



# CPMR

## BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

### Executive Committee Meeting

#### AGENDA

26 May 2008

**Time** 26 May 2008 - 9 am to 1 pm

**Venue** Stockholm, Arlanda, Sweden.  
Arlanda Conference & Business Centre, room "Metropolitan-Airbus".

**Observe** The meeting will not present any WG reports. Lunch is not included.

#### Participants

##### Roll call

#### Members

#### Substitutes

( )	Ms Christel LILJESTRÖM Itä-Uusimaa/Östra Nyland (FI)		President
( )	Mr Poul MÜLLER Central Denmark (DK)	Vice- President	( ) Mr Jørgen KVIST Bornholm (DK)
( )	Ms Elke ORDING Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)		( ) Mr Wolf BORN Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)
( )	Ms Reet KOKOVKIN Hiiumaa (EST)		( ) Mr Tarmo PIKNER Saaremaa (EST)
( )	Ms Talvikki KOSKINEN South-West Finland (FI)		( ) Ms Marjatta VEHKAOJA Pohjanmaa/Österbotten (FI)
( )	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)
( )	Mr Dariusz PIONTKOWSKI Podlaski (PL)		( ) Mr Michał PODBIELSKI Podlaski (PL)
( )	Ms Annika ANNERBY JANSSON Region Skåne (S)		( ) Mr Erik BERGKVIST Regional Council of Västerbotten (S)
	<b>Secretariat:</b>		
( )	Ms Anne STÅHL MOUSA		Executive Secretary, BSC Secretariat Visby

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**Other participants:**

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| ( ) Mr Peder BANG,<br>Central Denmark (DK) | ( ) Mr Bernt VEDIN (S), Regional<br>Council of Västerbotten |
| ( ) Mr Ole M KOLSTAD, Nordland (N)         | ( ) Mr Jan Erik MAJEWSKI, Region<br>Skåne (S)               |
| ( ) Mr Ingvar THELL, Region Skåne (S)      | ( ) Mr Henrik EYBYE NIELSEN<br>Bornholm (DK)                |
| ( ) Ms Viktorija LIUTKUTE                  |   |

**81 § Opening the Meeting**

**Final decision**

**82 § Adopting of the Agenda**

**Final decision**

**83 § Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *Appendix 1 - Minutes E.C. Visby 8-9<sup>th</sup> April 2008*

**Final decision**

**84 § Resolutions for the BSC General Assembly**

*Appendix 2 - 84§ Discard – Incompatible with Sustainable Fisheries*  
*Appendix 3 – Towards a Sustainable European Regional Cohesion Policy*

- *Appendix 4 – Political Position of the CPMR Opinion on a Project for Post-2013 Europe*

*Appendix 5 – Transport*

\* TEN-T policy post-2014

\* Marco Polo II programme

\* European Territorial Cooperation projects

The following resolutions/papers have been suggested for adoption at the BSC general assembly in Herning the 13<sup>th</sup> of June.

- Proposed by NSC and supported by the BSC WG for fisheries: Discard – Incompatible with Sustainable Fisheries
- Towards a Sustainable European Regional Cohesion Policy - Challenges and opportunities in sparsely populated areas
- Political position of the CPMR opinion of the general secretariat on a project for post-2013 Europe.

The secretariat will circulate these to all member regions, if adopted today, in order for the regions to have time to study them before the general assembly.

**Final decision**

**85 § Suggested amendment to the BSC Statutes**

*Appendix 6 – BSC Statutes – Adopted 2007*

**Article 7: Amendments to the charter**

Amendments to the Baltic Sea Commission charter can only be made by the General Assembly and will normally be based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

The presidium suggest that § should be revised and suggest the following reading:

**Article 3: Constitution**

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The Baltic Sea Commission brings together the Presidents of the member Regions which border the Baltic Sea i.e. regions and islands which have a coastline vis-à-vis the Baltic Sea.

The Presidents, who may delegate their own representative, should be appointed by the Regional Authorities immediately below the level of the Central Government.

Members of the Executive Committee should be office-holding elected members from the member regions.

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**Article 4: The election of the President and of the Executive Committee**

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The elections of the President, the two vice-presidents and the Executive Committee will take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> year, following the procedure outlined below:

- General Assembly shall elect a President, **who should be office holding**, two Vice-Presidents and an Executive Committee.
- The Executive Secretary asks the Assembly if there are any nominations to the post of President of the Baltic Sea Commission. Each nomination must be seconded by a region other than the region represented by the nominee. ~~The President of the Baltic Sea Commission will be the president /political leader of their respective regional authority.~~
- Once the nominations are known, a vote by show of hands will be taken. However, if any of the regions so request, the vote will be by secret ballot. If there is more than one candidate, the vote will also be by secret ballot. The candidate having obtained an absolute majority of the votes of the delegates present will be declared elected.
- Then the election of the Executive Committee takes place. Each member country shall appoint one representative and one substitute representative. Two vice-Presidents shall be elected, who must be from different countries in between themselves and of the President. In case of absence of the President during the period of his/hers mandate, the Vice-Presidents assumes his/her functions.

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The secretariat will circulate this amendment to all member regions, if adopted today. The amendment is to be decided at the General Assembly in Herning 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2008.

**Final decision**

- 86 § Preparations for the up-coming elections and the GA in Herning (DK) parallel to the NSC, June 11-13.**
- Appendix 7 – BSC Draft Agenda for Herning***
- Short report on the preparations for the General Assembly, number of registered participants and received nominations.
- The draft BSC Agenda for the meetings in Herning 11-13<sup>th</sup> is added.

**Final decision**

87 §	<b>Draft Annual Report 2007-2008</b>	<i><a href="#">Appendix 8 – Draft Annual Report 2007-2008</a></i>
	The President presents a draft Annual Report on the BSC activities over the period June 2007 – June 2008. The Annual report will be presented at the BSC General Assembly in Herning June 13 <sup>th</sup> 2008.	
	<b>Final decision</b>	
88 §	<b>Draft Activity Plan 2008 - 2009</b>	<i><a href="#">Appendix 9 – Draft Activity Plan 2008-2009</a></i>
	The President presents a draft activity plan for the coming year for comments by the Executive Committee. The Activity Plan will be presented at the BSC General Assembly in Herning June 13 <sup>th</sup> 2008.	
	<b>Final decision</b>	
89 §	<b>Revision of membership fees 2009 - 2012</b>	<i><a href="#">Appendix 10 – BSC member fees 2009 - 2012</a></i>
	At the Visby meeting it was decided that the secretariat make contact with the regions regarding the suggested change of membership fees for those regions that are today charged 50% of the BSC fee.	
	The question was will it be acceptable to make this increase in: A) a single step in 2009 or B) should the increase be slower and reach full payment by 2012.	
	The executive secretary will report back on the answers.	
	<b>Final decision</b>	
90 §	<b>Draft agenda for the BSC General Assembly in Herning, June 13<sup>th</sup> 2008</b>	<i><a href="#">Appendix 7 – BSC Draft Agenda for Herning</a></i>
	An agenda has to be adopted for the Herning General Assembly, and this will be posted on our webpage as well as distributed to the Herning conference team for distribution to all registered participants, as well as to all member regions.	
	<b>Final decision</b>	
<b>Short reports:</b>		
91 §	<b>President Liljeström, BSC Executive Secretary</b>	<i><a href="#">Appendix 11 - Meeting Report FOGAR/Morocco</a></i>
	On the FOGAR meeting in Tangier, Morocco, May 12-14 <sup>th</sup> 2008.	
	<b>Final decision</b>	
92 §	<b>BSC Executive Secretary</b>	
	From the CPMR CODIR meeting in Rennes May 21-22 <sup>nd</sup> 2008.	
	<b>Final decision</b>	
93 §	<b>DG Regio – cooperating with the BSC on the Baltic Sea Strategy</b>	

<p><b>Final decision</b></p>	<p>In a direct response to the presidium visit to Mr Dirk Ahner, Mr Ahner has asked the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission to host one of its four round table discussions during the autumn of 2008. The discussions are to encompass the topics; environment, prosperity, attractiveness and security. The BSC has been trusted the topic on environment.</p> <p>The executive secretary will give a short report at the meeting on the present statues of the request.</p>
<p><b>94 §</b></p> <p><b>Final decision</b></p>	<p><b>Candidate for the Baltic Sea Commission General Assembly 2009</b></p>
<p><b>95 §</b></p> <p><b>Final decision</b></p>	<p><b>Letter of support for ACCR - AWARENESS OF CLIMATE CHANGE FOR REGIONS</b>  <i>Appendix 12 –ACCR Project Summary</i>  <i>Appendix 13 – BSC Support for ACCR project application</i></p> <p>The BSC has expressed its verbal support for the ACCR at a consecutive number of EC meetings.</p> <p>The ACCR will file its application to the first round of the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013, closing at May 30.</p> <p>The ACCR would much appreciate if the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission would be able to extend our support in writing, to be at hand at the ACCR secretariat before May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Secretary have drafted the attached suggestion, following suite the letter of support provided by the BSSSC.</p>
<p><b>95 §</b></p> <p><b>Final decision</b></p>	<p><b>Remembering - Executive Committee Meetings 2008</b></p> <p>In connection with the BSC General Assembly an EC meeting is scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> of June in the afternoon ...</p> <p>and in the afternoon of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 hour.</p> <p>Other dates to be decided</p>
<p><b>96 §</b></p> <p><b>Final decision</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>
<p><b>97 §</b></p> <p><b>Final decision</b></p>	<p><b>Closing the Meeting</b></p>

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