



# CPMR

## BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

### Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES 1-2 MARCH 2007

**Time** 1 March 2007 at 13.00 a.m. – 16.00 p.m.; 2 March 2007 at 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Venue** Rauhankatu 27 / Fredsgatan 27, Porvoo, ITÄ-UUSIMAA (SF)

#### Participants

#### Members

#### Substitutes

#### Roll call

	(X)	Ms Christel LILJESTRÖM Itä-Uusimaa/Östra Nyland (FI)	President	
	(X)	Mr Poul MÜLLER Central Vice- Denmark Region (DK) President	(-)	Mr Jørgen KVIST Bornholm (DK)
	(X)	Ms Elke ORDING Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)	(-)	Mr Wolf BORN Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)
	(-)	NN (EST)	(-)	NN (EST)
	(-)	Ms Talvikki KOSKINEN South-West Finland (FI)	(-)	Ms Marjatta VEHKAOJA Pohjanmaa/Österbotten (FI)
March 2nd	(X)	Mr Ilgonis STEINBERGS Riga District (LV)	(-)	NN (LV)
	(-)	NN Klaipėda (LT)	(-)	Ms Dalia MAKUSKIENE Klaipėda (LT)
	(-)	Mr Geir-Ketil HANSEN Nordland (N)	(-)	Ms Sonja A STEEN Nordland (N)
	(X)	Mr Micha•PODBIELSKI Podlaskie (PL)	(-)	Ms Grazyna SZAJSTEK Podlaskie (PL)
	(X)	Ms Annika ANNERBY JANSSON Region Skåne (S)	(X)	Mr Erik BERGKVIST Västerbottens Läns Landsting (S)

#### Secretariat:

(X)	Ms Anne STÅHL MOUSA	Executive Secretary
(X)	Ms Ilmi TIKKANEN	Secretariat EC meeting Porvoo/Borgå

**Other participants:**

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| (X) Mr Peder BANG,<br>Central Denmark Region (DK)               | (X) Mr JanErik MAJEWSKI, Region<br>Skåne (S)                 |
| (-) Mr Ole KOLSTAD, Nordland (N)                                | (-) Mr Henrik EYBYE NIELSEN<br>Bornholm (DK)                 |
| (X) Mr Jaakko MIKKOLA, Regional Council of Itä-<br>Uusimaa (SF) | (X) Ms Linnéa LUNDSTRÖM,<br>Västerbotten (S)                 |
| (X) Mr Enrico MAYRHOFER<br>CPMR Brussels Office                 | (X) Ms Tuula LOIKKANEN, South<br>Finland EU-Office, Brussels |
| (X) Ms Grenada DEMAKINA<br>Riga District (LV)                   |  |

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<b>27 §</b>	<b>Opening the meeting</b>
<b>Final decision</b>	The president opened the meeting wishing everyone welcome to Porvoo/Borgå and hoping that the two days would be pleasant and successful.
<b>28 §</b>	<b>Adopting of the agenda</b>
<b>Final decision</b>	The agenda was adopted without amendments.
<b>29 §</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> <i>Appendix 1 Minutes E.C. Murcia</i> <i>Appendix 2 Guidelines</i>
	The previous meeting was held in Murcia on 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> of October 2007.
<b>Final decision</b>	The minutes were unanimously adopted without amendments.
<b>30 §</b>	<b>Change of Executive Committee members</b>
	As a result of the outcome of the Swedish election in September 2006 there are changes among the Swedish delegates. Member: Ms <b>Annika Anneby Jansson</b> , Region Skåne (S) Substitute Dr <b>Erik Bergkvist</b> , Västerbottens läns landsting (S)
	As Mr Dirk Frassman has been promoted and <b>Ms Elke Ording</b> , Head of Section, State Chancellery, is now the member for Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D).
	As Ms Magdalena Lyznicka-Sancenکو has left the BSC Executive Committee for Podlaskie, Poland, Mr Michal Podbielski is the replacing representative of the Podlaskie region.
	Irina Rozova has left her office and will be replaced by NN.
<b>Proposal</b>	All delegates make a presentation of themselves and new members are welcome to the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission family and work.
<b>Final decision</b>	All participants made a short presentation of themselves. New members were welcomed to the BSC Executive Committee. There is still no news as to who should be the new representative of Klaipėda (LT) after Ms Irina Rozova.
<b>31 §</b>	<b>CPMR Current affairs</b> <i>Appendix 3 CPMR Program of Work</i>
	Mr Enrico Mayrhofer, Director, CPMR, contact person on Baltic Sea Commission will have a presentation about the current CPMR activities post the Political Bureau meeting in Florence on February 16 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Presentation</b>	Will be added to the minutes.
<b>Final decision</b>	Mr Enrico Mayrhofer, CPMR made a presentation on the CPMR activities during 2007 of interest to the Baltic Sea Commission:

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## February

- 16-4 Meeting of the CPMR Political Bureau (Firenze)

## March

- 5-7-4 First International Convention on a Territorial approach of the Development (Marseille, FR)
- 26-27-4 CPMR Seminar on Training & Employment (Asturias, ES)

## April

- 13-14-4 CPMR Seminar on Maritime Safety (Cantabria) BSC President Ms Christel Liljeström will give a speech.  
**Main objectives:**
  - Following “Erika package progress report”
  - Open debate on new issues and clarify the position of Maritime Regions with regard to a more global approach to safety problems
  - « Napoli Package? »
- 26-27-4 General Assembly of the CPMR Islands Commission (Isle of Man)  
**Main objectives:**
  - Outcomes of the project “The contribution of the region towards education, training and employment Lisbon Objectives”
  - Analyse role of the regions concerning the achievement of Lisbon objectives in coordination with national and European Levels
  - Exchange experiences and practices
  - How to conciliate cohesion and competitiveness objectives: Are they opposite or complementary?

## May

- 31 May -1<sup>st</sup> June-4 CPMR Scientific Council on CAP - Common Agricultural Policy- (Centro, P)

## June

- 8-4 Meeting of the CPMR Political Bureau (Podlaskie, Poland)
- 14-15-4 General Assembly of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission (Bodø, Nordland , NO)
- 20-22-4 General Assembly of the CPMR North Sea Commission (Vestfold, NO)
- ?-4 General Assembly of the CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission

## July

- 4-4 General Assembly of the CPMR Inter-Mediterranean Commission (Granada – Andalucía, ES)
- 9-10-4 CPMR Seminar on “Sea and Globalization” (Azores, PT)

## October

- 17-19-4 35th CPMR General Assembly (Roma, IT)

## EU and the global market.

Mr Mayrhofer did also give a brief account on thematic of Globalisation and European Regional development. The rest of the world, not the least China who is moving fast upward, is gradually narrowing the gap of wealth. The acceleration of the global economy has also seen a diversification in trade. Viewing EU with the Lisbon indicators show that the regional variation of high performance is very varied. Regional high performance and regional innovation correlates and point out regions in a band from south west England through Denmark, the south and middle of Sweden and southern Finland as the most. This point to the conclusion that regional innovation could be the solution for regional prosperity.

## How the shrinking EU economy could develop – three scenarios:

Mr Mayrhofer concluded with a three scenario model of how the presently decreasing EU

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budget could be met in the future.

First scenario: “Continuously shrinking budget and weaker EU”

Second scenario: “More selfish nations and a weaker or dissembling EU”

Third scenario: “Renewed vision of the EU and its global position” – this calling for a European fiscal policy and EU taxation. -- This scenario is supported so far by the CPMR.

**32 §** **Activity report Oct 2006 (Murcia) – Feb 2007 (Porvoo/Borgå)** *Appendix 4 Activity Report*

		Existing documents link	
2006	20-22 Oct	BSSSC European Maritime Policy of the Baltic Sea Area, Kiel (D)	<a href="#">32 § A, B, C</a>
	25 Oct	BSC Pre-General Assembly, Murcia (ES)	<a href="#">32 § D</a>
	25-27 Oct	34 <sup>th</sup> CPMR General Assembly, Murcia (ES)	<a href="http://www.cpmr.org">www.cpmr.org</a>
	30-31 Oct	Helsinki Summit of the Baltic Development Forum, Helsinki (SF)	<a href="#">32 § E</a>
	6-7 Nov	VASAB Warsaw Stakeholders Conference, On The Future of Our Baltic Europe Territory, Baltic Sea Regions Input to the Rotterdam Process and Long-term Perspective on Spatial Development of the Baltic Sea Region, Warsaw (PL)	
	8 Nov	Special consultation with the Swedish CBSS Presidency, Kalmar (S)	
	20-21 Nov	First BSC and NSC joint conference on European Maritime Policy, Stavanger (N)	<a href="#">32 § F, G, H, I, J</a>
2007	4-5 Dec	HELCOM - Taskforce for the Baltic Sea Action plan, Hamburg (D)	<a href="#">32§ K</a>
	10 Jan	CPMR Energy Work group and BSC Energy WG – Aliening the work meeting, Brussels (B)	
	18-19 Jan	Meeting of the CPMR Management Committee Extended To Include the Executive Secretaries of the Geographical Commissions, Rennes (F)	
	23 Jan	First Energy WG meeting, Stockholm (S)	<a href="#">See WG report B 37§</a>
	6 Feb	Preparatory meeting for the BSC’s General Assembly in June, Bodø (N)	<a href="#">See Meetings 39§</a>
	7 Feb	Preparatory meeting for the rekindling of the BSC Transport WG, Bodø (N)	<a href="#">32§ L</a>
	7 Feb	Human resource group WG meeting	<a href="#">See WG report D 37§</a>
	15-16 Feb	CPMR Political Bureau meeting, Florence (I)	

**Final decision** The presentation of past activities was adopted. All member were made aware of the secretariats wish to be informed when they are representing the Baltic Sea Commission. The model of providing some form of report was appreciated and it was requested that activities and linked documents should be added to the future website.

**33 §** **Visions and Objectives for the Baltic Sea Commission** *Appendix 5 Visions & Objectives - draft*

The “Vision and Objectives” strategic document of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission was adopted by the 9<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly in Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D) on 4 June 2004. The Executive Committee agreed in Murcia changing the “Visions and Objectives” document.

The discussion landed in the decision that a NEW kind of “Visions and Objectives” should be drafted. Simply stating:

- This is the Baltic Sea Commission.
- This we have achieved.
- This is what we intend to do in the coming year.

**Short – Sharp – Simple**

**Proposal**

**Time-table**

- The suggestions are discussed and returned to the secretariat for compilation.
- The compiled document is distributed to members for amendments.
- The new Visions & Objectives are adopted at the General Assembly in Bodø on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.

- The new Visions & Objectives are presented on the new website with direct links to more in-depth material in summer 2007.

**Final decision**

The `Visions and Objectives` were thoroughly discussed. The new revised document will be attached labelled [Appendix 5b Visions & Objectives – draft revised](#).

**The draft, provided by the secretariat, was approved with the following amendments agreed by the Executive Committee:**

- The slogan must change and should take stand in `What BSC like to achieve`.
- The description on who we are should be taken from the Statutes 1 § adding that BSC should work for sustainability.
- In the section `How we work` the concept of `benchmarking` should be added, at least for work grope work.
- Rewording of the sentences regarding networking was advice to lift forward the BSCs wish to co-operate with Russian regions in a positive way.
- To `what we achieved` the `Baltic Sea Action plan` realised in co-operation with HELCOM should be added.
- Shortening the heading and limit the number of bullet points under the section of “...important in the future”. In particular rephrase that the BSC like to be a major Baltic Sea Actor into WHY we like to be that.
- Shortening the heading and limit the number of bullet points under the section of “...focuses in the coming years”. Regarding co-operation with Russian regions it will be enough to add that as a joint activity with the CPMR.

**Time-table**

- The suggestions are discussed and returned to the secretariat in April for compilation.
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**Updating statutes of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission**

[Appendix 6 BSC Statutes - reviewed](#)  
[Appendix 7 CPMR Statues](#)

At the Executive Committee meeting in Murcia the conclusion was that the statutes need to be update as there is now the ***need to establishing the post of the second Vice-President*** in the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission.

The statutes of the Geographical Commissions must be ***written in accordance with the CPMR statutes***.

The decision was to ask the secretariat to draft a suggestion for new statues based on the CPMR statues. In 4 §, and were else applicable, the additions of ***adding she*** to existing he in the text should be made. It was also agreed, concerning 5 § that ***the right to vote should be the same as for CPMR that is “elected member”*** have the right to vote.

**Proposal**

**Time-table**

- The suggestions are discussed and returned to the secretariat for compilation.
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- The new Statutes are adopted at the General Assembly in Bodö on June 15<sup>th</sup>2007.
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**Final decision**

The `Statutes` were debated. The new revised document will be attached labelled [Appendix 6b BSC Statutes - draft revised](#).

**The draft, provided by the secretariat, was approved with the following amendments agreed by the Executive Committee:**

- Article 4 – there shall be two vice presidents.
- Article 4 – No need for bullet point on `full member` being elect able as all BSC members ARE full members.

- Article 5 – "...The Executive Secretary **should** be from another **country** ...".

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**Economic report**

*Appendix 8 BSC Economy jan-oct 2006*

The financial report and money arrived to Visby from Lahti's in week 7, 2007.

A sum of € 11.293:72 were transferred to the new Secretariat in Visby on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. The money will be covering the cost the Visby secretariat carried in the period November – December 2006.

Details will be sent out later as the arrival of funding came in February details can't be received to date out of the system. – The Visby secretariat will how ever not seek to cover anything but the travel expenses and web-costs for the executive secretariat for the Nov-Dec 2007 period. A suggestion is that some money will be set aside to finance BSC marketing activities and give-aways like pins, pens etc.

**Proposal**

- Financial report is adopted.
- The Balanced report with Visby costs for November December 2007 will be adopted in Bodø.
- Money are set aside for BSC marketing and give-aways.

**Final decision**

The financial statement from the Lahti secretariat that closed in October 2006 was presented. There is a surplus transferred to the new secretariat on Gotland of € 11.293:72. As the money arrived Visby mid February 2007 the deduction of costs accumulated in Visby could not be presented. As for Visby's costs in 2006 covering the period October-December, only direct costs like web and travels will be deducted for the period November-December 2006. A full report shall be given at the next meeting.

Reservation for costs not in the budget:

- July meeting during Almedalsveckan – Direct costs for participating speakers.
- Mr Marco Mälly will be given full support for the entry fee and accommodation in and during the Gotland Grand National.

The possibility t use the surplus for merchandise will be discussed at a later date.

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**Work on the EU green paper on Maritime Policy**

*Appendix 9 NSC - draft  
Amendment to Maritime Policy*

The EU green paper on Maritime policy is of major importance to the Baltic Sea region. The consultation period is running till the last of June 2007.

The CPMR has taken it up on them to deliver a joint Policy Position Paper on the content of the future EU maritime policy to be taken at the Political Bureau meeting in Poland 8<sup>th</sup> of June. The document will be made up of four sections. The geographical commission shall contribute to section 3. The contribution have to be in the hands of the CPMR before the end of April:

1. **a set of principles**, as set out in previous policy positions, but with additional input from more recent work on sustainable development, the role of the regions, and the importance of the sea basins
2. **a series of notes on the desired development of the various EU sect oral policies** :
  - ports and maritime transport*: see the work programme for 2007
  - maritime safety*: based on the conclusions of *the Santander* (Cantabria) seminar to be held on 13-14 April 2007
  - marine and maritime research*: in collaboration with Europeans
  - employment and human resources*: based on the conclusions of the seminar to be organised on this topic by Brittany on 9 March 2007

*marine (environment) strategy* and integrated coastal zone management

3. a set of contributions on the “geographical subsidiarity” of the maritime policy: priorities of each of the sea basins taking account of their particular features, drawn up in collaboration with the *Geographical Commissions*
4. proposals on the possible form (instruments, budgets) of an integrated maritime policy

At the Executive Committee meeting it was decided that the BSC should work on the green paper for **Maritime Policy** in co-operate with others via secretariat. This has been done through a joint seminar with the NSC and contact with the B7. The secretariat has also requested that the BSC WG make comments on the green paper from their own perspectives. From the co-operation with the NSC there is now a draft response to the green paper on maritime policy.

## Proposal

### Time-table

#### **March**

- The secretariat circulates to BSC WG and BSC member regions the draft response to the EU green paper on Maritime Policy, which came out of the joint NSC+BSC seminar in Stavanger and adopted by the NSC Executive Committee. – It is important that we have BALTIC SEA perspectives to the answers. Answers to be returned by the end of the month.
- The secretariat share input on the maritime policy from B7.
- The secretariat share input on the maritime policy with HELCOM.

#### **April**

- The NSC+BSC have a second technical preparation seminar on Gotland to finalise our joint opinions and circulated to member regions and Executive Committee members for adoption.

## Final decision

- A joint NSC+BSC text on the maritime policy is sent to the CPMR.
- The secretariat stressed the need for BSC regions to provide Baltic Sea comments to the joint document that came out of the BSC+NSC joint meeting in Stavanger in November 2006. – The Executive Committee members will put pressure on their respective regions to answer.
- The BSC B7 member regions are working on an answer, based on the Stavanger notes, which will be circulated as soon as it has been returned to the secretariat.
- The secretariat will resend the documents and a request for reply.
- The secretariat will also make contact with BSSSC and HELCOM for a broader Baltic Sea view.

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## **BSC Working Groups**

Following a general discussion on Workgroups it was agreed in Murcia that:

- The Baltic Sea Commission is a small organisation and thus have to overcome the limited resources by actively seek so-operation with other organisations and to make **joint papers**.
- The form for **co-operation** with other organisations: An executive committee member together with the co-ordinator of workgroups.
- On a direct question, it was made clear that anyone may **join a workgroup** if the Chairman of the workgroup invites him/her.
- Within the Executive Committee it has been decided that the working groups in general should have a

**politician as Chairman** (and also a Vice-Chairman) - preferably elected by and from the Executive Committee - for the groups according to the same model as in the North Sea Commission. This to secure contact with the Executive Committee and also secure better political dialogue when presenting issues e.g. to national and international politicians (National ministries, EU, CPMR etc.).

- The day to day work like organising meetings, producing agendas and minutes from meetings, preparation of papers for political decisions etc. should in this case be lead by a "**Working Group Co-ordinator**" who also will take part in external meetings when needed.
- **Meetings of more technical character** within the working group could however be lead by the co-ordinator, and the co-ordinator should also represent the working group in external meetings of more technical character.

**Report A)**

**Transport Working Group (Mr Geir-Ketil Hansen, Mr Per Strømhaug)**

**WG Report A**

After a long search and many rejections the group has finally found a new co-ordinator, Mr Per Strømhaug.

A first meeting in the new work group constellation will be held in Malmö on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

There will be good connections between the transport working group and the project "InterBaltic" since the project really is initiated by the working group. Contact is also taken with the NSC WG on Transport. VASAB has also asked to have a co-operation as soon as the WG is established.

**Proposal**

The working progress of the BSC working groups will be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting in Bodø.

**Final decision**

The Executive Secretary made short presentations of the present status of the Transport work group, about to hold its renewed start in Malmö on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The work group leader is asked to provide a report at the next Executive Committee meeting.

**Report B)**

**Energy Working Group (Dr. Erik Bergkvist, Ms. Linnéa Lundström)**

**WG Report B**

The Energy WG shall act as a **sub-group to the CPMR energy WG**.

The overall **goal is to present a policy position paper regarding EU energy policy at the CPMR General Assembly in Rome, October 2007**. The focus of the position paper should be on renewable energies, and especially the agricultural and forestry sectors. However, all regions are welcome to contribute and work with their specific knowledge and requests which opens up for a wider policy paper if the regions so desire.

A smaller **seminar/workshop will be held in Umeå preferably in April** and organized by Västerbotten County Council. Regional actors in the field of renewable energy sources will be invited and the first steps towards forming desirable policy positions will be taken. An invitation will go out to other BSC regions, and regions are also encouraged to hold seminars in the own regions. Contact the coordinator Linnéa Lundström if you are interested in participating and working with these issues in some way.

At the **BSC General Assembly in Bodø, 14-15 June the working group will organize a workshop on the theme of energy** together with the hosting organization, and discussions about policy positions will take place. **The following week hopefully a presentation can also be made at the NSC General Assembly**. A **bigger workshop/seminar**, continuing the discussion and collecting all the different inputs, will be held **in Umeå during the autumn** (September). The goal is to have a rough draft to a position paper by the end of that seminar. Member regions can then leave their opinions on the draft during the weeks preceding the CPMR General Assembly in Rome. **Hopefully the BSC will hold a meeting in Rome before the General Assembly, where a position paper can be discussed and adopted**.

**Proposal**

Adopt the proposed agenda. The working progress of the BSC working groups will be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting in Bodø.

<b>Final decision</b>	Erik Bergkvist and Linnéa Lundström, Västerbotten (S), made a short presentation of the newly launched energy workgroup – much in line with what’s mentioned above. Vice president Mr Poul Müller pointed out the importance of considering 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation of bio energy, adding that his region of Central Denmark had an interest and knowledge in this. The work group leader is asked to provide a report at the next Executive Committee meeting.
<b>Report C)</b>	<b>Fishery Working Group (Mr Kjell Nybacka, Mr Rolf Gidemo)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>WG Report C</b></span>
	At the Executive Committee meeting it was concluded that fishery is an important issue to the BSC. A lot of work is already undertaken in a North Sea Commission WG led by the Shetlands and also in the joint expert group held between the CPMR, Mr Francois Desrentes and DG Fishery in which the Baltic Sea Commission have long been represented by Mr Kjell Nybacka of Finland and Rolf Gydemo of Gotland. Mr Kjell Nybacka is now informed of his appointment at the last meeting as chair of the BSC fishery group and a dialogue is established between the secretariat and Mr Nybacka and Mr Gidemo.
<b>Proposal</b>	The working progress of the BSC working groups will be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting in Bodø.
<b>Final decision</b>	The Executive Secretary made short presentations of the present status of the Fishery work group. The work group leader is asked to provide a report to the next Executive Committee meeting.
<b>Report D)</b>	<b>CPMR Work groups – Human Resource Group</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>WG Report D</b></span>
	Stockholm region is active in the Human Resource Group. The group held its last meeting on February 7 <sup>th</sup> . A conference to be held in the Asturias on March 26-27 <sup>th</sup> with political representatives present.
<b>Proposal</b>	The working progress of the BSC working groups will be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting in Bodø.
<b>Final decision</b>	Mr Enrico Mayrhofer made short presentations of the present status of the Human Resource work group work – as it was included in the WG Report D. The work group leader is asked to provide a report to the next Executive Committee meeting.
<b>Report E)</b>	<b>CPMR Intercommission Work groups – TN-RIS Project</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>WG Report D</b></span>
	The Baltic Sea Commission proposal for an intercommission work group on innovation, made at the CPMR General Assembly in Murcia, has been well received. The CPMR together with, in particular the Stockholm Region together drawn up the intercommission WG named the TN-RIS project ‘Toward a New Regional Innovation System’. Stockholm Region with Ms Inger Linge is the lead partner together with the CPMR General Secretariat, in the person of Philippe Cichowlaz, Director, who shall be in charge of the technical coordination A first meeting will be held in the beginning of June.
<b>Proposal</b>	The working progress of the BSC working groups will be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting in Bodø.
<b>Final decision</b>	The President Ms Christel Liljeström made short presentations of the present status of the now forming Intercommission work group led by Stockholm’s (S) Inger Linge with the technical support of CPMRs Patrick Cichowlaz. The work group leader is asked to provide a report to the next Executive Committee meeting.
<b>38 §</b>	<b>By the CPMR requested BSC Contributions</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Appendix 10 CPMR on Agriculture</b></span>
<b>Report A)</b>	<b>Revision of the CAP – Agricultural</b> The CPMR have expressed an interest that the BSC would engage on the issue of Agriculture.  At their informal meeting in September 2006 in Oulu, Finland, Agricultural ministers were divided about the future of the CAP and the changes to be made in 2014.  In 2007 the Commission will start to prepare the “health check” of the CAP, to be published

in 2008. This is the first step in the drafting of proposals for revision, which the Commission will present as part of the mid-term review of the 2007-2013 financial frameworks (in 2008/2009).

**Final decision** There is an interest for BSC to take an active part in the future work on what will come post CAP. The Oulu region of Finland has noted its interest.

President Ms Christel Liljeström will participate at the CPMR brain storm meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Other regions interested to participate in this meeting should send their names to president Liljeström, that she could take the request of more Baltic Sea Commission participants in the meeting to the CPMRs Mr Patrick Cichowlaz.

**Maritime Safety and Security**

**Appendix 11 CPMR on Maritime Safety & Security**

**Report B)** The CPMR and the MSUO, Maritime Safety Umbrella Operation, with whom CPMR have a cooperation have expressed an interest that the BSC would engage on the issue of Maritime Safety and Security. The number of accidents has, according to HELCOM, increased in the Baltic Sea as trade and traffic is increasing. The Baltic Sea is a very sensitive environment that suffers dramatic blows from ship accidents in ports and off shore.

Ms Christel Liljeström will make an intervention on the subject at the Santander seminar 13-14 April on "the Regions and Maritime Security and Safety".

**Final decision** The secretariat expressed the spoken wishes from CPMR and MSUO, Maritime Safety Umbrella Operation, co-operating with CPMR, that Baltic Sea Commission engage itself in the field of Maritime Safety as this is seen as a most vital subject for the future of the Baltic Sea environment. – Anyone interested in forming a work group could bring this to the next Executive Committee meeting.

Ms Christel Liljeström will make an intervention on the subject at the Santander seminar 13-14 April on "the Regions and Maritime Security and Safety".

A report will follow at the next Executive Committee meeting.

**Proposal for new BSC Work Group(s)?**

**Final decision** Ms Annika Annerby Jansson, Region Skåne (S), proposed forming a new work group on the thematic 'migration'. The focus should be on 'integration' **analysing** the problem and finding the *best practice*. The work group could possibly be intercommissional as the issue is of pan European interest.

Presently the CPMR Island Commission under the Canary Islands has a work group on the illegal migration to the peripheral regions of Europe.

The Executive Secretary, Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa, together with Region Skåne and CPMRs and of Island Commissions Jean Didier Hache will discuss the possibilities of forming an intercommissional work group.

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**Coming events – a calendar for 2006-2007**

**Appendix 12 Coming Events 2007**

2007	1-2 March	BSC Executive Committee, Porvoo/Borgå, Itä-Uusimaa/Östra Nyland (FI)	
	7 March	WG meeting Transport, Malmö (S)	
	25-26 March	CPMR Seminar on Training & Employment, Asturias (ES)	
	12 April	Joint co-operation meeting NSC+BSC, Copenhagen (DK)	
	12-13 April	NSC meeting, Ålborg, (DK)	
	13-14 April	CPMR Seminar on maritime Security Santander (Cantabria)	

16-17 April	Baltic Sea Organisation Meeting, Bornholm (DK)	
April	Second BSC and NSC joint technical meeting on European Maritime Policy, Visby (S)	
April	The Energy WG will hold a smaller seminar/workshop on energy, Umeå (S)	
May	CPMR and Executive Meeting, Rennes (F)	
June	Fist meeting of CPMR Intercommission WG the TN-RIS Project, ---	
1 June	CPMR Agriculture. Brain storm meeting on the regions and the future of CAP.	
8 June	CPMR Political Bureau, Podlaskie, (PL)	
13 June	BSC Work group meeting, Transport, Bodø (N)	<b>Appendix 13 Invitation to BSC General Assembly in Bodø</b>
14 June am	BSC. Political Conference – “Networks for Peace and Development”, Bodø (N)	
14 June pm	BSC Three parallel workshops: Transport/Safety and Security/Energy all including Climate Change perspectives, Bodø (N)	
15 June	BSC 12 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Bodø, Nordland (N)	
15 June	BSC Executive Committee Meeting, Bodø (N)	
20-22 June	NSC General Assembly, Vestfold, (N)	
24-29 June	Baltic Sea Convention days, Visby, (S)	
10 July	BSC Seminar on Environmental Impact Assessment of the new Baltic Sea Gas Pipeline, Almedalsveckan, Visby, Gotland (S)	
Sept	BSC Executive Committee Meeting .....	

## Reports

### A) Thematic and practical arrangements of the 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Bodø

Bodø presented the arrangements that will not only offer an interesting agenda but spectacular social arrangements under the midnight sun. For practical details co-operation will continue between Bodø and the president, vice president and secretariat.

### B) BSC seminar during the Almedalsveckan in July 2007 in Visby, Gotland (S)

This is to be the major event in 2007 for the Baltic Sea Commission aiming at making us known.

It was decided that the theme for the BSC Seminar during the Almedalsveckan would be the “Environmental Impact Assessment of the Baltic Sea Gas Pipeline”. In order to attract attention it is important that a few but high-ranking representatives of the various aspects of the subject will present the 2-3 hour session. – Oral report.

### C)

#### Candidate to host the 13<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly 2008 together with the NSC

There is still no candidate for hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly in 2008. The matter is urgent, as the candidate should be announced at the General assembly in Bodø in June 2007. All members are asked to consider the matter and the president, vice president and secretariat should act to secure a candidate.

- Final decision**
- The 35<sup>th</sup> CPMR General Assembly will be held in Rome (I) October 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- A. The Bodø draft program for the 12<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly was briefly presented and the changes requested by the President and the secretariat described. Basically the program has to distinguish between the two organisations here mixed; the Baltic Sea Commission and the Inter Baltic. – The executive secretary is commissioned to go to Bodø to secure the requested program layout.
  - B. The Swedish Minister of Environment has declined participation at the BSC event in Almedalen on July 10<sup>th</sup> due to family reasons. Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa together with Ms Annika Annerby Jansson will try to secure the participation of Swedish foreign minister Carl Bildt. As moderator professor Olof Lindén at the section of Coastal zone management at the High school of Kalmar is considered. Ms Elke Ms Elke Ording, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D), will help find a German participant in the debate.
  - C. The vice president Mr Poul Müller, Central Denmark Region (DK), offered to host the 13<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly 2008 together with the NSC, North Sea Commission, General Assembly of the same year – providing the two geographical commissions could agree to hold their meeting on the same dates. The format would be a three-day-event with separate program-joint program-separate program. The executive secretary Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa will discuss the invitation and dates together with the NSC executive secretary. Report at next executive committee meeting in Bodø, June 14<sup>th</sup> for decision at the General Assembly on June 15<sup>th</sup> in Bodø.

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**40 §**                      **The next Executive Committee meetings 2007**  
 An additional executive commission meeting in April in conjunction with the second BSC and NSC joint conference on European Maritime Policy will be decided in Porvoo.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be organised in Bodø, Nordland on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Final decision**                      A date for an Executive Committee meeting should be set for early September, 2007.

**Scheduled Executive Committee meetings 2007:**

- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> 9-12 am in Bodø (N).
- Executive Committee meeting, directly after the BSC General Assembly, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30 pm in Bodø (N).
- Executive Committee meeting in Riga (LV). Meeting is to be held either from lunch-to-lunch 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September or, second best, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. – The Riga district representative Mr Ilgonis Steinbergs will return an answer to the Executive Secretary Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa as soon as possible as to what date could be adopted.

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**41 §**                      **Application for new membership**  
 Schleswig – Holstein have applied for membership in the CPMR and the geographical commissions of the North Sea and the Baltic Sea Commission.

According to the CPMR statutes the geographical commissions concerned shall be heard regarding the acceptance to new CPMR & Geographical Commission membership.

**Final decision**                      The BSC Executive Committee will need to receive more information on the issue. Schleswig – Holstein have applied for a two-year membership. As far as the BSC understand applications should be made without any restriction of duration.  
 BSC hope to have an answer to be able to convey the BSC decision in time for the CPMR Political Bureau meeting in Podlaskie (PL) on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2007.

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**42 §**                      **Any other business**  
 Ms Annika Annerby Jansson, Region Skåne (S) asked wither the BSC have any work group directives?

**Final decision**                      The executive secretary Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa reply that that is not the case but the secretariat

will look in to the matter and see if possibly the NSC work groups have any work group directives that could be adopted or amended and adopted.

A report on this will come at the next executive committee meeting in Bodø on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Closing the meeting**

**Proposal**

The President will close the meeting

**Final decision**

Ms Annika Annerby Jansson, Region Skåne (S), thanked the host Jaakko Mikkola the Regional Council of Itä-Uusimaa, the BSC secretariat and president Ms Christel Liljeström for a fine hosted and well organised meeting.

President Ms Christel Liljeström invited the participating politicians, Mr Enrico Mayrhofer and the executive secretary Anne Ståhl Mousa to partake in the press conference to be held after the meeting.

Ms Liljeström thanked all participants for the good work done and closed the meeting.

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