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CPMR BALTIC SEA COMMISSION MARITIME ISSUES WORKING GROUP
14 September 2011 - Helsinki (FI)

Venue: Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, 4th Floor, Esterinportti 2B, 00240 HELSINKI

DRAFT AGENDA (VERSION 9/07/2011)

10.00: Arrival of participants and welcome coffee at Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council

10.15 Welcome speech by Mr Jaakko **MIKKOLA**, Director of International Affairs, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council

Update on the CPMR Maritime Agenda (latest key developments and next steps), by Damien **PÉRISSÉ**, Director, CPMR

10.30 **Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management - Policy context and actions of the Regions**

Context: Following the consultation launched by the European Commission in March 2011, a debate opened concerning which initiatives should be taken at EU level concerning MSP and ICZM. Several organisations and Regions expressed a preference for non-binding actions, which is reflected in the position adopted by the CPMR Political Board in June¹. In parallel, the CPMR BSC adopted a specific contribution to the debate at the occasion of its General Assembly², and organised a specific workshop during the European Maritime Days 2011 in Gdansk. On 15 June 2011, a debate was organised in the European Parliament by the Intergroup on Seas and Coastal Areas, with the support of the CPMR, which was represented among speakers by the Region of Noord-Holland³. In parallel, the CPMR is also participating in the EC Follow-up of the 2002 Recommendation on ICZM.

The European Commission is now waiting for the conclusions of an impact assessment before making formal suggestions concerning future policy options.

The objective of this part of the meeting is to continue the discussion from the specific angle of the Baltic Sea Area and BSC Regions:

- Update on EU debates concerning MSP/ICZM and on the CPMR/BSC position, by Damien **PÉRISSÉ**, and Jaakko **MIKKOLA**
- HELCOM perspective on MSP and ICZM, by Hermann **BACKER**, HELCOM Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission
- Presentations from BSC Regions
- Discussion

¹ http://www.crpm.org/pub/docs/319_opinion_cpmr-iczm.pdf

² Click on "Maritime Issues WG Position Paper 11 May 2011" <http://www.balticseacommission.info/general-assembly/177-2011-cpmr-bsc-ga-stockholm-helsinki-documents.html>

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http://www.mersetzonescotieres.eu/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&cntnt01articleid=39&cntnt01lang=en_US&cntnt01returnid=70

12.00: Lunch on site

13.00 Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management - Next steps in the BSC work

- Suggestions for developing specific concrete BSC initiatives on MSP and ICZM (i.e. projects in line with existing funding sources and in line with the future programme in support of Integrated Maritime Policy - and its links with the Baltic Area), and concerning links with other organisations, by Jaakko MIKKOLA and Damien PÉRISSÉ
- Discussion

14.00: Coffee break

14.30 Other maritime issues. The CPMR is currently taking new action in several maritime fields. In addition to the cross-cutting issue of Integrated Maritime Policy, the CPMR is involved in specific issues such as MSP/ICZM, maritime safety, maritime employment (Vasco de Gama), marine research, blue growth/naval industry and fisheries. This part of the meeting will specifically focus on maritime safety and blue growth/naval industry, with the objective to explain initiatives which are being taken in the fields of maritime safety and Blue Growth/Naval industry and to discuss how these issues can be included in the agenda of the BSC.

- **Maritime safety - Towards a seminar jointly organised by the CPMR and Baltic Master II.** The CPMR is developing a new phase of its action concerning maritime safety, and will organise a seminar jointly with Baltic Master II⁴. The seminar will probably take place in Brussels on 6 December 2011 and will address a list of focused and concrete issues, such as links between maritime safety and the EU maritime social agenda, compensation for ecological damages, and maritime surveillance. A preparatory process to the seminar will be set up, in order to enable the maximum number of CPMR Regions, from the BSC and other Geographical Commissions, to take part. The meeting will be an occasion to discuss this.
- **Blue growth and naval industry.** The European Commission is launching a specific study on the issue of blue growth. In parallel to its contribution to this reflection, the CPMR is exploring the idea of launching a new initiative concerning the naval industry and links with Regions from the BSC and other CPMR Geographical Commissions need to be explored and discussed.

15.45 Next steps and conclusions

- Forthcoming meetings
 - Other Possible CPMR/BSC Meetings/Seminars
 - 28-30 September 2011 - CPMR General Assembly (and session on maritime issues)
 - Next BSC ExCOM Meeting
- Forthcoming meetings of the CPMR BSC Maritime Issues Working Group
 - 30 November 2011
 - Next meeting (tbc)
- Conclusions and summing up of the meeting by Jaakko MIKKOLA

16.00: End of Proceedings

⁴ http://www.balticmaster.org/index.aspx?page_id=1