



CPMR

BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

Baltic Sea Commission Political Bureau Gdansk, POLAND

Minutes

Time: 15 December 2000, 2.00 – 3.05 p.m. (14.00 – 15.05)

Venue: The Old Town Hall, Gdansk, Poland

Participants: Members: Substitutes:

Roll call

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| (x) President Mr Anders Gustâv S | |
| (x) Vice President Ms Bente Nielsen DK, 18 §- | (x) Mr Jörgen Kvist DK |
| () Mr Inge Andersson S | () Mr Hans Klintbom S |
| () Mr Rainer Kosmider D | (x) Mr Klemens Büscher D |
| () Mr Mikko Rönholm FIN | () Mr Johan Söderberg FIN |
| () Mr Jaanus Sahk EST | () Mr Urmas Majajäas EST |
| () Mr Ilgonis Steinbergs LV | (x) Mrs Anita Jegere LV |
| () NN, tbc | () Mr Aleksandras Agafonovas LT |

Secretariat:

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| (x) Mr Jaakko Mikkola | Executive Secretary |
| (x) Ms Pia Renlund | Assistant of the Executive Secretariat |
| (x) Mr Tapio Välinoro | Executive Director, Kymenlaakso |

Other participants:

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| (x) Mr Juhan Janusson UBC | (x) Mr Johan T. Sterndal, City of Solna |
| (x) Mr Roger Jansson, Chairman of the Northern Dimension ICG | (x) Ms Annemarie Elverum, Project Manager, Århus, 18 §- |
| (x) Mr Ulf Johansson, Chairman of the SDG | (x) Mr Tommy Karlsson, Foreign Liaisons Advisor, Stockholm |

(x) Ms Dagnija Stake, Chair of
Tukums District

13 § Opening the meeting

Proposal: The President will open the meeting.

Final decision: The President welcomed the participants and opened the meeting at 2.00 p.m.

14 § Adopting of the agenda

Proposal: The Executive Committee will adopt the agenda.

Final decision: The agenda was adopted. The President proposed that § 25 - Next meetings - should be discussed first, because some members had to leave early to the airport. The President's proposal was adopted.

15 § Minutes of the previous meeting - Appendix 1.

The previous meeting was held on 11 October 2000 in Florence, Italy.

Proposal: Minutes of the previous meeting will be adopted.

Final decision: Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

16 § Northern Dimension – The Chairman of the CPMR intercommission on Northern Dimension, Mr. Roger Jansson will give a brief presentation about the work of the group.

Proposal: The presentation will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Final decision: Mr. Roger Jansson gave a presentation earlier at the seminar " the Enlargement Perspective for the Regions of the Accession Countries in the Baltic Sea Area". He went through some information about the work of the intercommission on Northern Dimension. The action plan has now been made ready. More interest from the member regions will be welcome. Questions were made concerning cooperation with other organisations. Russian interest (Lenoblast) was pointed out and the future Swedish EU presidency. The President thanked Mr. Jansson about work. The report is recorded in the minutes as information.

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17 § **UBC (Union of the Baltic Cities) – The President of the UBC Mr Anders Engström or the General Secretary Mr Pawel Zaboklicki will give a brief presentation about the work of the UBC.**

Proposal: The presentation will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Final decision: On behalf of The President and the General Secretary of the UBC, who were not able to join the meeting, Mr Juhan Janusson, the EU Coordinator of the UBC, gave a short presentation about the work of the UBC. The President thanked him about the presentation and pointed out the importance of a future prospect of a possible cooperation between UBC and the BSC of the CPMR.

18 § **Membership of Tukums Region (LV)**

The Latvian Tukums region has by a decision of its Regional Council decided to join the CPMR and its BSC formally.

Proposal: The membership of Tukums (LV) will be welcomed by the Executive Committee and put on the Agenda of the next BSC General Assembly on 29 May 2001 in Tallinn.

Final decision: The proposal was adopted.

19 § **Action Plan for 2000 – 2002**

The Executive Committee decided about the major guidelines for elaborating the *Action Plan for 2000 – 2001* which was adopted in Bornholm on 16 June 2000. A renewed *Action Plan 2000 – 2002* was decided to be made by the Executive Secretary with help of a network of contact people from the BSC member regions in different countries. Its draft was decided to be presented to the Executive Committee during the first months of 2001, including e.g. tourism, and the document would be made ready to be adopted in the 6th BSC General Assembly in May 2001.

The Executive Secretary Mr Jaakko Mikkola has started building an informal network of the member region representatives to work on the New Action Plan 2000 – 2002 with some 8-10 members around the Baltic Sea.

Proposal: Building of the network will be recorded as information.

Final The Executive Secretary Mr Jaakko Mikkola gave as an information

decision: a list of names of the representatives of this network. The representatives from Lithuania and Russia remained still open. Information was recorded in the minutes.

20 § Activity Report (11 October – 15 December 2000)

After the previous meeting in Florence on 11 October 2000 there has been e.g. following events (participants only from the BSC mentioned):

- 26-28 October, 8th annual BSSSC conference in Pärnu (EST)
(Inge Andersson, Peter Hedman, Tommy Karlsson, Anne-Marie Elverum, Klemens Büscher, Esa Halme, Jaakko Mikkola, Tapio Välinoro, Toomas Kivimägi, Harijs Kruze, Urmas Majajäas, Talis Pukitis, Jaanus Sahk, Juho Savo, Ilgonis Steinbergs, ...)
- 2-4 November, a CPMR conference on maritime safety in Brest (F)
(Stig Östdahl, Christer Candal, Jaakko Mikkola, Rikumatti Levomäki)
- 6 November, Northern Dimension Intercom group in Mariehamn (FIN)
(Roger Jansson, Bente Nielsen, Inge Andersson, Anne-Marie Elverum, Tapio Välinoro, Hans Klintbom, Susanne Andersson)
- 16-17 November, an Interreg II C/ III B seminar in Ronneby (S)
(Tommy Karlsson, Ulf Johansson...)
- 21-23 (20-24) November, "Achievements of the Millennium", a world congress organised by Russians in Saint-Petersburg (RUS)
(Jaakko Mikkola)
- 6 – 8 December, AER General Assembly, Seinäjoki (FIN)
(Peter Hedman)
- 12 December, 4th Meeting of the heads of delegation, the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) in Helsinki (FIN)
(Jaakko Mikkola)

Proposal: The President, the Executive Secretary and the participants give a brief report of these events in the point of view of the Baltic Sea Commission.

Final decision: The report of the events was recorded as information.

21 § Coming Events in spring 2001

The list of the most important coming CPMR events has been

published in the monthly Newsletter since August 2000. It has been and will be updated monthly in every Newsletter.

The following CPMR and other events in 2001 which are already known will be

- January 12, meeting of Northern Dimension Intercom group in Stockholm (S)
- January 19, meeting of the Executive Secretaries of the geographical commissions with Mr Xavier Gizard, the General Secretary of the CPMR, Rennes (F)
- 25 January, meeting of the Spatial Development Group (SDG) in Tallinn (EST)
- 20 – 21 February, CPMR Political Bureau, Taormina Sicily (I)
- February – April, a CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Mission to Russia, (regions of Saint-Petersburg City and Leningrad Oblast), Saint-Petersburg (RUS)
- March, Executive Committee of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, Stockholm (S) / Århus or Copenhagen (DK)
- March 21 – 22, BSSSC Conference, Kaliningrad (RUS)
- 29 May, General Assembly of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, Tallinn (EST)

Proposal: The spring time events of 2001 will be recorded as information. The dates which still remain open will be decided as soon as possible.

Final decision: The coming events were recorded as information.

22 § Power Point presentation of the Baltic Sea Commission

The Secretariat has prepared a Power Point presentation of the BSC.

Proposal: The meeting will take the presentation as information.

Final decision: The presentation could not be presented because proper equipment was not available. The presentation and some transparencies were promised to be distributed to all members of the Executive Committee by email.

23 § SMETAB – Small-scale Maritime Eco Tourism Around the Baltic Sea

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Mr Tommy Karlsson will give a presentation of this project.

Proposal: The future of this project and some other related projects (The Baltic Palette etc.) will be discussed by the Executive Committee. Project proposals in the framework under the label "tourism" will be discussed well in advance before the first call for papers in the coming Interreg III B programme period.

Final decision: Mr Tommy Karlsson gave a presentation on SMETEB and its connection with the Baltic Palette. The SMETAB proposal will be further elaborated in the next BSC Executive Committee meeting in March and by next autumn it will be elaborated as an Interreg III B proposal.

24 § Any other business

Proposal:

Final decision:

25 § Next meetings – March and May

The next scheduled BSC Executive Committee meeting would be in Tallinn on 29 May 2001, but at least one meeting will be needed before that. The Action Plan which is supposed to be renewed, some other documents and possible new project proposals should be discussed earlier.

Proposal: The next BSC Executive Committee will be held either in Stockholm (S) or Denmark (Århus or Copenhagen) on XX (tbc) March 2001. The following meeting after that will be held in connection with the BSC General Assembly in Tallinn (EST) on 29 May 2001.

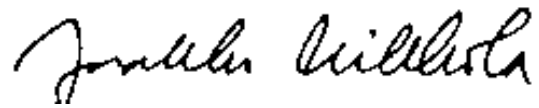
Final decision: **The two following meetings** of the Executive Committee will be held **on the 14th March 2001 in Århus, Denmark and on the 29th May 2001 in Tallinn, Estonia.**

26 § Closing the meeting

The President will close the meeting.

The President thanked all for participation and closed the meeting

at 3.05 p.m.



Jaakko Mikkola
Executive Secretary

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