

Dear Friends,

Minutes Visby

As I am sure you have already noticed our minutes, also attached, are on the webpage <http://www.balticseacommission.org/> along with all documents.

Baltic Master II

Today the letter of support for the Baltic Master II was sent; see attachment. They were informed of our decision right after the Visby meeting.

Next EC meeting Arlanda 26 May

I like to remind you of our next meeting on Arlanda, Sky City May 26, scheduled from 10 am – 1 pm. President Liljeström wish to know if you will be able to attend the meeting if it was to start at 9 o'clock lasting till noon? Please, mail the secretariat on your arrivals and we'll see if an earlier start will be possible.

General Assembly – The BSC programme

Regarding the General Assembly in Herning the requested “Baltic Sea Programme” was distributed to `ALL` with copy to you earlier today, here attached an extra copy. – Please, register if you haven't done it yet. At the last account the BSC registrations was fairly low and there is still good rooms available in the centre of Herning.

Joint BSC–NSC conference in Umeå – a success

The joint BSC and NSC conference on Sustainable Housing in Umeå, April 23–25, was successful and turned out valuable comments t the CPMR draft paper on energy, see attached minutes from Umeå.

Transport WG meeting in Schwerin

The meeting was successful. The issues seemed to be the right one and the meeting attracted several regions from most of our countries, though the even more regions are welcome.

BSC to host one of DG Regio round table discussion in the autumn

The presidium visit to DG Regio and Mr Dirk Ahner have resulted in a direct request for CPMRs Baltic Sea Commission to host one, out of four, round table discussions during the autumn. The BSC will host the discussions on “environment” as it was the impression of DG Regio that we have a strong focus on this topic. (The other discussions will be on prosperity, attractiveness and security).

In the contact with Mr Olivier Baudalet, DG Regio, it was clear that our suggestion for a meeting in Tallinn was very well received as there is a need to involve the new member states more actively.

The event is expected to draw some 400 guests for a one day meeting including representatives from approximately 20 governmental bodies and 3-4 representatives respectively from 8 or 10 DGs.

The structure is set for a shorter plenary session followed by a series of workshops on various topics; the sea, Rivers, nuclear- / and chemical waste, eutrophication, fishing...

Attached the letter sent by president Liljeström supporting the request but arriving after that we had the request from DG Regio.

I look forward to meet you on Arlanda!

Have a nice evening,

Anne