



CPMR

BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

Executive Committee Karlskrona Blekinge (S) Minutes

Time: 2 June 2006 at 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Venue: First Hotel Statt, Ronnebygatan 37-39, Karlskrona (S),
Conference room - Korvetten

Participants:

Members:

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Roll call

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(x)	Mr Geir-Ketil HANSEN Nordland (N)	()	Ms Sonja A STEEN Nordland (N)
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Secretariat:

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| (x) Mr Ole Magne KOLSTAD
Nordland (N) | (x) Mr Patrick ANVROIN
CPMR General Secretariat |

1 § Opening the meeting

Proposal: The President will open the meeting.

Final decision: Ms Christel Liljeström, President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, opened the meeting. The members of the new elected BSC Executive Committee presented themselves.

2 § Adopting of the agenda

Proposal: The Executive Committee will adopt the agenda.

Final decision: The Executive Committee did adopt the agenda.

3 § Minutes of the previous meeting

The previous meeting was held in Brussels on 16 February 2006.

Proposal: The minutes of the Brussels meeting will be adopted, Appendix1.

Final decision: The proposal was adopted.

4 § Implementing the decisions of the 11th BSC General Assembly in Karlskrona on 2nd June 2006

Proposal: The decisions made by the General Assembly will be repeated. The President will make a summary of the results of the 11th BSC General Assembly.

Final decision: President and Executive Committee listed the themes and subjects which will be taken on the agenda in the next Executive Committee meetings and in which the Executive Committee will take actions. These areas are e.g.

- discussion and actions regarding the new published Green Paper on EU Maritime Policy in preparing the comments to the White Paper;
- the initiative from the 11th General Assembly to change the BSC statutes for

establishing the 2nd Vice-Presidency of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission. There is also need to update the BSC statutes due to the modifications in the CPMR statutes;

- the initiative from the representatives of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission in the CPMR working group on fisheries to activate the BSC member regions in the fisheries related discussion and actions as well as applying for the BSC membership in the new Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council (RAC);

- the ways and actions to activate the regions in the new EU member states to seek the membership in the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission.

- based on the Co-operation meeting of the Baltic Sea organisations on 31 May 2006 in Karlskrona, Blekinge (S) CPMR Baltic Sea Commission will take a role in finding out how we may start joint work and co-operation in the human resources, human capital and health questions. CPMR Baltic Sea Commission will send out an inquiry to find out what has been done in this area and what is of interest to the Baltic Sea organisations. [CPMR Baltic Sea Commission will draft a respective paper for the next co-ordination meeting](#) in spring 2007.

Poistettu: A respective paper will be drafted by CPMR Baltic Sea Commission

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BSC Working Groups

1) Transport Working Group (Mr Geir-Ketil Hansen, Ms Maria Öberg)

As the former chairman of the BSC Transport Working Group, Mr Per Strømhaug, is now working full time on the project "InterBaltic", the BSC Executive Committee did decide in its meeting in Brussels on 16 February 2006 to find a replacement for the project period in order to secure organising of meetings and other activities of the BSC Transport Working Group.

Within the Executive Committee it has also been decided that the working groups in general should have a politician as Chairman (and also a Vice-Chairman) - preferably elected by and from the Executive Committee - for the groups according to the same model as in the North Sea Commission. This to secure contact with the Executive Committee and also secure better political dialogue when presenting transport issues e.g. to national and international politicians (National transport ministries, EU, CPMR etc.). The day to day work like organising meetings, producing agendas and minutes from meetings, preparation of papers for political decisions etc. should in this case be lead by a "Working Group Co-ordinator" who also will take part in external meetings when needed. Meetings of more technical character within the working group could however be lead by the co-ordinator, and the co-ordinator should also represent the working group in external meetings of more technical character.

At the same time there should be good connections between the transport working group and the project "InterBaltic" since the project really is initiated by the working group. It is therefore suggested that the co-ordinator is appointed

as member of the project's "Strategy Group" where also other pan-Baltic organisations like CBSS, BSSSC, VASAB, UBC, HELCOM and others will be invited. The project will also establish a High Level Group to which the Chairman could be appointed if also member of the Executive Committee.

The BSC Executive Committee did unanimously decide in its meeting on 16 February 2006 in Brussels to nominate Mr Geir-Ketil Hansen, Member of the BSC Executive Committee, Nordland (N) as a new Chairman and Ms Maria Öberg, Norrbotten (S) as a new co-ordinator of the BSC Transport Working Group.

Proposal: The working situation of the BSC working groups will be reported. The new elected Executive Committee will discuss and confirm the nominations to the BSC Transport Working Group for the period 2006-2008. The Executive Committee will also discuss the establishment of other possible ad hoc or working groups of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission.

Final decision: The Executive Committee did confirm the nominations to the BSC Transport Working Group for the period 2006-2008, Mr Geir-Ketil Hansen, Member of the BSC Executive Committee, Nordland (N) as a new Chairman and Ms Maria Öberg, Norrbotten (S) as a new co-ordinator of the BSC Transport Working Group.

The Executive Committee did also discuss the possibility of establishment of other possible ad hoc or working groups of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission. As new initiatives there would be need for an ad hoc working group on European Maritime Policy. It was decided that BSC Secretariat and Vice-President do study the possibilities for establishing this new (ad hoc) working group.

Human resources was the other sector where still would be need for a working group also regarding the questions e.g. of organised crime. Stockholm and Podlaskie regions have been active in these questions, and the possibilities for establishing a working group or ad hoc working group will be studied. Mr Tommy Karlsson from Stockholm region has chaired the CPMR working group on Human Resources.

Energy sector also seems to be an interesting area of co-operation. There is at the moment the CPMR working group on energy.

6 § Substitute to the President of the Baltic Sea Commission in the CPMR Political Bureau meetings

Proposal: Due to the new nominated Executive Committee of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission new nomination among the BSC Executive Committee members is needed on the substitute of the President of the Baltic Sea Commission in the CPMR Political Bureau meetings. The Executive Committee will make the nomination.

Final decision: Mr Poul Müller, Vice-President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission was nominated by the BSC Executive Committee as the substitute of the President of the Baltic Sea Commission in the CPMR Political Bureau meetings. The substitute may attend all the Political Bureau meetings.

7 § Nominations of contact persons to the Organisations of Co-operation

The CPMR Baltic Sea Commission states in its Action Plan "Visions and Objectives of the Baltic Sea Commission" to strengthen exchange of information and recognition from other actors in the Baltic Sea Area. Various organisations in the Baltic Sea Area are working with regional and local co-operation. It is important to co-operate closely with them, especially as many regions are members of different organisations. It is important for the Baltic Sea Commission to be benchmarking and exchanging information with other Baltic Sea organisations.

Proposal: Due to the new nominations of the Executive Committee of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission it is time to update the list of contact persons to the various international organisations of co-operation. The list of current nominations as **Appendix2**.

Final decision: The Executive Committee had preliminary discussion on the nominations of BSC contact persons to the various international organisations of co-operation. It was decided that the nominations will be made in the next Executive Committee meeting in Murcia, Spain.

8 § Coming events 2006

Coming events – a calendar for 2006 (only major CPMR or BSC events listed)

- 14-16 June, 15th General Assembly of the North Sea Commission, Highland (UK)
- 23-24 June, Discussion Seminar on "Regions and Globalisation", Acores (P) – Ponte Delgada
- 5-6 October, CPMR Conference "Energy for the periphery", Navarra, Spain
- 25-27 October, 34th CPMR General Assembly, Murcia, Spain

For further CPMR and BSC events please visit www.cpmr.org (Geographical Commissions/Baltic Sea)

N.B. There will be a renewal of both the Presidency of the CPMR and the Political Bureau of the CPMR in Murcia, Spain.

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

Final decision: The proposal was adopted. Additionally it was informed that President, Vice-President, Executive Secretary, the representatives of Gotland, the new hosting region of the BSC Secretariat and the representatives of the host of the 12th BSC General Assembly in Nordland, will meet in Visby, Gotland on 7-8 September 2006

9 § The next Executive Committee meetings 2006 – 2007

Proposal: The Executive Committee will decide a meeting calendar for autumn 2006 and spring 2007.

Final decision: The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Murcia, Spain on 24-25 October 2006 in connection with the 34th CPMR General Assembly. The following Executive Committee meeting will be organised in Porvoo, Itä-Uusimaa/Östra Nyland (FI) on 15 February 2007.

10 § Any other business

Proposal: There was no other business.

Final decision:

11 § Closing the meeting

Proposal: The President will close the meeting

Final decision: The President thanked all the participants for active discussion and closed the meeting at 3 p.m.