



CPMR

BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

Executive Committee Uppsala, S

Minutes

Time: 12 September 2001, 10.00 am – 2.45 pm

Venue: Trädgårdsgatan 16 i, Uppsala, S, Röda korsets konferenslokal

Participants: Members: Substitutes:

Roll call

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Secretariat:

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55 § Opening the meeting

Proposal: The President will open the meeting.

Final The President opened the meeting.

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decision:

A quiet moment was held in order to commemorate the victims of terrorist attacks on September 11 in New York and Washington D.C. After that Ms Christine Monsén welcomed the meeting in Uppsala and had some practical information.

The Executive Secretary Mr Jaakko Mikkola informed the Executive Committee about the new surname of the Assistant of the Secretariat Ms Pia Hurttä (former Pia Renlund) who had got married in Finland on 8 September 2001.

56 § Adopting of the agenda

Proposal: The Executive Committee will adopt the agenda.

Final decision: The agenda was adopted. In 70 § Mr Philippe Cichowlaz will tell about the current activities of the CPMR General Secretariat in Rennes.

57 § Minutes of the BSC 6th General Assembly in Tallinn on 29 May 2001 – Appendix 1

The BSC 6th General Assembly was held in Tallinn, Estonia, in the Ministry of the Interior, on 29 May 2001.

Proposal: Minutes of the 6th General Assembly will be adopted.

Final decision: Minutes of the 6th General Assembly were adopted.

The Balvi District (LV) was warmly welcomed also to the Baltic Sea Commission since it was admitted to the CPMR in the CPMR Political Bureau in Helsinki on 2-3 July 2001. The presentation of this Latvian region of Balvi is written in the September 2001 issue of BSC Newsletter.

The membership of Harjumaa (EST) in the CPMR has not yet been clarified. Special thanks were given to the CPMR Vice President Mr Tarmo Pikner for the arrangements of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee meeting in Tallinn, Harjumaa (EST) on 29-30 May 2001.

58 § Minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting - Appendix 2

The previous Executive Committee meeting was held on 30 May 2001 in Tallinn, Estonia.

Proposal: Minutes of the previous meeting will be adopted.

Final decision: Minutes of the meeting were adopted.

59 § Membership of Västernorrland (S)

Västernorrland, Sweden, capital Härnösand, located between CPMR member regions Västerbotten and Gävleborg by the Gulf of Bothnia, has informed the Executive Secretary about their willingness to join the CPMR and its Baltic Sea Commission. The approval of new memberships will be handled in the next CPMR Political Bureau.

Proposal: Västernorrland, Sweden, is warmly welcomed to join the Baltic Sea Commission.

Final decision: The proposal was adopted. The Executive Secretary noticed that Ms Ulrika Åberg from Västernorrland will be ready to send their final application by fax to the next Political Bureau in Oporto on 20 September 2001.

Mr Inge Andersson also noticed that the membership of Norrbotten (S) is under preparation. Mr Jaakko Mikkola noticed that also Päijät-Häme (FIN) has been interested to know about the membership of the CPMR.

60 § Membership of Västra Götalandsregionen (S) – Appendix 3

Västra Götalandsregionen (around Gothenburg) which is a member of the CPMR and its North Sea Commission has informed the Executive Secretary about their willingness to join also the Baltic Sea Commission (appendix 3).

Proposal: Västra Götalandsregionen is warmly welcomed to join also the Baltic Sea Commission.

Final decision: The proposal was adopted.

61 § Proposals for CPMR Baltic Sea projects – the selection of project ideas

Implementing the decision made in the 6th BSC General Assembly on the previous day 29 May 2001 (§ 22) will include a selection of some 2 – 4 assorted project proposals which deserve to be labelled as “*CPMR Baltic Sea Commission projects*”.

Those selected projects will be further elaborated and promoted with the help of CPMR organisational and interregional network. However, the leading partners should be regions themselves. The BSC Executive Committee will nominate participants in the respective working groups. The criteria of the selection will be

- a) a good substance of the project, promoting important issues for CPMR if possible;
- b) the ability of networking as many CPMR member regions as possible and
- c) a good geographical coverage of different parts of the Baltic Sea Area.

The Executive Committee will select some 2 – 4 project proposals to be labelled as “CPMR Baltic Sea Commission projects” in the procedure explained above and nominate its representatives in the respective working groups. Because of the Interreg III B overall process and timetable, the selection should be made now as ready as possible but latest in the next BSC Executive Committee meeting in Uppsala (S) on 12 September 2001.

The final decision was postponed to the next Executive Committee meeting in Uppsala in September.

Proposal: The selected “CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Projects” will be the following, including mainly Interreg III B project proposals:

- 1) Baltic Palette (SWE, FIN, EST, LAT, RUS)
- 2) E18 (SWE, FIN, RUS)
- 3) “E12” (NOR, SWE, FIN, EST, LAT, LIT)
- 4) EUROVELO (LIT, RUS / KAL, POL, ...)
- 5) German interests in project proposals (tbc later)
- 6) Danish interests in project proposals (tbc later)

The label “CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Projects” means that the BSC Executive Committee will actively follow and be informed about these projects, and the BSC Secretariat will give its possible non-financial help to the leading partners in carrying out these projects.

Final decision: After an active discussion the following final decision was made:

The following projects were labelled as “CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Projects” (persons with special responsibility for them in brackets):

- 1) Baltic Palette (Mr Anders Gustâv, Stockholm)
- 2) E18 (Mr Mikko Rönholm, South-west Finland)
- 3) “E12” (Mr Inge Andersson, Västerbotten)
- 4) Eurovelo (the BSC Secretariat when representatives of Klaipeda are absent)

The label means that the BSC Executive Committee will not only actively follow but also play an active role and give its political support to these selected projects and the BSC Secretariat will give its possible non-financial support to the leading partners in carrying out these projects. These selected projects will also regularly appear on the agendas of the BSC.

The open project ideas # 5-6 were postponed to the next meeting because of the absence of German and Danish representatives. Mr Executive Secretary briefly presented the project ideas received by e-mail from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Due to current flight problems in the European airports after terrorist attacks in the US, the Danish

representatives had informed the Executive Secretary about their absence.

62 § Expression of Opinion concerning the implementation of Northern Dimension Initiative in the CPMR General Assembly in Oporto on 20-21 September 2001 – Appendix 6

The Baltic Sea Commission together with the North Sea Commission have the following Expression of Opinion concerning the Action Plan (Final Report) of the CPMR Northern Dimension Intercom Group:

“The XXIX CPMR General Assembly in Oporto supports the implementation of EU Northern Dimension Initiative on all levels with the resolutions adopted in the EU Ministerial Conference in Feira, Portugal, in spring 2000. The General Assembly welcomes the Action Plan of the Northern Dimension Intercom group as an effort to implement the Northern Dimension policy and urges CPMR member regions to participate in the projects proposed in the Action Plan.”

Proposal: The Expression of Opinion written above will be distributed to the CPMR General Assembly in Oporto, Portugal, on 20-21 September 2001. It will be discussed whether it should be adopted among CPMR Final Resolutions.

Final decision: The new draft resolution written by Mr Roger Jansson, chairman of the Northern Dimension ICG, and revised by the BSC Executive Secretary was distributed to the Executive Committee and briefly presented. It was decided that the new draft resolution would replace the written proposal above and this draft resolution would be discussed in the BSC pre-general assembly in Oporto on 20 September and then – with possible amendments – be distributed to the CPMR General Assembly and presented by Mr Roger Jansson on 21 September 2001. Appendix 6

Also the Executive Secretary of the North Sea Commission Mr Henrik Jensen has been informed about this draft resolution by Ms Susanne Andersson.

Mr Mikko Rönholm gave a dissenting opinion concerning the draft resolution paper and pointed out lack of essential information in the paper, e.g. the vast energy resources in the Northern Dimension Area. Because they were not mentioned in the ND Action Plan they could not be added any longer in the draft resolution paper either.

63 § Integrated Coastal Zones Management Intercom group (ICZM) – information

The Interreg III C project proposal made by the ICZM Intercom group was presented in the BSC General Assembly in Tallinn on 29 May 2001. The interested regions are recommended to inform their interest of

participation in this project to Stockholm County Council (the chairman Mr. Christer Candal or the secretary Mr. Fredrik Berglund).

The ICZM will be a part of a greater Interreg III C umbrella project of the CPMR, hosted by Västra Götalandsregionen, Gothenburg, Sweden (Ms. Cecilia Nilsson). The ICZM is a sub-theme in this new Interreg III C project proposal dealing with such sub-themes as:

- sustainable valorisation of maritime transport and ports for economic growth of maritime regions and their hinterlands;
- integrated management of coastal zones (ICZM);
- maritime and oceanographic research;
- contribution of the sea to culture and identity;
- improvement of maritime security;
- fisheries and contribution to the local economy.

The aim of this vast umbrella project is very covering and ambitious, meeting big challenges.

Proposal: The Executive Committee will record in the minutes the new Interreg III C project proposal which is now covering also the new ICZM project proposal. Those regions interested in ICZM are asked to contact Stockholm County Council (Mr. Fredrik Berglund) and those interested in other sub-themes to contact Västra Götalandsregionen (Ms. Cecilia Nilsson).

Final decision: The proposal was adopted. Mr Executive Secretary gave information on ICZM and another but different project proposal called "ICZD" mentioned by Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Mr Fredrik Berglund gave information on ICZM in the frameworks of the new CPMR Interreg III C project proposal.

64 § An observer status in the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM), Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission, Appendices 4 and 5

The CPMR Baltic Sea Commission has been an observer in the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM). This Commission is based on the Convention of 1974 signed by then seven coastal states of the Baltic Sea (see **appendix 4**). The Executive Secretary recently took part in the HELCOM's sixth HOD Meeting (Heads of Delegation) in Warsaw, Poland, on August 23-24.

The Helsinki Commission has in March 2001 decided to revise all the observer statuses of its Intergovernmental or Non-governmental International Organisations (NGOs). The CPMR Baltic Sea Commission belongs to the latter group. The letter of the HELCOM Executive Secretary Mr Mieczyslaw Ostojki with its annex containing the criteria for granting an observer status is attached as **appendix 5**.

The NGO's are asked to report their activities and participation at HELCOM meetings during the last (five) years and to reconfirm their wish for a prolonged Observer Status. The observer status is subject to

reconfirmation after five (5) years. The observers shall recognise the basic purposes of the Helsinki Commission and respect any rules or obligations imposed in the HELCOM "guidelines on granting observer status". The replies shall be sent to Mr Mieczyslaw Ostojki by 1 October 2001.

Proposal: The BSC Executive Committee will have the following reply concerning a renewed period of observer status of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission in the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM):

"The CPMR Baltic Sea Commission (BSC) respectfully reconfirms its wish for a prolonged Observer Status in the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM).

As for the co-operation between our commissions the following statements can be mentioned. During the current year (August 2000 – August 2001) the BSC Executive Secretary Mr Mikkola has participated in two HELCOM HOD Meetings, first in Helsinki in November 2000 and then in Warsaw in August 2001. The former HELCOM Executive Secretary Mr Kohonen participated in BSC Executive Committee meeting in Riga in April 1999 and General Assembly in Öland in September 1999.

The CPMR Baltic Sea Commission completely fulfils the criteria mentioned in the *Guidelines of granting observer status to Intergovernmental Organisations and Non-governmental International Organisations to the Helsinki Commission*.

Referring to these HELCOM guidelines, the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission (BSC) as a part of the CPMR assures that

- (1.1) as a part of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Conference (CPMR) of Europe which was founded after a serious environmental disaster (oil spill) off the coast of Brittany (Bretagne), France, in 1973, the BSC fully contributes substantially to the aims and objectives of HELCOM;
- (1.2) the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission co-operates with different other NGO's around the Baltic Sea, but none of them exactly fulfils the same task as representing a regional, non-governmental, democratic, peripheral, maritime and all-European interest, all in the very same organisation;
- (1.3) the CPMR BSC has an organised administration (ref. to the CPMR web site www.crpm.org for detailed information) which started with founding the BSC in 1996;
- (1.4) the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission will thus confirm that it will respect any rules and obligations imposed on it by the HELCOM guidelines.

Referring to the obligations included in these guidelines the BSC assures that

- (4.1) it recognises the basic purposes of HELCOM as well as its principles governing the participation to the work of HELCOM;
- (4.2) it delivers only such information as is pertinent to the work of HELCOM;
- (4.3) it refrains from using the meetings of HELCOM and its subsidiary bodies for the purpose of demonstrations;
- (4.4) it respects any specific requirements agreed to by the Contracting Parties relating to the participation of international organisations at a meeting of HELCOM or its subsidiary body.”

The reply will be adopted as the response of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission and sent to the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) reconfirming a wish for a prolonged observer status.

Final decision: The proposal was adopted.

65 § The renewed BSC Action Plan

The renewed and printed version of the BSC Action Plan will be sent before the Uppsala meeting (or distributed at the latest in the meeting).

Proposal: The Executive Committee will comment on the new Action Plan. Implementing it will be continuously discussed as decided in Tallinn (53 §, points 2 and 4).

Final decision: Discussion on the implementing of the renewed BSC Action Plan was postponed to the next Executive Committee meeting because of the absence of Danish, Estonian, German and Lithuanian representatives.

66 § Preparations for the CPMR XXIX General Assembly in Oporto (P) on 20-21 September 2001

The Baltic Sea Commission will have its assembly on Thursday, 20 September at 11.00 – 13.00.

1) The aim of this assembly has usually been a preparatory meeting for the CPMR General Assembly. The proposals for amendments to CPMR resolutions should be made at the latest in this occasion. For example, the Expression of Opinion (see § 62 above) about Northern Dimension may be adopted among the Final Resolutions.

2) The other target of this assembly is to gather up the participants coming from the Baltic Sea area and present the work of the Baltic Sea Commission. Also a discussion on the internal matters of the Baltic Sea

Commission or Intercom groups dealing with Baltic Sea issues is possible.

Unfortunately the BSC Presidency will be absent. Neither Mr Anders Gustâv nor Ms Bente Nielsen are able to attend this occasion.

Proposal: The Executive Committee will discuss about the chairmanship and the substance (agenda) of this assembly. Mr Philippe Cichowlaz will have a presentation on polycentrism and cohesion policy.

Final decision: It was decided that Mr Inge Andersson will be the chairman in the pre-general assembly of the Baltic Sea Commission in Oporto on Thursday 20 September 2001. The Executive Secretary will provide some information of the decisions of the Executive Committee and distribute the renewed Action Plans. Also the draft resolution concerning the Northern Dimension Intercom group will be discussed and possible amendments made on the spot in Oporto. The deadline for giving the amendments to the final resolutions redaction committee will be Thursday 20 September at 13:00 immediately after the BSC pre-general assembly.

67 § Enlarging the Baltic Sea Commission – Polish maritime regions

In order to implement the EU Enlargement policy within CPMR, new member regions from both sides of the Baltic Sea are welcome. The BSC so far lacks member regions from Poland and Russian Federation.

At present, there are three (3) renewed and reorganised maritime regions (new Voivodships) in Poland, namely 1) Western Pomerania in the west (Szczecin/Stettin), 2) Pomerania (Gdansk) in the middle and 3) Warmia-Mazuria (Olsztyn/Allenstein) in the east (southern part of former East Prussia). Getting at least one member region from Poland will be highly prioritised.

Gdansk in Pomerania is currently hosting many Baltic Sea NGO secretariats, e.g. VASAB (Jan Kuligowski) , UBC (Pawel Zaboklicki) and BSSSC (Krystyna Wroblewska). There is a Polish Executive Secretary also in CBSS in Stockholm (Jacek Starosciak) and HELCOM in Helsinki (Mieczyslaw Ostojki).

The interest to join the CPMR has recently risen in Western Pomerania (Stettin). The CPMR General Secretary has informed Western Pomeranian Voivodship of the activities of CPMR.

Proposal: The Executive Committee will take action in this Polish question and decisions about letters to the three above mentioned maritime regions. Western Pomerania will be the centre of attention. Also a mission to Poland will be planned.

Final decision: The proposal was adopted.

68 § BSC Activity report – summer 2001**1) CPMR Political Bureau in Helsinki (FIN) 2-3 July 2001**

CPMR Political Bureau was held on July 2-3 in Helsinki. There was a discussion e.g. on the White Paper on Governance and the CPMR contributions to it. A large number of new member regions, most of them from Turkey, were admitted to CPMR.

2) HELCOM 6th meeting of Heads of Delegation in Warsaw (PL) 23-24 August 2001

See § 64 above.

3) Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference in Greifswald (D) 2-3 September 2001

The CPMR President Mr. Stig Östdahl attended the conference in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and also represented the BSC.

Proposal: The Executive Secretary will give a brief account on these past few events.

Final decision: The account was recorded as information.

69 § Coming activities

CPMR XXIX General Assembly, Oporto (P), 20-21 September 2001
 BSC Mission Saint-Petersburg, Saint-Petersburg (RUS), 1-2 October 2001
 UBC General Assembly, Rostock (D), 12-13 October 2001
 BSC SDG, Jurmala (LV), 16-17 October 2001
 BSSSC Interreg III B seminar, Riga (LV), 25-27 October 2001
 CPMR Political Bureau, Florence (I), 6-7 November 2001
 BSC Executive Committee and BSC seminar, Riga (LV), 29-30 November 2001
 BSC SDG Arlanda/Umeå (S), 14 January 2002
 HELCOM 7th HOD, Helsinki (FIN), 17-18 January 2002

Proposal: The Executive Committee will record the coming events as information.

Final decision: The Executive Secretary briefly described the coming and planned events. They were recorded as information.

70§ Any other business

Mr Philippe Cichowlaz from the CPMR General Secretariat gave an account on the current work of the CPMR General Secretariat. He spoke about studies on polycentrism, a new group on CAP (agriculture) being

planned, about the cohesion report, education & twinning, competition policy and transport policy. New Intercom Groups are being planned on these issues to be decided in the next CPMR Political Bureau in Florence on 6-7 November 2001.

Studies on polycentrism will require two meetings in Northern Europe. The first one could be connected with the seminar to be held in Riga in the end of November 2001.

Proposal: The President suggested the planned meeting on polycentrism to be planned in collaboration with the Latvians if it otherwise can be connected with the coming BSC seminar in Riga in November.

Final decision: The proposal was adopted.

71 § Next Executive Committee meetings to be held after Riga on 29-30 November 2001 – spring 2002

The next Executive Committee meeting has been decided to be held in Riga on 29-30 November in connection with a same type of seminar as there was in Tallinn on 29th May 2001. The speakers will be searched well in advance.

Proposal: The Executive Committee will decide the meetings to be held after Riga in spring 2002.

Final decision: The President suggested the decision to be postponed to the next meeting in Riga. Only one Executive Committee meeting would be needed in spring 2002 before the coming 7th BSC General Assembly in Klaipeda (LT) in early summer 2002.

72 § Closing the meeting

The President closed the meeting at 14:45 thanking the active participants and the County Council of Uppsala.