegation in Warsaw on 24 August;  
 10<sup>th</sup> BSPC (Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference) in Greifswald on 3-4  
 September 2001

Ms Ritva Sarin-Grufberg had a comment on maritime safety. Both CPMR and BSPC are observers in IMO (International Maritime Organisation).

### **3) Executive Committee meeting in Uppsala (S) on 12 September 2001**

Mr Jaakko Mikkola gave an account of the previous Executive Committee meeting which was held in Uppsala on 12 September.

Memberships of two new Swedish regions in the BSC were welcomed: Västernorrland (S) will be a new member of CPMR whilst Västra Götaland (S) already is a member of CPMR and its North Sea Commission. The memberships of Norrbotten (S) and Päijät-Häme (FIN) are under preparation and also the first member region from Poland (Western Pomerania, PL) is welcomed and scheduled to be the reason for a BSC mission to Poland. Mr Tarmo Pikner (EST) is working for the unclear membership of Harjumaa (EST). Mr President Anders Gustâv will go on a visit to St Petersburg (RUS) on 1-2 October in order to discuss the membership issues of the City of St Petersburg and Leningrad region (Oblast).

The Uppsala meeting also selected "CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Projects" which means that the Baltic Sea Commission will play an active role and give its political support to these projects. Because of the absence of German and Danish representatives some project ideas were postponed to next meetings. Also Lithuanian members will specify their interests in "Eurovelo". In Uppsala the following projects were labelled (with a person who carries the main responsibility for supporting them in brackets):

- 1) Baltic Palette (Mr Anders Gustâv, Stockholm)
- 2) E18 (Mr Mikko Rönholm, South-west Finland)
- 3) "E12" (Mr Inge Andersson, Västerbotten)
- 4) Eurovelo (Klaipeda / BSC Secretariat)

The CPMR Baltic Sea Commission also reconfirmed its wish for a prolonged observer status in Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission – the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM).

### **4) Going briefly through the Working Documents of the XXIXth CPMR General Assembly in Oporto (P) on 20/21 September 2001**

Mr Philippe Cichowlaz from the CPMR General Secretariat, Rennes, gave an account of the main working documents and studies on polycentrism and cohesion.

Secretary in Oporto (P) on 20 September 2001,  
Kotka (FIN), 26 September 2001

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