



CPMR

BALTIC SEA COMMISSION

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AGENDA June 14th 2007

Time 14 June 2007 at 10 am. – 1 pm

Venue BODØ (N)

Participants:

Roll call

1 § **Opening the Meeting** *Appendix 1 - Invitation*
Final decision

2 § **Adopting of the Agenda**
Final decision

3 § **CPMR Current Affairs** *Appendix 2 - CPMR Program of Work*
Xavier Gizard, Secretary General of the CPMR

Presentation Will be added to the minutes.

Final decision

4 § **Activity Report June 2006 (Karlskrona) – June 2007 (Bodø)** *Appendix 3 - Annual Report*

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5 § Visions and Objectives for the Baltic Sea Commission

Appendix 4 - Visions & Objectives – final draft

The “Vision and Objectives” strategic document of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission was adopted by the 9th BSC General Assembly in Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (D) on 4 June 2004. The Executive Committee agreed in Murcia changing the “Visions and Objectives” document.

The discussion landed in the decision that a NEW kind of “Visions and Objectives” should be drafted. Simply stating:

- This is the Baltic Sea Commission.
- This we have achieved.
- This is what we intend to do in the coming year.

Short – Sharp – Simple

No amendment has arrived and the document should now be ready to be adopted by the Baltic Sea Commission General Assembly.

Proposal

The “catchy” slogan is still not that impressive. The secretariat suggests a small competition is launched at the General Assembly. Suggestions should be delivered to the secretariat before ... and the presidium will form the jury with no appellate.

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6 § Updating Statutes of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission

Appendix 5 - BSC Statutes – final draft Appendix 6 - CPMR Statutes

At the Executive Committee meeting in Murcia the conclusion was that the statutes need to be update as there is now the **need to have two Vice-President** in the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission.

The statutes of the Geographical Commissions must be **written in accordance with the CPMR statutes**.

The decision was to ask the secretariat to draft a suggestion for new statues based on the CPMR statues. In 4 §, and were else applicable, the additions of **adding she** to existing he in the text should be made. It was also agreed, concerning 5 § that **the right to vote should be the same as for CPMR that is “elected member”** have the right to vote.

The document has been out to all members for amendment, including reminders, deadline 31st of May.

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7 § Economic Report

Appendix 7 - BSC Economy 2006 Appendix 8 - BSC Economy 2007 with budget

The financial report and money arrived to Visby from Lahti's in week 7, 2007.

A sum of € 11.293:72 were transferred to the new Secretariat in Visby on Feb 5th. For the period November – December the cost was carried by the executive secretaries former unit as it took time before the financial report arrived from Finland. Thus the Financial report from Lahti is also the complete report of BSC 2006.

A financial report for the period Jan – May 2007 is presented along with a draft budget for 2007.

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8 § Work On the EU Green Paper On Maritime Policy

Appendix 9 - CPMR – PROPOSALS AND POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Appendix 10 - CPMR - REGIONAL INITIATIVES...
Appendix 11 - Final BSC declaration Karlskrona GA 2006
Appendix 12 - BSC Contribution

The EU green paper on Maritime policy is of major importance to the Baltic Sea region. The consultation period is running till the last of June 2007.

The CPMR has taken it up on them to deliver a joint Policy Position Paper on the content of the future EU maritime policy to be taken at the Political Bureau meeting in Poland 8th of June. See attached files Appendix 9 and 10. The document is made up of four sections. The geographical commission has contributed to section 3. The contribution had to be in the hands of the CPMR before the end of April.

At the Executive Committee meeting, in Murcia, it was decided that the BSC should work on the green paper for **Maritime Policy in cooperation with others through the secretariat**. This has been done through a joint seminar with the NSC and contact with the B7. The secretariat has also requested that the BSC WG make comments on the green paper from their own perspectives. From the co-operation with the NSC there is now a draft response to the green paper on maritime policy.

Time-plan

February

- The secretariat circulates to BSC WG and BSC member regions the draft response to the EU green paper on Maritime Policy, which came out of the joint NSC+BSC seminar in Stavanger and adopted by the NSC Executive Committee. – It is important that we have BALTIC SEA perspectives to the answers. Answers to be returned by the end of the month.

March

- The secretariat share input on the maritime policy from B7.
- The secretariat share input on the maritime policy with HELCOM.

April

- The NSC+BSC have a second technical preparation seminar on Gotland to finalise our joint opinions and circulated to member regions and Executive Committee members for adoption.
- A joint NSC+BSC text on the maritime policy is sent to the CPMR.

Actions:

The joint BSC+NSC draft has been circulated to all member regions and the Baltic Sea Organisations; B7 Baltic Islands Network, BSSSC Baltic Sea States Sub regional Co-operation, UBC Union of the Baltic Cities and Baltic Assembly.

Only the transport workgroup and the work group for fisheries have added direct contribution. No direct amendments have been made by the member regions to the draft document, however BSC regions have been sending in comments they have been drafting together with other organisations.

In the exchange with the North Sea Commission the secretariats has agreed that the joint structure and voice of the two organisations would only strengthen our course.

At the joint Baltic Sea Organisation meeting on Bornholm BSC was requested to hand in the amendments from B7 and BSSSC along with our own, though the CPMR in order to reach a higher degree of impact on the Maritime Taskforce.

The aggregated contribution of Baltic Sea Commission, North Sea Commission, BSSSC, B7 and other contributions cut and provided from sources like UBC, HELCOM and member regions was handed in to the CPMR in time for the CPMR to prepare their "proposals and points for consideration".

Proposal

The secretariat proposes that the Baltic Sea Commission aggregated document, with the declaration taken at the General Assembly in Kalmar 2006, is sent to the EU taskforce for Maritime Affairs, before June 30th, as an extra push for Baltic Sea issues and the Northern Dimension.

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9 § BSC Thematic Work Group Directives *Appendix 13 - BSC Thematic WG Directives*

Following a general discussion on Workgroups it was agreed in Murcia that:

- The Baltic Sea Commission is a small organisation and thus have to overcome the limited resources by actively seek so-operation with other organisations and to make **joint papers**.
- The form for **co-operation** with other organisations: An executive committee member together with the co-ordinator of workgroups.
- On a direct question, it was made clear that anyone may **join a workgroup** if the Chairman of the workgroup invites him/her.
- Within the Executive Committee it has been decided that the working groups in general should have **a politician as Chairman** (and also a Vice-Chairman) - preferably elected by and from the Executive Committee - for the groups according to the same model as in the North Sea Commission. This to secure contact with the Executive Committee and also secure better political dialogue when presenting issues e.g. to national and international politicians (National ministries, EU, CPMR etc.).
- The day to day work like organising meetings, producing agendas and minutes from meetings, preparation of papers for political decisions etc. should in this case be lead by a "**Working Group Co-ordinator**" who also will take part in external meetings when needed.
- **Meetings of more technical character** within the working group could however be lead by the co-ordinator, and the co-ordinator should also represent the working group in external meetings of more technical character.

A discussion at the Executive Committee meeting and the joint Baltic Sea – North Sea Commission meeting in Copenhagen on thematic work group co-operation has added to the need for Work Group Directives.

A draft directive has been prepared by the secretariat and circulated to all member regions for amendment, including reminders, deadline 31st of May. - No amendment has arrived and the document should now be ready to be adopted by the Baltic Sea Commission General Assembly.

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10 § BSC Thematic Work Group - Reports

Report A) Transport Working Group (Mr Geir-Ketil Hansen, Mr Per Strømhaug) *WG Report - A*

After a long search and many rejections the group has finally found a new co-ordinator, Mr Per Strømhaug.

There will be good connections between the transport working group and the project "InterBaltic" since the project really is initiated by the working group. Contact is also taken with the NSC WG on Transport. VASAB has also asked to have a co-operation as soon as the WG is established.

The WG is to a large part responsible for the work shops and transport oriented agenda at the Bodø meeting.

The WG has contributed to the BSC response to the Maritime Policy through participation in the joint meetings with the NSC and with their own amendment to the green book on Maritime Policy.

The meeting that was to be held in Malmö on March 7th was cancelled as the number of delegates was very low. The WG is in need of new directions a rekindling. As Mr Geir-Ketil Hansen will not run for another period at his present office the chair is also to be vacant.

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Report B)	Energy Working Group (Dr. Erik Bergkvist, Ms. Linnéa Lundström)	<i>WG Report - B</i>
	<p>At the BSC meeting in connection to the CPMR General Assembly in Murcia 2006, the County Council of Västerbotten expressed a will to chair a working group on energy. The focus of the WG will be on renewable energy sources, in particular on those coming from agriculture and forestry sector. However, the WG is open to all BSC members and the issues they would like to raise, which means that other questions can come into focus as well if the members so desire.</p> <p>Main objective: To compile a position paper to the CPMR General Assembly in October 2007. Seminar in Umeå, September 11.</p>	
Proposal	<p>The working progress of the BSC working groups will be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting in Riga and the activities could be followed at the Baltic Sea Commission homepages at www.balticseacommission.com .</p>	
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Report C)	Fishery Working Group (Mr Kjell Nybacka, Mr Rolf Gidemo)	<i>WG Report - C</i>
	<p>At the Executive Committee meeting it was concluded that fishery is an important issue to the BSC. A lot of work is already undertaken in a North Sea Commission WG led by the Shetlands and also in the joint expert group held between the CPMR, Mr Francois Desrentes and DG Fishery in which the Baltic Sea Commission have long been represented by Mr Kjell Nybacka of Finland and Rolf Gydemo of Gotland.</p> <p>Mr Kjell Nybacka is now informed of his appointment at the last meeting as chair of the BSC fishery group and a dialogue is established between the secretariat and Mr Nybacka and Mr Gidemo.</p> <p>The group is indirectly represented in the Baltic Sea Commission RAC via Kjell Nybacka who is appointed rapporteur in the salmon working group. It would however be of benefit if the BSC is an official member of the BSRAC.</p>	
Proposal	<p>The working progress of the BSC working groups will be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting in Riga and the activities could be followed at the Baltic Sea Commission homepages at www.balticseacommission.com .</p>	
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Report D)	CPMR Work groups – Human Resource Group	<i>WG Report - D1 WG Report - D2 - Minutes Oviedo March 26-27</i>
	<p>Stockholm region is active in the Human Resource Group.</p> <p>The group held its last meeting in the Asturias on March 26-27th with political representatives present.</p> <p>A report from the conference in Oviedo is expected this summer.</p>	
Proposal	<p>The working progress of the BSC thematic work group will be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting in Riga and the activities could be followed at the Baltic Sea Commission homepages at www.balticseacommission.com .</p>	
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Report E)	CPMR Intercommission WG – TN-RIS Project	<i>WG Report – E1 WG Report – E2 - TN-RIS Project WG Report – E3 - TN-RIS Methodology</i>

The Baltic Sea Commission proposal for an intercommission work group on innovation, made at the CPMR General Assembly in Murcia, has been well received. The CPMR together with, in particular the Stockholm Region together drawn up the intercommission WG named the TN-RIS project 'Toward a New Regional Innovation System'.

Stockholm Region with Ms Inger Linge is the lead partner together with the CPMR General Secretariat, in the person of Philippe Cichowlaz, Director, who shall be in charge of the technical coordination

Proposal The working progress of the BSC work group will be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting in Riga and the activities could be followed at the Baltic Sea Commission homepage at www.balticseacommission.com.

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11 § Final resolutions of the 12th BSC General Assembly

Resolutions will be delivered as a result of the workshops in Bodø.

[Resolutions](#)

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12 § Coming Major Events – A Calendar for 2007

[Appendix 3 Annual Report](#)

Proposal Decisions on who should participate where are decided at the Executive Committee meeting on June 15th 2007.

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13 § General Reports

Reports **A) BSC seminar during the Almedalsveckan in July 2007 in Visby, Gotland (S)**
This is to be the major event in 2007 for the Baltic Sea Commission aiming at making us known. It was decided that the theme for the BSC Seminar during the Almedalsveckan would be the "Environmental Impact Assessment of the Baltic Sea Gas Pipeline". In order to attract attention it is important that a few but high-ranking representatives of the various aspects of the subject will present the 2-3 hour session.

[General Report – A - Invitation](#)

B) Nomination of Lamor Group Ab to 2007 Swedish Baltic Water Award
CPMRs Baltic Sea Commission has nominated Lamor Ab to the prestigious environmental award. The winner will be announced in June.

[General Report - B1 - Nomination](#)
[General Report - B2 – Lamor Ab](#)

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14 § Candidate To Host the 13th BSC General Assembly 2008

A candidate is to be announced at the Bodø General Assembly for the 13th General Assembly 2008.
If possible the candidate should be accommodating the General assembly of the Baltic Sea and North Sea Commission at the same location and in the same time offering joint activities.

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15 § New Member Region

The Uusimaa Region is officially a member of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission as from the General Assembly in Bodø June 15th, 2007.

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16 § **Any Other Business**

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17 § **Closing the Meeting**

Proposal The President will close the meeting.

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