

 CPMR BALTIC SEA COMMISSION TOP OF EUROPE			
Executive Committee Meeting 16-17 September MINUTES			
Time	lunch-to-lunch		
Venue	Podlaskie Marshal's Office, 1 Wyszyńskiego St., Białystok (PL)		
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1 §		Opening Session	
Final decision		<p>President opened the Executive Committee meeting and wished everyone very welcome. The focus of the ExCom was to prepare for the CPMR General Assembly in Gothenburg September 20 - October 2, 2009. To this end Mr Anvoin was given a special welcome for joining the ExCom meeting.</p> <p>The President also noticed that the members of Estonia, Lithuania and Norway was absent. And this absence of the Baltic members was explained, by Poland, to be a result of harsh economic realities. BSC need to have members from all Baltic states, Latvia members left the organisation as of the BSC General Assembly in June 2009 due to changing political structures. The meeting agreed that the political changes and the level of the membership fee, particularly the part paid to the CPMR have to be further discussed.</p> <p>The ExCom made a note that this issue shall have to be further discussed at a later meeting. President Liljeström will in addition to this approach the CPMR General Secretary to be, Ms Eleni Marianou, at the CPMR General Assembly in Gothenburg to start up a dialogue.</p>	
2 §		Adopting the Agenda	
Final decision		The meeting will start with 7§ and with this amendment the agenda was adopted.	
3 §		Minutes of Previous Meetings	
Final decision		<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appendix 1 - Minutes E.C. Oulu 26-27^h of February 2009</i> <i>Appendix 2 - Minutes Presidium Århus 1 April 2009</i></p> <p>The minutes of the two previous meetings were adopted.</p>	
4 §		Economic Report	
Final decision		<p>The Executive Secretary informed that the budget is in balance.</p> <p>A written report will be given at the next Executive Committee.</p>	

<p>5 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Report of activities since the ExCom Meeting in Oulu 2009-02-26--27</p> <p>2009-03-02 Helsinki HELCOM 4th Stakeholder Conference - CL / ASM 2009-03-26 Krisitansand NSC WG Transport - BSC WG Transport 2009-04-1 Århus Presidium 2009-04-02 Brussels WG Transport TEN-T meeting - BSC WG Transport 2009-04-08 Malmö Baltic Master Kick-off - Bo Löfgren Region Blekinge 2009-05-13 Brussels Barents Region in Europe - Kari Alto, Oulu Region? 2009-05-15 Klaipeda Baltic Marine Innovation Forum - Asta Raugaliene, Klaipėda 2009-05-18--19 Aberdeen NSC Maritime Week - Info. Region Blekinge, Region Västra Götaland 2009-05-19 BSSSC Malmö Board Meeting - Info. Region Skåne 2009-05-19 Rome Maritime Clusters - Info. - Asta Raugaliene, Klaipėda 2009-05-28 Stockholm CPMR Swedish Regions Member Meeting 2009-06-2--3 Brussels CODIR - ASM 2009-06-04 Brussels CPMR Territorial Cohesion - Västra Götaland 2009-06-10 Stockholm EU BSS - ASM 2009-06-10 Helsinki EU BSS - Jari Saino? 2009-06-10--11 Visby BSS Funding - ASM 2009-06-12 Odessa PB CPMR - CL, PM 2009-06-29 Blekinge BSS Seminarium Almedalen, Visby - Bo Löfgren Region Blekinge 2009-05-06--07 Visby BSC GA - ALL <i>WG Meeting/Seminar Energy & Climate Change - Transport - Tourism - Fishery and on Maritime Issues</i></p> <p>CL Christel Liljeström PM Poul Müller ASM Anne Ståhl Mousa</p> <p>As before, the goal is to spread the assignments between the members as far as possible. The list is to be added to the minutes</p>
<p>6 §</p>	<p>BSC Thematic Work Group – Reports</p> <p>None of the WG chairs were present in the meeting and only a few of the WGs have had any form of activities to report since the BSC General Assembly in May.</p> <p>The ExCom was, however, given a few interesting reports on:</p> <p>Mecklenburg-Vorpommern has received the responsibility to coordinate the flagship project tourism under the Baltic Sea Strategy.</p> <p>Mr Born gave a short account on the project that will try to bring together a number of examples of "best-practice". The focus for Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is to keep the timeline why they can't divagate into a larger responsibility for the BSC WG on Tourism, however, they be more than happy to cooperate and to receive "good-examples" from our BSC member regions.</p> <p>The project will have a webpage through which it will communicate.</p>

a) Transport Working Group (Mr Wolf Borne)

The WG held a meeting and a well attended mini-seminar back-to-back to the Visby General Assembly. The WG on transport will have it's next meeting in Gothenburg September 30, back-to-back to the CPMR General Assembly.

b) CPMR WG Migration & Integration (Ms Annika Annerby Jansson)

c) Energy WG (Dr. Erik Bergkvist, Ms. Eva Wahlström)

Mr Bernt Vedin of Västerbotten informed that the WG is planning two activities for 2010. The first is a workshop on Offshore-Windparks some time during the first part of the year. Second, a seminar about the 2nd Generation in Bio-fuel to take place some time during the autumn 2010. The WG have a good collaboration with CPMR and North Sea Commission.

In more detail:

BSC - Energy & Climate Change Work Group was founded in October 2006 and is chaired by Erik Bergkvist, President of the Regional Executive Committee, Region Västerbotten. In autumn 2008 the work was evaluated and focus for the forthcoming two year period will be on energy and climate in the Baltic Sea Strategy, BSS, and regional perspective input in the COP-process. It was also decided that the form of the work group will be a network and a virtual preparatory group for positions or other exchange of papers and opinions to be taken to the EC by the rapporteur Erik Bergkvist. Physical meetings will be performed when needed for those involved in specific activities.

EWG has since the start held and participated in many meetings and workshops, contributed to several positions and opinions and established cooperation in the field of energy and climate change in the Joint Energy and Climate Platform of the Baltic Sea Organisations, JECP. The last workshop arranged by the work group was held in Visby in May this year. The theme for the meeting was energy and climate change in the Baltic Sea Strategy and the role of regions in the efforts to fight climate change. The workshop was a success with many participants and interesting discussions.

Forthcoming activities for the work group are:

- Joint statement of JECP on the role of regions in the COP-process. EWG base their input on the CPMR technical paper on Climate change "The action of the regions". A first draft will be finished in September and input from the EC at this stage is welcomed.
- Workshop on wind power and the possibilities for regional development and innovation - experiences from ongoing projects in the BSR. The workshop is planned to take place when the projects have reached some results, possibly in the first half of 2010.
- The BSC EWG is interested in a joint position on energy and climate with the NSC. The political engagement in NSC has changed since their first initiative and new contacts have to be taken. Input from the EC on this matter is welcomed.
- Region Västerbotten will (probably) host a CPMR workshop on production and distribution of bio-fuels in the second half of 2010.

CPMR - technical paper - Climate Change "The Action of the Regions"

In July the CPMR General secretariat presented a technical paper on climate change and the action of the regions. The purpose of the paper is two folded; firstly it addresses action at the international level preparing the COP 15 meeting in Copenhagen in December 2009. Secondly, it addresses the white paper on climate change adaptations presented by the European commission in April.

The BSC EWG welcomes the CPMR paper and how it clearly emphasises the role of regions in the global fight against climate change. The BSC EWG also agrees with the implications of the white paper that the CPMR technical paper highlights and in particular the importance that the forthcoming European adaptation strategy must take into consideration the EU financial instruments that will be used to implement it. Aspects of mitigation and adaptation to climate change must be integrated in the future EU budget and financing system. Several heavily funded policy areas such as agriculture policy have possibilities to tackle climate change on many levels of both mitigation and adaptation.

	<p>d) CPMR Intercommission WG – Aquamarina / Maritime surveillance (Mr Bo Löfgren) CPMR Director Mr Patrick Anvroin, see below 8§, for a more comprehensive account of the Aquamarina WG and development in the field of Maritime Policy.</p> <p>e) CPMR Intercommission WG - Territorial Cooperation CPMR Director Mr Patrick Anvroin, see below 8§, for a more comprehensive account of the work on a paper on territorial cooperation.</p> <p>f) CPMR Intercommission WG – TEN-T CPMR Director Mr Patrick Anvroin, see below 8§, for a more comprehensive account of the TEN-T WG.</p> <p>g) Tourism WG (Ms Inger Harlevi) The Executive Secretary informed that the WG leader expressed an interest in cooperating with Mecklenburg-Vorpommern under the BSS flagship project Tourism. So far there have been very little activity in the group. Only two member regions joined the WGs first seminar in Visby. The WG leader, Ms Inger Harlevi of Visby, sent a repeated invitation for many more regions to join the WG.</p> <p>Mr Born (MV) repeated his invitation for a cooperation offering the possibility for BSC to have their own WG under the project as well as offering interested BSC members to join the work.</p> <p>h) Baltic Master II</p> <p>i) BSC Fishery Expert Group (Mr Kjell Nybacka, Mr Rolf Gydemo) Most effort until end of year will be on the Baltic Sea and CPMR opinions on the Green-paper on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). Information and input has been achieved from some, few, member BSC member regions. A FIG meeting was held in Brussels on September 14 and further meetings are planned, next in connection at the CPMR General Assembly. The WG Fisheries welcomes further input from member regions on the Green Paper highlighting the specificities of the BSC regions, as well as on any other fisheries related matters.</p>
<p>7 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Special Theme: The Eastern Partnership of the EU <i>Appendix A - Eastern Partnership, by Mr Marcin Zochowski, Polish MFA, PPT</i> <i>Appendix B - Podlaskie and its Eastern Partners, Mr M Podbielski, Podlaskie, PPT</i></p> <p>Podlaskie Region guided us on this topic and give practical examples of the relations with Belarus and Ukraine.</p> <p>The President expressed hers, and the Executive Committees, thanks for an excellent presentation that brought the BSC a first hand insight into the ongoing collaboration between Poland and the neighbouring countries from both a national and a regional aspect.</p> <p>The President stressed that this form of shared experience is most valuable for the BSC work and added that the next opportunity would be in Malmö were we most likely will have an overview of the Örestad cooperation.</p>

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CPMR Director Mr Patrick Anvroin will give an orientation on CPMR Activities with Focus on the Maritime Policy Issues

Appendix 4 – Minutes brainstorming maritime policy

Appendix 5 -

Creation of a Maritime and Coastal Affairs Intergroup at the European Parliament

Appendix 6 - CPMR'S CAP Working Group

Appendix 7 - Implementation of EU Integrated Maritime Policy - Prospect for Regions

Mr Anvroin gave the Executive Committee a representation of the documents to be lay down before the CPMR GA in Gothenburg Oct 1-2, 2009.

Regarding the **Aqumarina group**, there will be a meeting in Brussels on October 6th. By then it should be more clear at what priority the EU future maritime policy will have. CPMR is, to this end, lobbying to have a EP-intergroup on Maritime Policy. Possible candidates as chair of such a group would be Corinne Lepage, French ministry for Environment - supported by CPMR or Mattieas Groote GE and supported by Paul Neitz of DG Mare. - Mr Anvroin stressed again the importance of establishing this intergroup to keep maritime issues high on the agenda.

The CPMR Inter commission WG chair, president Le Drian of Brittany will be presenting the future direction for the Aquamarina WG at the CPMR General Assembly in Gothenburg. There are still a number of important topics that need to be addressed such as; maritime governance, maritime research and innovation, maritime clusters, maritime spatial planning, Motorways of the Seas (MoS), short-sea-shipping and the climate as a part of the cohesion policy after 2013, finally there is still more to do on the social dimensions and education.

The **DG Mare together with the EU Spanish presidency** will celebrate the European Maritime Day 19-21 May 2010 in Gijón (ES). CPMR, through the Aquamarina, will take part in these days with some 2-3 events on the thematic; maritime clusters, maritime research and innovation and a joint manifestation between the EP and CPMR.

CPMR have a work group that are presently working to draft a manifesto on the European **Territorial pact** to be presented in Gothenburg. The document have insofar been signed by some 20 member regions.

The **CPMR WG on Territorial Cohesion** will also draft a paper on a number of political areas in the Cohesion Policy post 2013. This paper will be presented at the CPMR Political Bureau first quarter 2010.

The **CPMR TEN-T WG** will be meeting in Gothenburg on September 30, back-to-back to the CPMR General Assembly. Mr Paquet from DG TREN is invited to speak on about the guidelines for the revised policy. Already clear is that five expert groups will be set up including a Planification group that should focus analysis and technical topics (the work is to be concluded by March 2010).

The **TEN-T Days 21-22 October, 2010**, will take place in Nepal and at least half of the ministers of communications are expected to participate. Invitations has also been sent to neighbouring countries. CPMR President Martin is also expected to participate.

The **CPMR Inter commission TEN-T WG** chair, Aragon will also invite to a TEN-T event (date not yet available) in Zaragoza, during the Spanish EU Presidency. The draft guidelines should be ready by the end of 2010 (during the Belgian EU Presidency).

<p>9 §</p>	<p>BSC input at the CPMR General Assembly</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appendix 8 - Agenda CPMR GA 2009</i></p> <p>Reviewing the CPMR provisional agenda for the General Assembly the Executive Committee should try to review how best to answer to this.</p> <p>President Liljeström suggest that we focus on a few topics on which we should give a "strong" input:</p> <p>1: BSCs view on Maritime Policy The CPMR Brainstorming Seminar on Maritime Policy - This is a mayor topic for CPMR and BSC should try to formulate our stand on this topic. <i>Appendix 4 – Minutes brainstorming maritime policy</i> <i>Appendix 5 - Creation of a Maritime and Coastal Affairs Intergroup at the European Parliament</i></p> <p>2: BSC view on Climate Change and Energy and the Copenhagen Energy Talks</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Appendix 9 - Climate Change - document for the CPMR GA in Gothenburg</i></p> <p>3: Baltic Sea Area and Neighbourhood Policy <i>Appendix 10 - EU neighbourhood and partnership policy</i></p>
<p>Final decision</p>	<p>The suggestion of devision of interventions between the BSC members was agreed as of below. Again President Christel Liljeström stressed that beyond this the word was free for all regions to speak up their mind, but at least this would ensure that BSC would have a good presents on the floor of debate at the CPMR GA.</p> <p>Session 3 - Challenge of Global Crisis - Comments Regions at their discretion Session 4 - Annika Annerby Jansson (intervention) Session 5 - The Sea and Maritime Policy - Bo Löfgren Session 6 - Climate Change and Energy - Poul Müller, Erik Bergkvist Session 10 - Budget decision - Anne and Peder investigate</p> <p>The Budget decision point should be further discussed at the BSC PreGeneral Assembly meeting in Gothenburg on September 30.</p> <p>In the discussion it was also brought forward, and agreed, that Neighbourhood Policy and the Cohesion Policy are important and BSC ought to try to chisel out a joint stand on these topics as seen from our Baltic- and Northern Dimension perspective.</p>

<p>10 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>The 16th BSC General Assembly in Warnemünde, May 26-28th , 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Presentation of draft programme · Topic for the seminar of the coming General Assembly? · Work Shop/ Excursion – WGs that would like to organise a meeting and an excursions. <p>Mecklenburg-Vorpommerns representative, Mr Wolf Born, presented the draft layout of the General Assembly days in Warnemünde, May 26-28th , 2010.</p> <p>The main part of the activities will take place during Thursday-Friday (May 27-28), with WG mini-seminars, a plenary/thematic seminar on Thursday and the General Assembly on Friday. The meeting will take place at Hotel Neptun http://www.hotelneptun.de/ Rostock-Warnemünde.</p> <p>The draft structure was adopted and the Executive Secretary together with The host Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and the President was to continue to develop the program in more detail.</p> <p>The Executive Secretary was also asked to mail- and advertise on the BSC website for WGs interested in having one of the parallel mini-seminars during Thursday 27th.</p>
<p>11 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Calendar for 2009-09 (Bialystock) & Coming Major Events</p> <p>2009-09-15--17 Innovation in Mind, Lund, Annika Annerby Jansson Region Skåne</p> <p>2009-09-16--17 Bialystok Life Long Learning</p> <p>2009-09-18 Helsinki CPMR Meeting of the Finish Member Regions</p> <p>2009-09-24 Stockholm CPMR Meeting of the Swedish Member Regions</p> <p>2009-09-30 Göteborg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSC Commission Meeting Sweish CPMR Members Finish CPMR Members BSC WG Transport CPMR Employment and Training WG <p>2009-09-30--10-2 Göteborg CPMR GA</p> <p>2009-10-7 Bryssel Open Days</p> <p>Future Cooperation of BSSSC, B7, ERB, BDF, UBC and CPMR, Brussels</p> <p>2009-10-13--15 Ringsted BSSSC Annual Conf & Proj Idea Cafe</p> <p>2009-10-16 Vilnius VASAB 7th Ministerial Conference</p> <p>2009-11-23--24 Köpenhamn 7th European Forum on ECO Innovation "Adapting To Climate Change"</p> <p>2009-12-14--15 Kiruna -- COTER</p> <p>Noted and added to the minutes.</p>
<p>12 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Meeting agenda for spring 2010</p> <p>The next ExCom meeting will take place in Malmö (SE) December 8 11 1m - 4 pm NOTE Later changed to 7 December.</p> <p>We will take up the discussions on the future of BSC work, including the election 2010.</p> <p>A second meeting, before the BSC General Assembly will take place mid March as preparation for the General Assembly in May.</p>
<p>13 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Closing the Meeting</p> <p>President Christel Liljeström thanked all participants for a good meeting and sent a special thanks to the organisers for all the good arrangements and for organising a very interesting thematic input.</p> <p>Meeting closed.</p>



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