

 <p>CPMR BALTIC SEA COMMISSION</p> <p>TOP OF EUROPE</p>		
	CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Members Pre CPMR General Assembly Meeting 30 September MINUTES	
Time	4:00 - 5:00 pm	
Venue	Svenska Mässan, Gothenburg (SE) room H1	

Documents referred to are from CPMR General Assembly 2009:

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SESSION 11: VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ORGANISATIONAL CHARTER
No 21 Extract from the Organisational Charter: Proposed amendment, Art. 1 - point 2b On site Vote
http://www.cpmr.org/pub/agenda/1114_en-charte-amendement-bp_goteborg.pdf

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SESSION 9: EXAMINATION AND VOTE ON THE FINAL DECLARATION AND RESOLUTIONS
No 19 Draft Final Declaration + Draft Resolutions On site Vote
http://www.cpmr.org/pub/agenda/1113_en-projet_df-ag_goteborg.pdf

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37TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CPMR
30 September / 1-2 October 2009 – Göteborg (Västra Götaland, SE)
Gothia Towers Hotel/Svenska Mässan – Mässans gata 24, 402 26 Göteborg, Sweden (Entrance No. 8)
AGENDA
http://www.cpmr.org/pub/agenda/1015_agenda-goteborg2009.pdf

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SESSION 10: BUDGET DECISIONS
No 20 - Auditor's Report for the 2008 annual period /- Report on the implementation of the 2009 budget/ - Draft budget for 2010 / - Statement of dues paid On site Vote
Will be presented on site

<p>1 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Session Open</p>
<p>2 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Adopting the Agenda</p> <p>Agenda adopted.</p>
<p>3 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Welcoming Ms Eleni Marianou</p> <p>Ms Marianou, started by thanking the BSC President Christel Liljeström for the invitation to this meeting. Regarding the organisation of work Ms Marianou will allow herself a year were she will follow the internal work of the Rennes office as well as of the Geographical Commissions by paying the latter personal visits. The basic idea is NOT to through everything over end. CPMR hold a strong position and is a well respected organisation a reputation to be further developed.</p> <p>Ms Marianou would describe her style of running the office vice-à-vie the commission as one of a conciliator with the clear intention to bring us all together. CPMRs strength rest on that all 161 member regions pull together in the same direction.</p> <p>The essence of lobbying is "to make things happen unofficially" to use all channels at an early stage.</p> <p>There is a lot of work ahead: Regarding the issue of emerging macro regions, like the Baltic Sea Strategy (BSS) CPMR have to advocate the importance of the bottom-up approach, well demonstrated in the BSS process, and the importance of having the regions participate in the process.</p> <p>On the EU Budget CPMR have to act strongly as we are one of the stakeholders and, Mr Baroso's issues fall well in line with the interest of the CPMR members. CPMR could, through the member regions bring useful proposals, with addition of best-practise examples from the member regions.</p> <p>Another important issue is transport were, again, the CPMR need to pull together. As a Secretary General she sees her job as "the door-opener" and the commissions will fill in with their experience and opinions.</p> <p>I am all ear, my door is an open one and my work will signal, not a revolution, but an evolution, said Ms Marianou.</p> <p>Ms Marianou received a warm greeting from the BSC wishing her very good fortune on her new position and that the cooperation within all of CPMR, the Rennes Secretariat and the Commission, should be further intensified in the future.</p>

<p>Final decision</p>	<p>8 In point 13 "Reacting to climate change" is just discussed about the adaption but not at all about mitigation, and how we may active influence to the consumption and habits of the people to mitigate the effects of the climate change. Unfortunately the adaption discussion seems to be the current trend.... In the text is written "for regional authorities can develop their adaption strategies..." is rather limited approach and stresses very much and nearly only the adaption approach of the coastal regions – but there are many people living in the non-coastal regions too, and there specific mitigation should have very important role.</p> <p>10 In point 16 is written how the EU regions should support European Commission´s development aid policy, but would it be more current for the European regions to discuss how we may respond to the challenges of the global migration in our regions, and how we may use the global migration to answer the needs of the employment policies in our regions (like when the people are retiring and more labour force is needed). This would be very current proposal as Spain will chair the EU from the beginning of the next year.</p> <p>Region Västragötaland suggested that here should be a mention of the Lisbon Strategy, the Gothenburg Agenda and the North Sea Strategy under amendment 2.</p> <p>The two last sentences of the suggested amendment 6 should be deleted to make the text stand out as more positive.</p> <p>Regarding the point 7 the wording ".....adopted the manifesto...." need to be changed to ".... received the manifesto...".</p> <p>In the discussion following the presented amendments, above, Region Skåne suggested that the amendment to point 10 should merge into the amendment of point 8. Also, to add; - support for human capital in globalised economy....and allow the entry of legal migrants, who</p> <p>On point 12 it was suggested: In the transport field, the CPMR will actively participate..... Networks and efforts to promote motorways of the sea and green corridors, by ensuring</p> <p>There should also be formulated an amendment stressing that Baltic Sea Commission (BSC) welcome the development of macro regions and that CPMR regions should take an active part in the developing process of these coming strategies.</p> <p>Mr Esa Hame was asked to revise the amendments in according with the outcome of the discussion.</p> <p>Mr Esa Hame, Päijät-Häme, supported by BSC Executive Secretary Anne Ståhl Mousa were elected to represent BSC at the Resolutions Overview group.</p>
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Final decision	<p>These budget items have not been re-evaluated in relation to 2009. Only the analytical breakdown of these expenses has changed.</p> <p>In 2009, 4% of the CPMR's overheads were attributed to FOGAR and 2% to nrg4SD. In 2010, these have been re-integrated into the general CPMR budget, which explains the increase in overheads in the general budget as compared to 2009.</p> <p>Contributions to outside bodies (€24,650)</p> <p>This budget item includes in particular the CPMR's subscriptions to the European Movement (€1,500), the European Policy Centre (€1,000), FOGAR (€10,000) and also nrg4SD (€12,000) - if CPMR no longer acts as Treasurer of this network, its membership fee which was €6,000 in 2009 will increase to €12,000 in 2010.</p> <p>nrg4SD and FOGAR</p> <p>It is too early in August 2009 to enter a possible contribution from the nrg4SD and FOGAR budgets to the payroll expenses of the CPMR General Secretariat as was the case in 2009. If this were the case, it would be subject to a contractual agreement.</p> <p>The forecast deficit for the CPMR in 2010 is €58,055 which may be covered by the CPMR's reserve fund.</p> <p>NSC UK members have formulated a paper to the Political Bureau(PB) with questions on the financial papers.</p> <p>BSC shall support the UK member papers.</p> <p>President Christel Liljeström supported by all other representatives to the PB, from BSC will follow up the observations above with questions on the topic of:</p> <p>Financial deficit 3rd year; - why? what will be done?</p> <p>Increase of budget 2010; will note financial crises, our Baltic member regions are suffering - ought CPMR to freeze budget increase to 0 for 2010 as a sign of solidarity?</p> <p>A number of observation regarding the status and finance of FOGAR in 2009 need to be clarified. According to the Political Bureau meeting in Florence 2007 FOGAR should be an independent entity as from January 1st 2010.</p>
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