



CPMR

BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES 15 June 2007

Time 15 June 2007 at 2 pm. – 3 pm.
Venue Hotel Radisson SAS, Conference Area, BODØ (N)

Participants **Members** **Substitutes**

Roll call

(x)	Ms Christel LILJESTRÖM Itä-Uusimaa/Östra Nyland (FI)		President
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(x)	Ms Elke ORDING Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)		(-) Mr Wolf BORN Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)
(-)	Ms Reet KOKOVKIN (EST)		(-) Mr Tarmo PIKNER (EST)
(x)	Ms Talvikki KOSKINEN South-West Finland (FI)		(x) Ms Marjatta VEHKAOJA Pohjanmaa/Österbotten (FI)
(x)	Mr Ilgonis STEINBERGS Riga District (LV)		(-) Ms Grenada DEMAKINA Riga District (LV)
(-)	Raisa MINCINAUSKIENE Klaipėda (LT)		(-) Ms Dalia MAKUSKIENE Klaipėda (LT)
(-)	Mr Geir-Ketil HANSEN Nordland (N)		(-) Ms Sonja A STEEN Nordland (N)
(x)	Mr Michał PODBIELSKI (PL)		(-) Ms Grazyna SZAJSTEK Podlaskie (PL)
(-)	Ms Annika ANNERBY JANSSON Region Skåne (S)		(-) Mr Erik BERGKVIST Västerbottens Läns Landsting (S)

Secretariat:

(x)	Ms Anne STÅHL MOUSA	Executive Secretary, BSC Secretariat Visby
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| (x) Mr Jaakko MIKKOLA, Regional Council of Itä-
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1 § Opening the meeting

Final decision President Ms Christel Liljeström, President, opened the meeting and wished everyone welcome to a short meeting but filed with fruitful discussions.

2 § Adopting of the agenda

Final decision The agenda was adopted.
It was however noticed that the postpone 47§ from the Executive Committee meeting on the 14th of June Missing members from Estonia and Latvia. Names? Action? Should be treated at this meeting under section 9§.

3 § Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The previous meeting was held in Bodø on May 14th 2007 and the minutes will be distributed to the members via web and put before the Executive Committee at the coming noon-to-noon meeting in Riga 27-28 September 2007.

Final decision The minutes of the Executive meeting of the 14th and 15th of June will both be presented to the Executive Commission meeting in Riga in September.

4 § Amendments to BSC List of Contact Persons to the Organisations of Co-operation

Co-operation is the key to a strong influence on the political development in EU and the Baltic Sea Area. Executive Committee members play an important roll as portal figures representing the CPMR and the Baltic Sea Commission in these organisations.

Due to some changes within the Executive Committee the list of contact persons need to be amended.

Intergovernmental Organisations

- Council of Baltic Sea States – **CBSS** – Will be represented at president or vice president level, Ms Christel LILJESTRÖM or Mr Poul MÜLLER.
- Helsinki Commission – **HELCOM** – President Ms Christel LILJESTRÖM
- **Baltic 21** (An Agenda 21 for the Baltic Sea Region) - Ms Marjatta VEKKAJA
- Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference – **BSPC** – vice president Mr Poul MÜLLER
- Visions & Strategies around the Baltic 2010 – **VASAB** 2010 - Mr Dirk FRASSMANN

Regional Organisations/ None Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

- Union of Baltic Cities – **UBC** - Mr Ilgonis STEINBERGS
- Baltic Sea Seven Islands – **B7** - Mr Jørgen KVIST
- Baltic Sea States Sub-regional Co-operation - **BSSSC** – Ms Annika ANNEBY JANSSON
- CPMR North Sea Commission – **NSC** - President Ms Christel LILJESTRÖM
- **Transport** - Mr Geir-Ketil HANSEN
- **Environment** - Ms Talvikki KOSKINEN
- **Barents Co-Operation** - Mr Ole KOLSTAD

Final decision Ms Elke Ording will replace Mr Dirk Frassman as the BSC contact person with the **VASAB 2010**.

The position of a new **chairman** of the BSC **thematic work group on transport** will be discussed and decided, if continued, at the BSC Executive Committee meeting in Riga in September.

BSC ought to have a contact person for the **BDF Baltic Development Forum**. The Executive Secretary Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa will be the BDF contact person.

5 § Reflections On the Outcome of the General Assembly

Over all:

Good – Bad – Develop

Outcome of decisions on:

Baltic Sea Commission Statutes

Baltic Sea Commission Vision & Objectives – Should there be a printed version at all?

Thematic Work Group Directives – Shall we develop this further?

Strategy to make the most out of the joint time and location of next years General Assembly together with the North Sea Commission.

Final decision The President was pleased with the run of the General Assembly that went rather smoothly.

As for the future the BSC should have a well defined time-table for resolutions that should be presented at the General Assembly. Secretariat – suggestion, please.

There were good substance in the issues and they were both well prepared and ditto presented.

It is noted that some members are very active but many are not and there is a need to make a change to this for the future benefit of the organisation.

The President thanks Mr Enrico Mayrhofer for his flexibility to fill in, where ever needed, in the program as replacement for Mr Xavier Gizard in addition to his own commitments.

The Executive Committee could already foresee that the coming year will hold a focus on energy and CAP. It was suggested that there could be a workgroup combining these two issues.

There was a discussion on if-or-not the BSC ought to undertake a roll call and have pre-designated seating, with the name of the region, at the coming General Assemblies. The discussion ended in a “probably not” as it might point out non-present participating regions in a negative fashion.

The Podlaskie region stressed that they miss other Polish regions in the organisation but that they themselves are at the moment fighting to justify the Podlaskie region membership. A special designed meeting to investigate what BSC could do for the Polish regions and others in neighbouring states is welcomed. – Like the possibility for the BSC to support the Augustów Via Baltica Road Project.

Mr Podbielski and the Executive Secretary were asked to arrange for a BSC pre-meeting inviting Polish and member regions in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia in connection to the Executive Committee meeting in Riga on 27-28th of September. The objective of the meeting is finding what these regions expect of the BSC and what we jointly could do to have more regions in these countries joining the BSC.

6 § Reflections On the Thematic Work Groups and Co-operation with NSC / CPMR

There is an interest in co-operating with the Baltic Sea Commission from, not only the CPMR and NSC, but from other organisations like BSSSC, B7, MSUO and UBC.

As organisation we are considered “strong” and with a genuine possibility to have an influence on EU affairs. As regions we are considered to be on the leading edge in many respects and our Baltic Sea Area is seen as one with a dynamic potential for continuous growth in years to come.

How should we be able to live up to these high expectations, with our limited recourses in mind, through our regions and thematic workgroups?

Final decision The discussion was postponed to the Riga meeting were half a day will focus on thematic work group and possible co-operation between our work groups and those of other organisations such as the North Sea Commission, BSSSC, B7 and others.

7 § Invitation ACCR High Level Group – Intereg IVB *Appendix 1 ACCR - Report
Appendix 2 ACCR - Project Plan
Appendix 3 ACCR - PPT*

“Three south-Finnish Regional Councils of Päijät-Häme, Häme and Itä-Uusimaa as the lead partner consortium are together planning an INTERREG IVB (Baltic Sea Programme) project regarding the climate change “ACCR – Awareness of Climate Change for Regions.”

Hereby the lead partner consortium asks to receive political support of the BSC Executive Committee for the project idea, and later when project would be approved that the representative of the CPMR/BSC could take part in the activities of the High Level Group which will be the international discussion forum based on the tripartite principle in the other words there will be representatives from the European, national and regional/local level as well as representatives from international organisations and business/industry.

Two of these Finnish regions in the lead partner consortium are CPMR members: Itä-Uusimaa and Päijät-Häme, and there are also other CPMR member regions or organisations from these CPMR regions interested in the project like Riga District, Västerbotten and Telemark, and with whom lead partner consortium is having close contacts for receiving them as partners in the project. This project idea was presented in the INTERREG IVB –programme opening conference in Hamburg on 11 May 2007 and the feed back received was very positive.”

Final decision The Executive Committee decided that it will support the work of the ACCR and that BSC shall take part in the future meetings.

8 §	Coming Major Events – A Calendar for 2007		Participating
2007	20-22 June	NSC General Assembly, Vestfold, (N)	Executive Secretary
	24-29 June	Baltic Sea Convention days, Visby, (S)	Executive Secretary
	2-6 July	BSC – NSC Secretariat joint planning group	Executive Secretary
	10 July	BSC Seminar on Environmental Impact Assessment of the new Baltic Sea Gas Pipeline, Almedalsveckan, Visby, Gotland (S)	President & Executive Secretary
	6-7 Sept	Meeting of the CPMR Management Committee Extended To Include the Executive Secretaries of the Geographical Commissions, Rennes (F)	Executive Secretary
	13-14 Sept	BSSSC Sustainable Energy and contributions to meet the threats of the climate change, Turku (FIN) ACCR - 2nd international partner meeting, Turku (FIN)	President & Executive Secretary
	27-28 Sept	BSC Executive Committee Meeting, Riga (LV)	All
	17-19 Oct	35 th CPMR General Assembly, Tuscany (IT)	All
	3-4 Dec	CPMR Scientific Council on "Regional Development and globalisation", Lisbon (PT)	Executive Secretary

Final decision In order to strengthen the BSC organisation it is important to show presence at major events. Regarding the listed major events, above, the representative of the BSC is at least as shown.

9 § Executive Committee Meetings 2007

The next Executive Committee meeting will be organised in Riga, 27-28, noon-to-noon,

September, 2007.

Other dates to be decided.

Final decision The next Executive Committee meeting will be hosted by the Riga region, 27-28, noon-to-noon, September, 2007 commemorating Riga's tenth year anniversary as a BSC member. A pre-meeting inviting Polish and member regions in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia will be organised with the objective to find what these regions expect of the BSC and what we jointly could do to have more regions in these countries joining the BSC.

10 § Any Other Business

Final decision Closed.

11 § Closing the Meeting

Final decision The President will closed the meeting thanking everyone for two full days of good work and reminding of our seminar in Visby on July 10th were there is still hotel rooms available to be booked through the secretariat.

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