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BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES 27 September 2007

Extra meeting to give more time for presentations and discussions on present and future BSC thematic workgroups and BSC workgroup cooperation with other organisations.

An input to 23 § of the Agenda of the BSC Executive Committee meeting of September 28th, 2007 in Riga

Time 27 September 2007 at 1:30 – 5:00 pm.

Venue Hotel Ridzene, RIGA (EE)

Participants **Members** **Substitutes**

Roll call

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(-) Mr Ole M KOLSTAD, Nordland (N)	(-) Mr Henrik EYBYE NIELSEN Bornholm (DK)
(-) Mr Jaakko MIKKOLA, Regional Council of Itä- Uusimaa (SF)	(x) Ms Linnéa LUNDSTRÖM, Västerbotten (S)
(-) Ms Agnieszka GOLEBIEWSKA	(x) Ms Ilmi TIKKANEN, Regional Council of Itä-Uusimaa (SF)
(-) Mr Per STRØMHAUG (N)	(x) Mr Tommy KARLSSON (S)
(x-) Ms Inger LINGE (S)	

Final decision The meeting was opened. It was decided to take the Executive Committee (EC) discussions of possible joint cooperation with other organisation for each thematic workgroup and save the discussion of possible new workgroups till last.

23 § BSC Thematic Work Group – Reports

23e § CPMR Intercom mission WG – TN-RIS Project (Ms Inger Linge, Mr Tommy Karlsson
App 10 - 24§ PPT Innovation

The Baltic Sea Commission proposal for an intercom mission 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 intercom mission 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

Ms Inger Linge, WG leader, made a presentation of the work so far – see PPT-presentation.

The project is lead by Stockholm with technical assistance of CPMR in Rennes and with representative regions from each geographical commission all chosen to be reflecting the width-and-heights of regional variations between EU regions.

Ms Linge has been influenced in her line of thinking by Richard Florida focusing the attention to the more subtle underlying aspects on what bring about an innovative climate. Still to summarise the scope of the project the more technocratic influence of CPMR is also apparent represented by facts figures and model building.

Right now the participating regions are active answering the comprehensive questionnaire. – To be presented at the next meeting in Inverness (UK) 25-26 of October. These answers will be followed by more statistic background information enable regions to be compared with one another.

The time-plan:

To present a preliminary report to the CPMR Political Bureau meeting in the Spring of 2008 and a final report at the CPMR GA 2008.

Outstanding questions:

- At present the WG is considering how it should be able to make the regions aware of the progress of the project.
- How BSC could use the WG results in its other activities.
- Tommy Karlsson, WG coordinator is retiring on Nov 1st and Ms Linge is now looking in to the possibility of having the BSC Executive Secretary as her soundboard and in that way also ties

the project closer to the BSC.

Final decision In order to spread the information to all CPMR member regions the CPMR web-site will be used.

To simplify technique and contact the actual site will be placed at the BSC domain asking CPMR to link to this site. The BSC Executive Secretary will have material from the WG and after adding it to the web ask CPMR to open a link.

President Liljeström is reluctant to lend the executive secretary to the WG at the risk of work overload and in having every WG asking for the same service in the future.

For further details se PPT presentation.

23d § **CPMR Work groups – Human Resource Group (Ms Inger Linge, Mr Tommy Karlsson)**
App 9 - 24§ PPT Human R

Stockholm region is active in the Human Resource Group.

Final decision The group held its last meeting in the Asturias on March 26-27th with political representatives present and a final conference in Oviedo is expected this summer.

The project has been successful and generated a lot of interest. A presentation will be made at the CPMR General Assembly in Florence.

Five more workshops will be held between now and summer 2008 in Aquitaine, Tuscany, Podlaskie, and Stockholm (on Recruitment Bazaar 7-8 March 2008) and in the Asturias.

Voices have already been raised for some form of a continued dissemination of the project results particularly on issues concerning rural areas, immigrants and care of elderly. These discussions will come at the CPMR GA in Florence in October 2007.

For further details se PPT presentation.

23c § **Fishery Working Group (Mr Kjell Nybacka, Mr Rolf Gidemo)**

The Executive Secretary made a presentation on behalf of the Fishery Group.

The activity of the BSC WG Fisheries is still influenced by the hardship in receiving information and participation from several regions/countries.

Furthermore the activity has to some extent been hampered by heavy workloads in their "civil" works and disease among members.

The activities has been focused on participating in the Baltic Sea RAC, Salmon WG, and the usual communication with other CPMR WG Fisheries on common ground for comments regarding papers, communications, proposals etc by the Commission and DG Fisheries. The EFF and the implementation of priority axis 4, "The sustainable Development of Fisheries Areas", were subject to a third meeting and will need more attention when in operation.

On the 26 of September a Fisheries Intercom Meeting is held in Brussels, explaining the absence from this meeting.

The Fishery group is planning to hold a meeting on Gotland together with the NSC and also to have a meeting in Brussels with the Executive Secretary during the Autumn.

Final decision The BSC EC will try to hold its February-March in Brussels and there invite Mr Nybacka and Gidemo to tie them closer to the EC.

Until then the Secretariat and the regions will try to find more regions interested in taking part in the very good work done by this small group.

23b §	Energy Working Group (Dr. Erik Bergkvist, Ms. Linnéa Lundström)
	<p>Ms Lundström made a presentation of the achievements already reached in the nine month old thematic workgroup.</p>
	<p>At the BSC board meeting in Murcia (Spain) in 2006, Västerbotten was given the chairmanship for a working group on energy. The group is chaired by Dr. Erik Bergkvist, chairman of the Board of Regional Development at the County Council of Västerbotten (Sweden), and coordinated by Linnéa Lundström.</p>
	<p>The group has throughout 2007 done the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A kick-off meeting in Stockholm, January 2007. - Compiled an answer to the European Commission's open consultation on biofuel. - Organised a workshop at the BSC GA in Bodø. - Drafted a resolution on energy that was accepted at the BSC GA in Bodø. - Drafted a resolution to the CPMR GA in Florence. - Cooperation with the NSC Sustainable Development Group, a joint meeting at Arlanda, and planning a joint conference in the spring of 2008. - Increased the information exchange with BSSSC on energy, by circulating the draft resolution to the BSSSC secretariat and attending the BSSSC conference in Turku
	<p>The work ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation at the CPMR Energy conference in Croatia? - Adoption of the resolution at the GA in Florence? - Organising a conference with the NSC Sustainable Development Group, spring 2008. - Contribute to the joint Baltic Sea (BSC+BSSSC and others) answer to the Commission's Green Paper on Climate Change. - Continued activities in 2008= Västerbotten to keep the chairmanship?
Final decision	<p>The Energy WG had a clear YES to continue the preparations for a joint conference with NSC in Umeå in the Spring of 2008.</p>
	<p>It was also noted that there are important lessons to learn from this very efficient group (apart from finding a dedicated and competent WG leader and coordinator):</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set clear targets - Keep the focus - Take short steps - Address next issue
	<p>Again; the Secretariat and the regions should try to find more members to this group. The topic ought to be on the agenda in all regions today so there should be both an interest and competence available.</p>
23a §	Transport Working Group (Mr Geir-Ketil Hansen, Mr Per Strømhaug)
Final decision	<p>As Mr Strømhaug, representing the transport workgroup, was detained in another meeting it was decided that the report and suggestion of a follow up project of InterBaltic, cooperation with BSSSC and new leader for the transport group would be postpone to the EC meeting on the 28th, 2007.</p>
23f §	New workgroups to be added after the Thematic Work Group Meeting on the 27th of September in Riga.
Final decision	<p>At the a meeting in Bornholm on April 16th it was agreed that Baltic Sea organisations should try to cooperate closer with one another, see Appendix BSC suggestions after the meeting. Since then, particularly the BSC and BSSSC have had many contacts.</p>
	<p>BSSSC has invited BSC to a coordination meeting in Copenhagen Monday 29 of October. Suggested joint topic is "Sustainable Energy and Climate Change".</p>

The EC decided to ask the BSC Vice President, Executive Secretary, DR Erik Berkvist and Ms Linnéa Lundström to participate in the meeting.

At the 17th of October at the CPMR GA in Florence Mr Jean – Didier Hache is inviting participants to discuss a CPMR Intercom Tourism WG. Time 7-8 pm at the International Congress Centre. The EC decided that Ms Annika Annerby-Jansson, Region Skåne and, to ask Ms Lena Celion, Region Gotland and BSC Executive Secretary to join the meeting.

General WG discussions

There is problem of securing that information reach the right person in the regions (some one that will feel responsible to answer to the issue in case). It was concluded that it is a matter of finding, hand pick, the right person.

To have an interregional balance of activity is another dilemma but important to tackle for our credibility as representative of all the regions.

Final decision It was decided that the EC members shall be given a few regions each that they will try to contact. Possibly it could be done at next years GA in Herning DK. The matter will be discussed further at the EC meeting in Klaipeda.

Closing the meeting

Final decision The president closed the meeting.

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