

## Executive Committee Meeting

13 June 2008

### MINUTES

**Time** 13 June 2008 – 2:00 – 3:30 pm

**Venue** Herning Conference Centre, Herning (DK)

**Participants**

**Members**

**Substitutes**

(X) Ms <b>Christel LILJESTRÖM</b> Itä-Uusimaa (FIN) Baltic Sea Commission		President
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(-) Vice- President Mr <b>Jaroslav DWORZANSKI</b> , Podlaskie (PL)	(-)	Mr <b>Michał PODBIELSKI</b> , Podlaskie (PL)
(-) Ms <b>Annika ANNERBY JANSSON</b> , Region Skåne (S)	(-)	Mr <b>Erik BERKVIST</b> , Regional council of Västerbotten (S)
(X) Ms <b>Dalia MAKUSKIENE</b> , Klaipėda (LT)	(X)	Ms <b>Asta RAUGALIENE</b> , Klaipėda (LT)
(-) Nordland (N)	(-)	Nordland (N)
(X) Mr <b>Ilgonis STEINBERGS</b> , Riga District (LV)	(X)	Ms <b>Grenada DEMAKINA</b> , Riga District (LV)
(-) Mr <b>Arto BRYGGARE</b> , Uusima (FIN)	(X)	Mr <b>Harri HELMINEN</b> , Kymenlaakso (FIN)
(-) Ms <b>Reet KOKOVKI</b> , Hiiumaa (EST)	(-)	Ms <b>Valli LAAS</b> , IdaViru (EST)
(X) Ms <b>Elke ORDING</b> , Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)	(-)	Mr <b>Wolf BORN</b> , Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)
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**Other participants:**

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| (X) Ms Marjatta VEHKAOJA<br>Pohjanmaa/Österbotten (FI) | (X) Mr Ingvar THELL, Region Skåne (S)                        |
| (X) Mr Peder BANG, Central Denmark (DK)                | (X) Mr Jan Erik MAJEWSKI, Region Skåne (S)                   |
| (X) Mr Ole M KOLSTAD, Nordland (N)                     | (X) Mr Bernt VEDIN (S), Regional Council of<br>Västerbotten  |
| (X) Mr Enrico MAYRHOFER, CPMR (BEL)                    | (X) Ms Eva WAHLSTRÖM Regional Council of<br>Västerbotten (S) |
| (X) Tapio VÄLINORO, Kymenlaakso (FIN)                  | (X) Jaakko MIKKOLA, Itä-Uusimaa (FIN)                        |

**1 § Opening Session**

**Final decision** [President](#) Ms Christel Liljeström opened the meeting welcoming old and new members to this first session of executive meetings of, what promise to be, two very interesting years.

The president hoped that the BSC could even further advance its position within the CPMR in the process of the organisation reassessing itself. Also, the focus will be on the **Baltic Sea**, the development of the Baltic Sea Strategy and our part in this, but also the furthering of cooperation with other organisations. Strengthening the work in the Baltic Sea area should also include inviting new members to the organisation.

**2 § Roll call**

**Final decision** List of participants, above.

Ms Marjatta Vehkaoja, now leaving the BSC Executive Committee to be the Finish representative to the CPMR Political Bureau thanked for the time with the Executive Committee. President Liljeström thanked Ms Vehkaoja for all her contributions to the Executive Committee and knowing that we have now yet another good friend in the CPMR Political Bureau felt reassuring for the future.

**3 § Adopting the Agenda**

**Final decision** Adopted.

**4 § Focus for the coming year(s)**

***NEW Appendix 1A – 4§ Visions & Objectives Adopted GA Herring 2008***

**Final decision** The focus for the Executive Committee work should fall on the item listed in the revised Vision & Objectives, below, as well as actively participating in the forming of the future of the CPMR. Following the discussion at the General Assembly the issue of revising the BSC membership fee should start during the autumn, 2008, including a draft time-table for the implementation.

Our focus in the coming two years – from the V&O adopted at the GA in Herring:

- € The main focus in 2008-2009 will be on the development of the Baltic Sea Strategy where the BSC member regions will play a major role in cooperation with other Baltic Sea organisations and DG Regio.
- € Strengthen regions facing technological and demographic challenges' in developing their economic activities through finding best practice in regional innovation and development of human resources.

- € To play an active part in the development of CPMRs future.
- € In all activities to add the dimension of Ecological balance – Global heating.
- € Strengthen and develop the Northern Dimension through the co-operation with the North Sea Commission.
- € Further develop our strength through cooperation with other Baltic Sea Organisations, the Barents Cooperation as well as with global organisations, like the Northern Forum, with relevance to our goals.
- € Through the CPMR have a Baltic Sea Region influence on the EU agendas on Maritime Policy, Fishery, Maritime safety and Security, regions in a single global market, environmental issues, energy, transport, regional innovation and EU regional policy post 2013 and together with the CPMR act to include Russian regions.
- € Together with the CPMR proceed to follow up the implementation of the Maritime Policy through the Aquamarina group.
- € Together with the CPMR focus on the development of territorial Cohesion.
- € The ambition is to give input on all green books presented by the commission with relevance to our region and organisation.
- € To continue the development of our organisation through our thematic work groups by presenting high standard papers.
- € Focus to attract more member regions.

**5 § The Baltic Sea Strategy - Arranging the Meeting for Seminar and Work-shops**

**Final decision** The presidium was trusted to continue these discussions in order to find a satisfactory solution regarding the time, place and finance. Time line – to find a date for the meeting before the summer holidays<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> **Note:** *The DG Regio work shop on environment has been agreed to take place as a full day meeting, 9 am – 5:45 pm, on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Gdansk (PL) in collaboration with the Pomorski Region and Warsaw – at their request to DG Regio. DG Regio will also be standing as inviters. Invitations will be circulated in the third week of September. Financing will have to be shared by the inviters and a possible sponsor. For further information, please refer to the attached PM 2008-08-05.*

**Appendix A – 5§ PM 2008-08-05**

**6 § Guidelines for the Executive Committee and Thematic WGs work**

A brief discussion on how the work will be organised.

**Final decision** The Executive Committee felt that the work groups are well on their way. The groups are constantly moving their positions forward in answering papers and in cooperating with the NSC. – Continue as they have started. The next Executive Committee meeting > **Note:** now decided to be held in Povoo/Borgå (FIN) lunch-to-lunch 11-12<sup>th</sup> of September< will devote half a day to our work groups.

**7 § The future of the CPMR**

A short sum-up of the discussions on the future of the CPMR during the General Assembly. To be presented as a set of suggestions at the CPMR Political Bureau meeting on Rhodes June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Final decision** The Executive Committee urge every region to answer the questionnaire as it arrives!

The Executive Secretary will try to have CPMR extend the period for answering as far into September as possible.

<b>8 §</b>	<b>Scheduled Executive Committee Meeting(s) 2008</b>
<b>Final decision</b>	<p>No date was set at the meeting but the following will now apply:</p> <p>Povoo/Borgå (FIN) lunch-to-lunch 11-12<sup>th</sup> of September</p> <p>In connection to the work shop on environment in Gdansk, November 13<sup>th</sup>, a meeting will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<b>9 §</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>
<b>Final decision</b>	<p>President Christel Liljeström thanked Jan Erik Majewski, who is now retiring, for all his good support, valuable input and friendliness that he bestowed the president and the BSC over the years.</p>
<b>10 §</b>	<b>Closing the Meeting</b>
<b>Final decision</b>	<p>The president closed the meeting wishing all a great summer holiday.</p>

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