

 CPMR BALTIC SEA COMMISSION TOP OF EUROPE			
Executive Committee Meeting 10-11 March 2010 MINUTES			
Time	Lunch-to-lunch meeting		
Venue	CPMR Brussels Office, 8th Floor, Rond Point Schuman 14, 1040 Brussels		
	X=present 10 March √=present 11 March		
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23 §		Opening Session	
		President Liljeström opened the meeting stressing her delight to have the opportunity for ExCom to visit the CPMR Office in Brussels. President Liljeström did direct a special thanks to CPMR Secretary General Ms Eleni Marianou for taking the time to join the ExCom meeting.	
		A round of presentation followed.	
Final decision		<i>Session started.</i>	
24 §		Adopting the Agenda	
Final decision		<i>The agenda was adopted though some points were shifted around better to suite the attendance's time-table.</i>	
25 §		Minutes of Previous Meetings	
		<i>Appendix 1a - Minutes E.C. Malmö 7 December 2009</i> <i>Appendix 1b - OH Öresund Region E.C. Malmö 7 December 2009</i>	
Final decision		<i>Amendments to the previous minutes:</i> <i>Ms Berg and Mr Rauhio were present in the meeting.</i>	
26 §		Special Theme - Afternoon of March 10, 2010	
		Meeting with the new CPMR Secretary General Ms Eleni Marianou	
		A series of questions were put to Ms Marianou and here follow her answers in summary:	
		On the change of the CPMR work model: Many like to se many changes in a one go, I rather talk to people and make smaller changes one at the time. CPMR - have a very good reputation that should be developed.	
		CPMR span many regions that are different and at times cooperation is difficult. My north-south background is good to meet this challenge as difficulties are more a matter of perception.	
		CPMR is the only organisation with a geographical model - this is good when we are looking at the territorial dimension in a time of macro region.	

Geographical Commissions work different - this is alright as we are different + added value when we work together. I like to have a lot more collaborate with the secretariats. Our CODIR meeting - show that we work with the same thing --- to this end I will structure open-door cooperation between commissions and CPMR in our WP. We should not work sector-wise.
There will be a paper on how we will work.

On a larger scale we have to organise our efforts towards target and dates.

In the Political Bureau we have to make sure that politician feel that our work is delivered. This is why we will invite guests like Commissioners to the meeting to have a direct dialogue.

Macro region will be the topic at the next Political Bureau. How will this reflect in the regional policy. We will have a speaker from DG Regio to come to speak on macro regional policy and how they like to see this in the regional policy.

CPMR have close contacts with DG Mare but like strengthen our cooperation with DG Regio as we need to focus the regional level and thats the DG Regio.

Division of CPMR offices.

I am in Rennes once a month, by train, --- and there I have a team meeting --- The CPMR Directors often come to Brussels but the secretaries does also need to see their boss.

We have good a good circulation of information with fix mailing-lists as well as joint calendar via Internet. As we lack the budget I had to push the idea of video conference on to the future.
We will remain at this Brussels office. Again finance is setting the limits though we have invested in a telephone link for tele-conference.

A large part of the CPMR budget is directed towards translations (6 languages).

The financial restraints is the reason why Mr Francois Desrentes will not have a successor.

Ms Eleni Marianou stressed that she like to have closer ties with the secretaries. One step is the large CODIR meeting to be had twice a year right before the Political Bureau meetings. However we should'n meet 'live' more than necessary but utilise the technology, mail via group list.

President Liljeström: **Then there is the financial discussion. BSC have a system of split regional representation between secretariat and the presidency. As it is today not all regions within BSC afford offering either.**

President Liljeström offered the **BSC commissions secretariat at your disposition towards a future model were BSC have closer ties**, share the CPMR work as well, such as is the case with Mr Hache of the Island Commission. In this way BSC would be able to keep the secretariat for longer periods of time - maintain a continuity that we lack today when president and executive secretary all leave at the same time.

Ms Eleni Marianou state that the continuity of BSC secretariat would be positive and closer tie with CPMR would work well for her but, for the time being the financial situation within CPMR is such that the head office can't take on another person on their budget.

What do you propose. - We are running a deficit now, cut travelling etc. but BSC could well return with a suggestion for how BSC envision the future.

Outlook for 2011-2012 --- financial issues

Ms Eleni Marianou said that she will not primarily focus on gaining new members.

The FOGAR issue and the staff it has built up within the Rennes office is one person, dealing with this issue but also with other issues on international cooperation.

Mr Bergkvist, supported by Mr Rauho explained that '*Policy and perception are feather of the same bird*'. It may be perceived different from the regions point of view if they put money into BSC or CPMR. Still if CPMR could be even more transparent money will not be difficult to most regions.

Ms Eleni Marianou agreed though we have to move changes forward with cushion.

Mr Müller directed the attention to the **special financial problems facing BSC Baltic and Polish members**. On top of financial hardship the change in governmental structure make it even more difficult to keep our member regions within the organisation. We need the CPMR support with this to meet their national level.

	<p>Ms Marianou replied that CPMR is already doing this on Ireland. She promised that we should try to have a joint discussion about this. The situation have to be taken case by case as the situation varies between different countries such as Greece, Brittany and BSC regions.</p> <p>Ms Annerby Janssons question on the outlook for future - will you make a single office for CPMR? Ms Marianou returned to the financial issues of CPMR starting to agreeing with Mr Born that CPMR recourses ought to fairly distributed between all the geographical commissions.</p> <p>The issue of the Rennes Office is that it is cost efficient compered to Brussels. The Rennes office have an experienced personnel that will not be able to move. Also there is no reason why CPMR should upset Brittany as hosts. Ms Marianou idea is to find a good balance rather than forcing a complete merge of the offices. Also, there are people stationed in Paris today, and they are neither likely to move to Brussels. Today the CPMR budget line is: Rent - Translation - Staff.</p> <p>Ms Marianou replied to Mr Bergkvist that, yes, it would be possible for CPMR to have a form of internship at the Rennes or Brussels office provided that the regions pay for the expenses themselves.</p> <p>Mr Born suggested that - regarding the added value for the member regions - strategic management could be needed. To have agreed strategic objectives that are broken down into actions and in turn broken down in the budget. This would show members what we spend - and if there is value for money.</p> <p>Ms Marianou agreed with Mr Borns suggestion, however she perceive there have to be a first step - to establish a good picture of the situation today.</p> <p>Themes on which BSC could cooperate with/contribute to the CPMR. Here our experience of the BSS/macro regional strategy and innovation are two important fields.</p> <p>Ms Berg asked if not the experiences from the NSPA and Barents cooperation would be of interest. Ms Marianou answered this sort of positive activities is good for me to learn and great for interns were BSC could contribute. - This is a kind of information that the Commission doesn't have. All in all - the Commission is all the time looking for good examples and BSC could help finding them and share them.</p> <p><i>The point was closed with President Liljeström thanking Ms Ms Marianou for taking the time to be present and looked forward to have her as a speaker at our General Assembly Seminar and the General Assembly in Warnemünde.</i></p>
<p>27 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Financial Report 2009, - draft and Budget 2010</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appendix 2 - Draft Financial Report Jan-Dec 2009¹</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appendix 3 - BSC Financial Report Jan-Feb 2010</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appendix 4 - Draft Budget 2010¹</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>¹ Appendix 2 and Appendix 4 are presented in a single document.</i></p> <p>The executive Secretary Anne Ståhl Mousa presented the documents.</p> <p>The discussion following the presentation focused on the difficulties of keeping member regions in the Baltic state due to changing governmental systems and financial crisis. It was also noticed that having the Baltic states as member is in it self a challenge, agin finance is the problem for them.</p> <p><i>BSC should open a discussion with CPMR Secretary General on how to keep, and gain new, member regions in the Baltic countries and Poland.</i></p> <p><i>The financial documents were adopted.</i></p> <p><i>Note: Add together the full- and half-paying member fees to a single post.</i></p>

<p>28 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Draft Annual Report 2009 Appendix 5 - Draft Annual Report 2009</p> <p>The Executive Secretary Anne Ståhl Mousa presented the draft report. At the time of the meeting there was only a draft Annual Report ready. In particular, the WG reports were missing and the calendar ahead. President Liljeström stressed that the idea of publishing an Annual Report is a good tradition.</p> <p><i>The Annual Report will be circulated to all member regions for additions and contacts before the General Assembly.</i></p>
<p>29 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Draft Activity Plan 2010 Appendix 6 - Draft Activity Plan 2010</p> <p>President Liljeström presented the Draft Activity Plan to be seen as a starting-point for the new Executive Committee post the 2010 BSC General Assembly.</p> <p>The focus is on the Northern Dimension and the Barents Region is something that particularly BSC could add to CPMR agenda.</p> <p><i>The discussion:</i></p> <p>Ms Anne Berg of Nordland stressed the importance of the NSPA report so well received by DG Regio's Director Mr Dirk Ahner in January 2010. The work include aspects on both neighbourhood policy and the Baltic Sea Strategy (BSS). Mr Ahner speaks about macro-regions and micro-region and that all the regions in the north have easier to cooperate, they are also more similar except that some are inland- and others are costal regions.</p> <p>Mr Born, Mecklenburg Vorpommern, challenged the activity plan with the questions: Who should do what? What shall be our priorities?</p> <p>Vice president Mr Poul Müller, Central Denmark, suggested that, in line with Mr Wolf's suggestion, all regions should be asked what they like to gain from their membership in BSC - as an inspiration to the new ExCom.</p> <p>Mr Erik Bergkvist, Västerbotten, suggested that maybe, BSC could be the umbrella for micro-regions in the process of EU macro regional development. - The idea was to be taken to the new ExCom.</p> <p>Mr Kjell Nybacka, West Finland, said that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DG Regio is looking for good examples from the implementation phase of the BSS. So far, most of their input is from the central administration. The question asked at DG Regio is: Why doesn't information flow between central and regional levels? •The Nordic Council of Ministers is planning a seminar at the end of June 2010. They like to remind of their existence and that they still possess a lot of means. •The NSPA have links to the Cohesion Policy. Here BSS should remember that there are 60 MSs supporting BSS and they are all interested in how the influence of regional policy will apply. <p>Ms Annika Annerby Jansson, Skåne, reminded the ExCom that the role of the regions is to implement the BSS and the regions need to take part in the process.</p> <p>Mr Born stressed that Mecklenburg Vorpommern in fact is one out of very few regions that have a flag-ship responsibility. There is in the ongoing debate a discrepancy between what regions say and how they act. Most flagship projects are run by the national level. The continuing discussion made note of two things: As the BSS moved to the implementation phase several regions did not have the resources to mantel the responsibility of a flag-ship projects while others had just launched major inter-reg projects - well in line with the ideas of the BSS but not included in the same - so their resources were tied down.</p> <p><i>The Executive Secretary shall ask the member regions for concrete goals they like to see included. After amendments have been made the Activity Plan should be circulated to all regions.</i></p>

Final decision	<p>Amendment to our Vision & Objectives Appendix 6b – 29§ Visions & Objectives - Up-date</p> <p>Executive Secretary Ms Ståhl Mousa explained the need to up-date of the Vision & Objectives. Regarding some wording: The Baltic Sea Strategy is in the implementation phase. Also, there are some changes of member regions that need to be documented.</p> <p><i>The amendments were accepted without further comments.</i></p>
30 §	<p>Report on the status of nominations for the BSC: Appendix 7 - BSC Statutes Adopted In Herning 2008</p> <p>The discussion started day one and continued the following morning.</p> <p>Regarding the Executive Committee Members, they are chosen by their countries for two years and their names should be given at the General Assembly.</p> <p>There is still no names for vice presidents (none of the sitting VP will candidate for another period). The executive secretary should repeat the call for candidates, but names could be given at the General Assembly. The VP could be members of the board but, as the Statutes were re-visited, it seemed as if there was an opening for two VP in addition to present members of ExCom.</p> <p>The secretariat had not received any name for a new candidate to the post as BSC President. Vice president Poul Müller have received the question but he will need another couple of weeks to decide if he is a candidate. Mr Müller. stressed that ExCom should not divide the choice of president from that of the secretariat and the issue of continuity.</p> <p>Ms Annerby Jansson and Mr Bergkvist both stressed that Sweden is prepared to make nominations.</p> <p><i>Mr Rauho explained that region Uusimaa and that they will be able to take the responsibility to find a good person. Uusimaa can carry-on along the lines the organisation have been working up till now. Financially Uusimaa will keep approximately the same level as has been the past years. Uusimaa region understand that this is a responsibility and to carry-on with flying flags.</i></p> <p>President Liljeström informed that Gotland can keep secretariat until the end of 2010 adding there is a problem for the organisation to see too many changes at the same time, no continuity, and that the change of secretariat would be better off if the periods were longer.</p> <p>Mr Bergkvist, supported by Ms Annerby Jansson, continued the Presidents intervention stressing that it is important that the Presidential and Secretarial offices keep the same standard. It may well be about time to start thinking in terms of a more permanent office or executive secretaries elected for longer periods at least.</p> <p>Mr Rauho agreed that in the medium- of long-term we should have a discuss about rotation but also look into how BSC share the secretariat between CPMR and BSC.</p> <p>Mr Müller suggested that BSC ought to discuss if the executive secretary should not be in the same country as the president and he found support for this from Mr Bergkvist and Ms Annerby Jansson, adding that BSSSC and NSC have this and it seem to help strengthening the secretariat.</p> <p>End March 10 //</p>

<p>Final decision</p>	<p>Continue....March 11...</p> <p><i>Ms Annerby Jansson noted that the Statutes does no longer state that the secretariat have to be placed in different countries. - Also, Sweden hav a region ready to carry on the secretariat.</i></p> <p><i>Mr Vedin conveyed the message from Mr Bergkvist that the Swedish regions have had a discussion and they will bring a nomination to take the secretariat and in the same time retaining the sitting executive secretary. Region Västerbotten have high ambitions and are prepared to extend the secretariat beyond present level adding both money and personnel apart from the executive secretary.</i></p> <p><i>The Executive Committee decided that they should have an extra short meeting in Copenhagen April 28 about 10 o'clock to take a decision on who ExCom should recommend to take the BSC Secretariat.</i></p> <p><i>It would also be good to know, at the time of this meeting who will be nominated as vice president and who is our presidential candidate(s).</i></p> <p><i>If, we have a satsisfying single solution earlier the meeting will be replaced with a consultation via mail between the ExCom members.</i></p> <p><i>The Executive Secretary should keep reminding the regions to nominate vicepresidents.</i></p>

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The BSC General Assembly in Warnemünde, May 27-28 , 2010

*Appendix 8 - Draft Programme BSC GA
Appendix 9 - Final Step to 2013*

A) Programme - general, presentation by Wolf Born who have paid a visit to Hotel Neptune and could assure it is a very nice place.

Guests are to take care of their own hotel reservations, but if reservations are made at the Hotel Neptune before April 26 preferential rates will apply.

Registration form and all other material will be available at the BSC web as from March and the regularly up-dated as soon changes occur.

In the evening of May 26 there will be an informal dinner for the Executive Committee and the speakers who have arrived.

B) Content of the seminar

Parallel Workshop Sessions

- Open meeting of the BSC Transport Working Group
Convener: Chairman of the Transport Working Group
- Tourism in the EU-Baltic Sea Region Action Plan: State of Play and Outlook
Convener: Priority Area Co-ordinator for tourism
- Maritime Safety in the Baltic Sea Region
Convener: Chairman of the BSC Working Group "Baltic Master II"

C) Seminar "Prospects of Territorial Cohesion in the Baltic Sea Region"

Convener: President of the Baltic Sea Commission Duration: 1.5 hour

President Liljeström gave the outlines of the seminar: The Final Step to 2013 will be presented, by Esa Halme , Päijät-Häme, as a starting point of the discussion. CPMR Secretary General will make a comment to the paper and set the framework of where the Commission is heading and how CPMR intend to act. Podlaskie will present their experience in cross-boarder cooperation with Russia. Mr Kent Gudmundssen, Troms Region, is invited to speak on Barents cooperation with Russia and the NSPA.

After the presentations there should be an open discussion for 20-30 minutes where all regions are very welcome to contribute with spontaneous or pre-prepared interventions.

The objective of seminar is to open-up to a BSC input on territorial cohesion and the EU budget discussion.

Summary of the discussion issuing from the presentation of the point C) Seminar:

Mr Born pointed out that the items within the seminar were rather different and he was supported by Ms Julie Gourden, CPMR Director, however they are interlinked with one another. Her advice was to keep in mind the EU agenda and the response we gave to the EU 2020 and prepare ourselves for an input to the cohesion policy debate as the 5th cohesion policy report comes out in November 2010.

Ms Annerby Jansson pointed to that the seminar might well be an eye-opener, a platform for further discussions. Possibly it could bring forth "good examples" such as the CPMR Secretary General Mr Marianou was asking for, examples of what is happening in our regions.

One of these examples, it was suggested, could be the Barents cooperation, started 1993. The Barents cooperation is operating at a local-regional-state level while the NSPA, that's more recent, is more European and possibly applicable to other parts of Europe.

Final decision

<p>Final decision</p>	<p>Mr Born explained that as things stands all member regions will not have the same point of view on cohesion policy. Also, MPs are usually not that interested in things like the northern dimension and Russia.</p> <p>President Liljeström said she understand that different regions/countries have different points of view on cohesion policy but, the purpose of the seminar is to collect what opinions we have rather than presenting a BSC opinion. All parties will be welcome to take the floor.</p> <p>Ms Julie Gourden explained that the time-table, when come to cohesion policy, for the CPMR is that a paper will be presented at the Political Bureau in Troms i June. The paper will focus on the architecture of regional policy on differnt aspect on different prioritiece of the cohesion policy and EU 2020. The core - is the regional policy but integrated - how to balance territorial cohesion macroregional aproach and at the same time better connect neighborhood policy into the intergrated regional policy</p> <p>This paper will be pushed till the CPMR GA in Aberdeen. No other paper will be made but we focus on this - a message from 161 regions. The paper should be reade right in time befor the 5th cohesion policy report. CPMR knows who at the Commission that is writing their paper right now and thus CPMR is lobbying already and will continue to do so.</p> <p>The BSC General Assembly will be quite ordinary, with elections. President Liljeström hoped that the regions interested in hosting the secretariat would come to present themselves at the General Assembly.</p> <p><i>President Liljeström concluded that we shall ask Ms Marianou to draw the outlines of the CPMR activities that she anticipate should meet the 5th cohesion report and that we could take our seminar discussion from there with interventions from the floor.</i></p>
<p>32 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Continuation of co-operation with Baltic 21 / CBSS?</p> <p>The Executive Secretary explained that the Baltic 21 network is going through a major reorganisation. As of 1 January 2010 it became integrated into the Council of Baltic Sea States. Baltic 21 will operate as an expert group focusing on activities in four strategic areas of co-operation namely, climate change, sustainable urban and rural development, sustainable consumption and production, innovation and education for sustainable development.</p> <p>The CPMR Baltic Sea Commission has been a member of Baltic 21 network for many years. Baltic 21 would like to if BSC like to be involved actively by working joint together in projects and other activities and which of our members are generally only interested to receive updates from time to time.</p> <p><i>The ExCom agree that most of the Baltic 21 proposed topics match well with the interest of BSC and that the Executive Secretary should keep up the dialogue and, if possible, take part in their next meeting.</i></p>
<p>33 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Information about the first follow-up meeting on the Baltic Sea Strategy.</p> <p>The first follow-up meeting on the Baltic Sea Strategy will take place in Tallinn, October 15, 2010, back-to-back to the BSSSC Annual Conference.</p> <p>The Executive Secretary have been in contact with DG Regio and their is a mutual interest in having BSC participating in the meeting.</p> <p><i>The Executive Committee expressed their interest to have BSC making a strong statement at the follow-up seminar on the Baltic Sea Strategy.</i></p>

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Ms Julie Gourden, CPMR - On Baltic Sea Strategy And Macro Regions

Ms Gourden is taking this invitation as an opportunity to have a short discussion with the BSC ExCom on how to monitor the Baltic Sea Strategy and how the BSC could feed the CPMR overall work on macro-regional approaches.

1 How CPMR is organising its work and agenda on macro regional approach

CPMR think that our organisation is extremely well fit to work with this issue as we are organised in macro regions.

What has been done in the Baltic Sea is looked upon with great interest by the North Sea, the Atlantic Arc and Mediterranean as they are all pushing for their own strategies.

These strategies will vary in character; Mediterranean, like the BSS, will be more holistic while North Sea and Atlantic Arc is very much focusing maritime issues.

2 How we envision to develop the regional approach

There are very different macro-regional approaches but for CPMR the issue of how to improve regional policies under macro regional strategies applies to all.

Today everyone recognise that macroregional approach is need to taken into account in regional policy. Macro-regional strategy as a tool to improve the delivery of policy.

3 Feedback from DG Region DG Mare on macro regions

The feeling is that DG Regio and DG Mare host very different attitudes. DG Regio - seem to be reluctant to see a further developed of BSS-like strategies in other parts of Europe - their motivation is that others take this as slogan and put it on other thing. Also DG Regio is over-booked of work load and they know there still need to be done a lot more done. -Commissioner Haan - is not really convinced this is a useful tool

At DG Mare the atmosphere is different as they look for alternative way to implement the Maritime Strategy (after 2013 they have no funds). DG Mare is offensive and have a punchy attitude as they see macro regional strategies will give them money. In short there is a battle between DG Regio and DG Mare.

CPMR is on good speaking terms with DG Mare and they recognise us as a maritime organisation. On the other hand DG Regio is a CPMR friend as they are the ones standing up for regions.

It should also be remembered that many states are afraid to launch macro regional strategies. The only example is BSS and this in turn is building on sound the cooperation within the Baltic Sea area that has been developed over centuries. To other parts of Europe the prospect of macro cooperation is frightening. However, little-by-little memberstates start realising that they can gain something from macro regional strategies.

4 CPMR like to work together with the BSC to draft an input to the first BSS follow-up meeting as other regions need this feedback.

Regarding 1st BSS followup meeting in Tallinn in October CPMR had this idea to follow up the the results --- and CPMR would be very interested to cooperate with you on this reply. The tool - could be a short inquiry - to all regions asked what we need regional policy for? To capture BSCs member-regions positive examples and/or bad experiences.

A long discussion followed and landed in:

BSC ExCom is positive to make an investigation --- The Executive Secretary should help Ms Gourden to draft the questionnaire and to distribute it.

BSC should in the future advocate that regions are more active in taking on regional responsibilities for flagship projects.

Final decision

<p>35 §</p> <p>Final decision</p> <p>Final decision</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Information about BSC members-regions:</p> <p>The Executive Secretary informed the ExCom of the new member region Örebro, Sweden. Örebro region will join BSC at the General Assembly in Rostock Warnemünde and have already advertised that they like to be an active member of the WG Transport.</p> <p><i>The Executive Committee wished Örebro very welcome and looked forward to meet them in Warnemünde.</i></p> <p>Preliminary result of CPMR questionnaire on the Baltic Sea Region Programme. Appendix 10 - Prel. result questionnaire on BSR Programme</p> <p>Attached is the preliminary result of a survey CPMR is doing on the ENPI programme in the Baltic Sea - so far the member regions Klaipeda, Hiiumaa, Ostrobothnia, Oulu Region and Gotland have replied.</p> <p><i>The Executive Secretary will issue a second round of reminders to our member regions.</i></p> <p>Latest new on First follow-up meeting of the Baltic Sea Strategy --- input from CPMR Baltic Sea Commission?</p> <p>CPMR Julie Gourden and BSC Executive Secretary Anne Ståhl Mousa will prepare a questionnaire to follow up the role of regions in the Baltic Sea Strategy. The results of this survey will help the CPMR in building its proposal on the future of cohesion policy and its governance after 2013, and the BSC to prepare a consistent input to the Tallinn seminar, which will take place on October 15th 2010, and during which a first assessment of the implementation of the BSS will be undertaken with all stakeholders.</p> <p><i>The Executive Committee expressed their interest to have BSC making a strong statement at the follow-up seminar on the Baltic Sea Strategy, see above, and the result of this survey could help build a good presentation.</i></p>
<p>36 §</p> <p>Final decision</p>	<p>Closing the Meeting</p> <p>President Liljeström thanked the CPMR Brussels office for their hospitality, also Region Central Denmark and Ita-Uusimaa for a very good and educating dinner and Region Skåne for a lunch that brought energy to good discussions. Finally, all participants were thanked for a very good meeting.</p> <p>Session closed.</p>

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