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CPMR BALTIC SEA COMMISSION MEETING

28 September 2011 17.00-18.00

Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel - Margrethpladen 1 - 8000 Aarhus (DK)

MINUTES

17.00 Welcome speech by Mr Erik **BERGKVIST**, President of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission

President Erik Bergkvist wished participants welcome to the meeting. In the welcoming speech he mentioned the current problems in the European economy. Greece has faced the great financial crisis and nobody knows how it will survive. Also many bigger countries have serious problems and there is a risk that their problems can spread to other countries. Mr Bergkvist stressed that we all have to work harder to find the solutions to these problems.

- Adoption of the Agenda
 - The Agenda was adapted with one change. Mr Alfonsi, MEP, had to cancel his participation as a speaker.
- Adoption of the minutes of the Schwerin Executive Committee meeting
 - The minutes were adopted.
- Financial issues: Update on membership dues, financial report and forecast budget for 2011
 - Financial report and forecast budget for 2011 were adopted.
- Internal issues (Organisation of the Executive Committee)
 - There were no other internal issues.
- Work Plan
 - The Work Plan was adapted with an amendment proposed by the BSC Transport Working Group.

- Opinions / comments from the BSC Regions on each session of the CPMR General Assembly

Annelie Stark took the floor and raised a discussion about the Common Fisheries Policy. She put forward the general concerns from Region Västra Götaland regarding the CPMR position on the CFP post-2012. The Swedish delegation agreed to the proposal. Also many members of the North Sea Commission will support that.

Magnus Engelbrektsson (Västra Götaland, Sweden) told participants that the CFP has already taken some good steps, but some points should be changed from the proposal.

Olav Jern (Ostrobothnia, Finland) told participants that the Finnish delegation will support the amendment made by Västra Götaland.

President Bergkvist concluded that BSC will adopt the proposal.

Erik Bergkvist opened the discussion about TEN-T mentioning that there are many important areas missing from the network. He asked how the network would finally look? For instance the Bothnian Corridor seems to be missing for the moment.

Mimmi von Troil (Västra Götaland) mentioned the forthcoming meeting of the CPMR Transport Working Group, and that the BSC could send comments considering the TEN-T. Olav Jern reminded participants of the special needs of the northern periphery.

Annelie Stark stressed that there must be a discussion about TEN-T in the next Political Bureau meeting.

Annika Annerby Jansson (Region Skåne) took the floor considering Session 3 of the General Assembly agenda. She stressed that the CPMR should not take any opinion on the taxes, because it is not a regional level question. Erik Bergkvist told that this is also the opinion of the Swedish delegation.

The meeting adopted the proposal.

Mimmi von Troil took the floor in terms of the "Draft Final Declaration II.1 - Maritime Emissions". The North Sea Commission has made a draft resolution about maritime emissions. She proposed that the issue should be returned to the TEN-T working group.

The meeting adopted the proposal.

- Baltic Sea Commission calendar

- Executive Committee meeting in Brussels 1-2 November 2011

- Maritime Issues Working Group in Helsinki 30 November 2011

- Seminar on Maritime Safety in European Parliament 1 December 2011 with Baltic Master

- Any other business and forthcoming meetings

- Invitations to the next BSC General Assembly and Executive Committee meetings

- Next BSC General Assembly will be held in Umeå, Sweden, 31 May - 1 June 2012 hosted by Region Västerbotten

- Nordland (Norway) will be hosting the General Assembly 2013

18.00: End of Proceedings