

 <p>CPMR BALTIC SEA COMMISSION</p> <p>TOP OF EUROPE</p>			
<b>Executive Committee Meeting 7 December 2009 MINUTES</b>			
<b>Time</b>	11 am - 4 pm		
<b>Venue</b>	<del>Form/Design Centre</del> , Lilla Torg, in Malmö - Lunch at Restaurant <u>Årstiderna</u> , Frans Suellsgatan 3, Malmö.		
<b>Participants</b>	<b>Members</b>		<b>Substitutes</b>
	(x) Ms <b>Christel LILJESTRÖM</b> Itä-Uusimaa (FIN) Baltic Sea Commission		President
	(x) Vice- President Mr <b>Poul MÜLLER</b> , Central Denmark (DK)	(-)	Mr <b>Poul WEBER</b> , South Denmark (DK)
	(-) Vice- President Mr <b>Jaroslav DWORZANSKI</b> , Podlaskie (PL)	(-)	Mr <b>Michal PODBIELSKI</b> , Podlaskie (PL)
	(x) Ms <b>Annika ANNERBY JANSSON</b> , Region Skåne (S)	(x)	Mr <b>Erik BERGKVIST</b> , Regional council of Västerbotten (S)
	(-) Ms <b>Raisa MINCINAUSKIENE</b> , Klaipėda (LT)	(-)	Ms <b>Dalia MAKUSKIENE</b> , Klaipėda (LT)
	(-) Mr <b>Arve KNUDSEN</b> , Nordland (N)	(-)	Ms <b>Maj VALLE</b> , Nordland (N)
	(x) Mr <b>Jari SAINO</b> , Uusimaa (FIN)	(-)	Mr <b>Harri HELMINEN</b> , Kymenlaakso (FIN)
	(-) Ms <b>Reet KOKOVKIN</b> , Hiiumaa (EST)	(-)	Mr <b>Indrek NARUSK</b> , IdaViru (EST)
	(-) Ms <b>Elke ORDING</b> , Mecklenburg- Vorpommern (D)	(x)	Mr <b>Wolf BORN</b> , Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D)
	<b>Secretariat:</b>		
	(x) Ms <b>Anne STÄHL MOUSA</b> , CPMR Baltic Sea Commission		Executive Secretary, BSC Secretariat

		<b>Other participants:</b>	
	(-)	Ms Sandra Swede, Region Skåne (SE)	(x) Mr Bernt VEDIN (S), Regional Council of Västerbotten
	(x)	Ms Asta RAUGALIENE, Klaipėda (LT)	(-) Mr Invar Tell, Region Skåne (SE)
<b>14 §</b>		<p><b>Special Theme</b></p> <p>Region Skåne presents:  - <b>Developing the Öresund region, Mr Eskil Mårtensson, International coordinator, Dept. of Regional development, Region Skåne.</b>  <i>Appendix A - The Öresund Region, PPT</i></p> <p>- <b>The European Spallation Source, Mr Roger Eriksson, Communication Officer for ESS Scandinavia.</b></p> <p>ESS Scandinavia (ESSS) is the Swedish organisation charged by the government to work towards achieving the location and subsequent construction of the large materials science centre, the European Spallation Source (ESS) in Lund in southern Sweden. The siting decision was arrived at in favour of Lund on May 28th 2009 at a meeting of European Research Ministers in Brussels. The formalisation of this decision is now underway.</p> <p>European Spallation Source is a joint European project, like that of many large-scale research facilities such as CERN in Geneva.</p> <p>In line with 2007/2008 prices, the combined cost of construction is estimated to be 1.47 billion euros, i.e. 14-15 billion SEK.</p> <p>ESS will mean world-leading research. But if pioneering research results ought to be transformed into pioneering products and manufacturing techniques, they need to be commercialised by strong enterprises. The gap between science and industry can be hard. But the European Innovation Platform (EIP) can make the leap shorter.</p> <p><b>Read more at:</b> <a href="http://ess-scandinavia.eu/about-esss">http://ess-scandinavia.eu/about-esss</a></p>	
<b>15 §</b>		<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p>President Liljeström opened the Executive Committee meeting by thanking Region Skåne for a very interesting presentation of the Öresunds region and the exciting development taking place in the region. President Liljeström apologised for that there wasn't more time available to further discuss the interesting experience of Region Skåne as it fell well in line with our focus on Territorial Cohesion and regional development.</p> <p>Also, President Liljestöm conveyed her and the Executive Commissions congratulation to vice President Poul Müller who have recently had a good victory in the regional election.</p> <p>Vice president Müller, thanked the board and informed that his new position would be, not with the BSC Executive Committee but as the Danish representative to the CPMR Political Bureau.</p>	
<b>Final decision</b>		<b>Meeting opened.</b>	

<b>16 §</b>	<b>Adopting the Agenda</b>
<b>Final decision</b>	<p>The agenda was adopted with the addition of two topics;</p> <p><b>Ms Annika Annerby Jansson, Region Skåne</b>, on EU2020 - ref. 22 §.</p> <p><b>Ms Anne Berg, Region Nordland</b>, on (NSPA) - ref. 23 §.</p>
<b>17 §</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meetings</b>
<b>Final decision</b>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appendix 1 - Minutes E.C. Bialystok 16-17<sup>h</sup> of September 2009</i></p> <p>The minutes were adopted, with the meeting noting that there had been few Executive Committee members present.</p>
<b>18 §</b>	<b>Economic Report</b>
<b>Final decision</b>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appendix 2 - BSC Economy Jan-October 2009</i></p> <p>The Executive Secretary, Ms Anne Ståhl Mousa, presented the budget report. The figures for the first nine months are well below the budget agreed in Visby. Explanatory factors to this are: Exceptionally many events have taken place in Sweden during the year, and some even took place on Gotland, why the cost of travel, etc. could be kept at a minimum.</p> <p>The host region of the BSC General Assembly, Visby, carried the full cost of the event.</p> <p>All member regions have paid up in full 2009 and the transactions from CPMR to BSC has been swift, usually within a month from the time CPMR received the payment.</p> <p>The Executive Secretary stressed that as for next year already some changes are evident: The BSC have lost two member regions, Riga and Tukums. There are signals of financial restrains and change in the governmental structure in the Baltic countries.</p> <p>Ms Asta Raugaliene added that Klaipeda Region presently is suffering financial hardship.</p> <p>President Liljeström stressed that the financial burden is hard on, particularly, the region hosting the secretariat and that the present system only open up the possibility for a limited number of our members to offer this service.</p> <p><b>The meeting adopted the economic report.</b></p>

19 §	<p><b>The 16<sup>th</sup> BSC General Assembly in Warnemünde, May 10-12<sup>th</sup> , 2010</b></p> <p><b>Discussion about the draft programme</b> Mr Wolf Borne, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and the Executive Secretary, presented the draft program for the BSC GA 2010:</p> <p><b>Thursday 27 May</b> <b>9:00 - 10:30 Work shop</b> with three thematic work shops/mini seminars: <b>transport - tourism - maritime safety</b></p> <p><b>11:00 - 13:00 plenary work shop</b> : on the theme <b>territorial cohesion</b> a topic looking into the future, that will well tie in with the Lisbon treaty and the future of the cohesion policy. The theme will also give CPMR Secretary General Ms Eleni Marianou the possibility to have a strong role in this seminar.</p> <p><b>14:00 - 18:30 excursion</b> by rail behind a steam engine and tour by boat.</p> <p><b>19:30 Dinner</b> given by the Minister President.</p> <p><b>Friday 28 May</b> <b>9:00 - 12:00 General Assembly</b> (3 hours ) including election and presentations The GA is already expected to have contributions from Mr Schröder, Mecklenburg Vorpommern) and CPMR Secretary General Ms Eleni Marianou</p> <p><b>13:30 - 14:30 Constituent meeting of the BSC Executive Committee</b></p> <p><b>Friday afternoon:</b> It is possible to organisation further excursions but Mecklenburg Vorpommern have some bad experience showing that participation is falling drastically, even among those earlier signed up to participate in such an excursion.</p>
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<p>19 §</p>	<p>The following discussion focused on selecting the topics for the work shops...</p> <p>...the topic for <b>the plenary workshop</b>...</p> <p>The main discussion, with all very actively taking part, circled around the topic for the plenary work shop.</p> <p>Ideas was to have some kind of "best practice" representative of the north, south and eastern parts of BSC.</p> <p>The President stressed that <b>BSC need to have a strategic discussion on what we like to see in the new Cohesion Policy</b> and in her vision Ms Marianou and Mr Esa Hame, Päijät-Häme, and Ms Tuula Loikkanen (who together written a paper very well received by Mr Dirk Ahner, Dir. DG Regio) would contribute at the plenary workshop.</p> <p>The issue at stake was "what should be the BSC message from the meeting be", as Mr Born put it, adding the fact that we now have to answer to the EU 2020 and the Commission will have their Cohesion Forum by mid 2010 and also the new structural funds will be drawn up by the Commission in about the same time.</p> <p>BSC do not have a work group for this topic today but the reply to the EU 2020, and the BSC Presidents discussion, on December 8, with Ms Marianou, should enable us to formulate our focus for the plenary work shop to the ExCom meeting in March.</p> <p>Mr Müller did also point to the idea to follow up the outcome of the meeting in Copenhagen on Climate Change. The idea was well received, and could be presenting the Baltic Sea Regions "best practice", as suggested by Ms Annerby Jansson, in answer to the new agreement. A time and place for such a seminar, that should invite all CPMR regions, should be set at a later date.</p> <p>Regarding the thematic work shops Ms Raugaliene said that <i>Klaipeda would be interested in taking part in the preparation of the work shop on maritime issues.</i></p>
<p>Final decision</p>	<p><b>The draft agenda for the BSC General Assembly was adopted</b>, tying down that work shops should be held in the morning of the 27th of May. This should include three parallel thematic work shops on the theme tourism - transport - maritime (safety) and a plenary work shop on the topic Territorial Cohesion. As for the plenary work shop the Executive Committee should at its March meeting decide for the message (political paper) the meeting should be aiming for. Work shops would be followed by excursion and a dinner.</p> <p>The General Assembly will take place in the morning of May 28 and a brief constituting meeting for the new Executive Committee would follow directly after lunch. - No comment was given as to not have any afternoon excursions on Friday afternoon, why this point to that no further excursions would be needed.</p> <p>A BSC follow up on the <b>Copenhagen Climate meeting, presenting regional best practice for implementing the new agreement</b> should be keep on the BSC ExCom agenda until a later date.</p> <p><b>ELECTIONS call for nominations</b></p> <p>The BSC Executive Secretary Anne Ståhl Mousa shall send around a request for nominations for presidents, vice-presidents and secretariat before Christmas. The answers shall be at the hand of the Executive Secretary by the end of February and the list should be reviewed at the BSC ExCom meeting on March 11, 2010.</p>



