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BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES 27 September 2007

Extra meeting to give more time to penetrate special issues of interest for the Polish and Baltic regions in order to open up for more BSC participation in these regions.

An input to 15§ and 21§ of the Agenda of the BSC Executive Committee meeting of September 28th, 2007 in Riga

Time 27 September 2007 at 11 am – 12 am.

Venue Hotel Ridzene, RIGA (EE)

Participants **Members** **Substitutes**

Roll call

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(x)	Mr Dariusz PIONTKOWSKI (PL)		(-) Mr Michał PODBIELSKI (PL)
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(x) Mr Peder BANG, Central Denmark (DK)	(x) Mr JanErik MAJEWSKI, Region Skåne (S)
(-) Mr Ole M KOLSTAD, Nordland (N)	(-) Mr Henrik EYBYE NIELSEN Bornholm (DK)
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At the Executive Commission (EC) Meeting in Bodø on June 15th it was decided that the BSC should invite Baltic and Polish regions to an extra session, in direct connection to the Executive Committee meeting in Riga on September 27-28th 2007.

The object: To see what specific topics the Polish and Baltic region has that they like the BSC work with.

The regions of Podlaskie (PL) and Riga was present.

NOTE:

Due to delayed flight the BSC President could not make the meeting in time.

A § BSC Vice President Mr Poul Müller opened the meeting wishing everyone welcome and thanked the Riga region for organising this two day BSC meeting.

Final decision A special welcome was aimed at Mr Dariusz Piontkowski and Ms Agnieszka Golebiewska, both attending the BSC EC for the first time, followed by a short round of presentation.

B § **BSC Executive Secretary gave a short presentation of the CPMR and BSC organisation to orient new EC members of the history of the organisation, present members and BSC present Vision & Objectives.**

Mr Enrico Mayrhofer CPMR continued by highlighting the most important events present on the CPMR agenda. (The full presentation was made at the EC meeting on September 28th and the PPT will be added to the minutes for reference).

C § *Referring to 21 § on the EC Agenda for the meeting on the 28th of September "BSC Resolutions at the CPMR General Assembly in Florence".*

Mr Piontkowski explained that the topic they wanted to discuss was the Podlaskie region draft declaration, sent to CPMR and BSC, asking the organisations for "support for ViaBaltica through rebuilding the Augustow bypassing road".

The bypass road was decided before the Polish entry to the EU. The construction work was put on halt as a result of the enforcement of Natura2000 legislation coming into act as Poland became an EU member region.

The ViaBaltica is the single road linking Finland-the Baltic states and Poland to central Europe the land way without having to leave Union territory.
The road section around Agustow is the bottleneck of the stretching offering only narrow meandering roads with many crossroads and an ever increasing traffic.
The heavy traffic, passing through the town and the popular tourist district in and around Agustow has seen road accident with fatal outcome skyrocketing over the past years.
A new bypass is presently in conflict with an existing Natura2000 area but traffic casualties call

	<p>for a solution. – This is the background to the Podlaski resolution.</p> <p>The following debate brought out many important thoughts that were to go into the rewriting of the resolution.</p>
Final decision	<p>A group consisting of the Podlaski region, Mr Bang and Mr Mayrhofer will rewrite the resolution making it shorter – more general with an EU-perspective – noting the historic background to the project – the general difficulties when EU policies clash like here Natura2000 and TEN-T - and note that Agustow though eager, for tourist reasons, to preserve nature, is suffering many road accidents – and that the present stretching on the whole is a bottleneck for traffic passing on E67.</p> <p>The goal is to have a resolution that all in BSC and NSC could support in order to have a chance to pass at the CPMR General Assembly in Florence in October.</p> <p>The new draft will be presented under 21 § at the EC on the 28th of September, 2007.</p>
D §	<p>There were no other subjects brought to the table from neither the Podlaskie nor the Riga region to be further discussed.</p>
Final decision	<p>The meeting was closed.</p>

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*NOTE:
The text was agreed at the Executive Committee meeting in Riga on September 28th, see Appendix App 4 - 22§ Via Baltica - final draft*