



CPMR

BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

Executive Committee Naantali, Southwest Finland (FI) Minutes

Time: 27 May 2005 at 2.30 p.m.

Venue: Naantali SPA Hotel, Matkailijantie 2, 21100 NAANTALI (FI),
meeting room Sunborn Princess Yacht 1 and 2

Participants:

Members:

Substitutes:

Roll call

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ANDERSSON
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Kymenlaakso (FI) |
| (x) Mr Kauko NIIRANEN,
Kymenlaakso (FI) | |

1 § Opening the meeting

Proposal: The President will open the meeting.

Final decision: Mr Inge Andersson, President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, opened the meeting at 2.30 p.m.

2 § Adopting of the agenda

Proposal: The Executive Committee will adopt the agenda.

Final decision: The agenda was adopted with additional points included in §9.

3 § Minutes of the previous meeting

The previous meeting was held in Riga, Riga District, Latvia, on 25 February 2005. **Appendix1.**

Proposal: The minutes of the Riga meeting will be adopted.

Final decision: The proposal was adopted.

4 § Implementing the decisions of the 10th BSC General Assembly in Naantali on 27th May 2005.

Proposal: The decisions made by the General Assembly will be repeated. The President will make a summary of the results of the 10th BSC General Assembly.

**Final
decision:**

The Executive Committee discussed the following points:

- 1) There has been a proposal by the CPMR North Sea Commission for a joint resolution of CPMR Baltic Sea and North Sea Commissions on European territorial co-operation for the CPMR General Assembly in Madeira (P) on 26-28 October 2005. The Baltic Sea Commission adopted in its Naantali General Assembly the final resolution on European territorial co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region and the North Sea Commission will also give a final resolution on European territorial co-operation in its General Assembly in Zeeland (NL) on 15-17 June 2005. The Executive Committee will discuss this joint resolution in its next meeting on 7 October 2005 in Stockholm (S). The NSC final resolution will be sent for information to the BSC Executive Committee.
- 2) Ms Kjersti Markusson, Nordland (N) did report to the 10th General Assembly about the working situation of the BSC working group on Human Resources and Employment. There have been two calls to BSC member regions to take part in this working group but only few regions have shown their interest. The Executive Committee discussed this matter and decided that one further call shall be made through the BSC Secretariat to activate the member regions for starting the work of this working group. The Executive Committee also decided that through this call a region has to be found for chairing this new working group. It was also stressed that the working groups should have more political representation. The working groups are open both for officials and politicians of the regions.

5§**BSC Working Groups**

1) Cross Border Co-operation Working Group (Mr Andris Kazinovskis)

The BSC Cross Border Co-operation Working Group was established for exchanging ideas and solutions along the new (2004) external borders of the EU. It has had meetings on 6 September 2004 in Turku, Southwest Finland (FI), 29 November 2004 in Bialystok, Podlaskie Voivodeship (PL) and on 2 May 2005 in Brussels (B).

2) Transport Working Group (Mr Per Strømhaug)

The BSC Transport Working Group will increase the importance of transport issues around the Baltic Sea in the whole CPMR. The Transport Working Group has had its meeting in Uppsala (S) on 17 September 2004.

The BSC Transport Working Group has been actively preparing the idea of the Interreg III B project "Intermodality and Interoperability around the Baltic Sea - InterBaltic" – which is a result of the discussions on transport issues of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission. The intention is to make a bid to finance the project within the Baltic Sea Interreg III B programme, for the 8. call for project proposals in the autumn 2005. A project partner meeting was held in Naantali (FI) on 26 May 2005.

3) Human Resources and Employment (Ms Kjersti Markusson)

Preceding the extension of the European Union 1. May 2004, some countries around the Baltic Sea introduced restrictions on the free movement of labour force within the enlarged Union. At their meeting 14 April 2004 in Solna, Sweden, the Executive Committee of the Baltic Sea Commission decided to make a statement opposing this, as they could see no serious problems in this connection. This was followed up by a proposal to establish a new working group for "Human Resources Development" to monitor the situation regarding any observed effects in the regions.

Proposal: Mr Andris Kazinovskis, Chairman of the Cross Border Co-operation Working Group; Mr Per Strømhaug, Chairman of the Transport Working Group and Ms Kjersti Markusson, Member of the BSC Executive Committee, have reported about the current working situation and the future activities of the working groups to the 10th BSC General Assembly. The Executive Committee will discuss the working situation of the working groups of the Baltic Sea Commission.

Final decision: The proposal was adopted. Balvi region has informed with a letter dated on 9 May 2005 (included in the meeting materials) about its withdrawal from the CPMR and its Baltic Sea Commission. Mr Andris Kazinovskis from Balvi region (LV) has been a member of the Executive Committee and successfully chairing the Cross Border Co-operation working group 2002-2005. The information of the withdrawal will be discussed on the agenda of the CPMR Political Bureau in Tulcea/Galati (RO) on 24-25 June 2005. The Executive Committee did discuss the matter and Mr Tommy Karlsson, Stockholm region (S) did make a proposal that Ms Cecilia Karlsson, a member of the Cross Border Co-operation working group representing Stockholm region, could take the tasks of the chairperson for the rest of the working period 2005-2006. The proposal was adopted.

6 § Co-operation with other Baltic Sea organisations

In its meeting on 25 February 2005 in Riga, Latvia, the Executive Committee of the Baltic Sea Commission did discuss the list prepared by the BSC Secretariat about the priority of the organizations to be observed. The Executive Committee did choose eight organizations to be observed more closely, and it was decided that in the next meeting in Naantali, Southwest Finland (FI) contact persons for these respective Baltic Sea organizations will be nominated among the BSC Executive Committee members (enclosed the priority list of organizations decided by the Executive Committee on 25 February 2005). Appendix2.

Proposal: The Executive Committee will nominate contact persons for these respective Baltic Sea organizations among the BSC Executive Committee members

Final decision: The Executive Committee did nominate contact persons for these respective Baltic Sea organizations among the Executive Committee members:

Intergovernmental Organisations:

- 1) Council of Baltic Sea States – CBSS:
Mr Inge Andersson, BSC President, Västerbotten (S),
Ms Bente Nielsen, BSC Vice-President, Århus (DK)
- 2) Helsinki Commission – HELCOM:
Ms Christel Liljeström, Itä-Uusimaa/Östra Nyland (FI)
- 3) Baltic 21 (An Agenda 21 for the Baltic Sea Region):
Ms Inger Linge (tbc), Stockholm region (S)
- 4) Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference – BSPC:
Mr Inge Andersson, BSC President, Västerbotten (S),
Ms Bente Nielsen, BSC Vice-President, Århus (DK)
- 5) Visions & Strategies around the Baltic 2010 – VASAB 2010:
Ms Melanie Würz, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)

Regional Organisations/Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

1. Union of Baltic Cities – UBC:
Mr Ilgonis Steinbergs, Riga District (LV)
2. Baltic Sea Seven Islands – B7:
Mr Jan Lundgren (tbc), Gotland (S)
3. Baltic Sea States Sub regional Co-operation – BSSSC:
Mr Inge Andersson, BSC President, Västerbotten (S),
Ms Bente Nielsen, BSC Vice-President, Århus (DK)

CPMR Geographical Commissions

1. North Sea Commission:
Mr Inge Andersson, BSC President, Västerbotten (S),
Ms Bente Nielsen, BSC Vice-President, Århus (DK)

7 § **Coming events 2005**

- 15-17 June, 14th General Assembly of the CPMR North Sea Commission, Zeeland (NL)
- 24-25 June, CPMR Political Bureau, Galati and Tulcea (RO)
- 26-28 October, 33rd CPMR General Assembly, Madeira (P)

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

Final decision: The proposal was adopted.

8 § **The Political Bureau meeting in Galati and Tulcea (RO) on 24-25 June 2005, the 33rd CPMR General Assembly in Madeira, Portugal on 26-28 October 2005 and the next Executive Committee meetings 2005-2006**

The Political Bureau meeting will be held in Galati and Tulcea (RO) on 24-25 June 2005 and the 33rd CPMR General Assembly will be held in Madeira (P) on 26-28 October 2005. The agenda of the forthcoming Political Bureau meeting in Romania as **appendix3**.

Next Executive Committee meetings – a meeting calendar for autumn 2005 and for spring 2006.

Proposal: The Executive Committee will discuss the forthcoming Political Bureau meeting in Romania and the preparations for the 33rd CPMR General Assembly in Madeira (P) as well as decide a meeting calendar of the Executive Committee meetings for autumn 2005 and spring 2006. The next Executive Committee meeting has been proposed to be held during the week 40.

Final decision: The proposal was adopted. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Stockholm region (S) on 7 October 2005 by the kind invitation of Mr Tommy Karlsson.

9 § Any other business

- Proposal:**
- 1) Ms Bente Nielsen, Vice-President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, Århus (DK) did report about the VASAB 2010 seminar on transnational territorial co-operation in the Baltic Sea region in Warsaw on 7 March 2005 (the memo delivered in the meeting materials).
 - 2) Mr Tomas Gustafsson, Västerbotten (S) did report about the discussion of the Baltic Sea organisations organised by BSSSC and Skåne region in Malmö (S) on 25 May 2005. Annually a larger co-ordination meeting of Baltic Sea Organisations is organised in connection to the annual conference of one Baltic Sea organisation. This year the co-ordination meeting will be organised in connection to the VIII UBC General Conference in Turku (FI) on 29.9.-2.10.2005. Next year 2006 spring this task has been given to the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission.
 - 3) Baltic Sea Commission has nominated in its last meeting in Riga (LV) on 25 February 2005 contact persons for the co-operation with the CPMR North Sea Commission. The Executive Committee will be informed about the nominations of the North Sea Commission when these nominations are done.
 - 4) A letter will be sent to the Ministry of Interior in Estonia regarding the memberships of the Estonian regions in the CPMR.
 - 5) A Baltic Sea Commission seminar was planned to be held in Visby, Gotland (S) in July 2005 during the so called "Almedalsveckan". This seminar was decided to be postponed to next year 2006 summer.

Final decision: The proposals were adopted.

10 § Closing the meeting

Proposal: The President will close the meeting

Final decision: The President did close the meeting at 3.55 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet next time in Stockholm (S) on 7 October 2005.