

BSSSC Working Group on Maritime Policy (WGMP) Meeting on 7 October 2011 in Szczecin - Results

Participants

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Stefan Musiolik, Head of BSSSC WG Maritime Policy (chair)
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New member

- David Hunt, representative of Bornholm / B7 Islands in the BSSSC Board

joint activities with CBSS and BSPC

- Stefan Musiolik reported on the joint event the WGMP had together with the CBSS Expert Group on Maritime Policy and the Working Group on Integrated Maritime Policy of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC) within the official programme of the European Maritime Day on 20 May 2011 in Gdansk.
- The title of the session was “Common vision – linking efforts – strengthening visibility” which is at the same time the agenda of the new born cooperation.
- As representative of the BSSSC WGMP Stefan Musiolik presented the initiative Clean Baltic Shipping, its implementation through the INTERREG project CleanShip and his role as member of the Political Committee to the project. He emphasized visibility as a key factor of the success of maritime policy in the BSR and respectively the Baltic Sea Strategy. He presented the idea to revive the Clean Marine Award (the COM awarded once in 2004) as Baltic Sea Clean Marine Award and got general support from the representatives of CBSS and the BSPC. The representative of the COM gave positive feedback but saw difficulties in finding a funding source. → Political lobbying of the WGMP would be useful.
- Results: The three working groups stressed the value of cooperation between the national, the regional and the parliamentary level in maritime affairs. The common goal is to con-

tribute to the development of the BSR into Europe's maritime best practice region with bundled forces and coordinated aims and activities. The three bodies expressed their will to have a regular dialogue and to aim at involving further Baltic Sea organizations in the dialogue.

- Follow-up and perspective: During the session in Gdansk the BSPC invited the CBSS and the BSSSC to join the BSPC maritime working group meeting on 20 June in Schwerin. Here again, it was agreed to stay in contact and to continue the co-operation.
- A first proposal for further joint activities has been coordinated between the parties and also sent to the WGMP. Points of particular interest:
 - a maritime stakeholder forum in the course of the European Maritime Day 2012 in Gothenburg (21-22 May) bringing together representatives of the different maritime organisations, projects and enterprises of the BSR
 - bringing forward the BSSSC initiative for a Baltic Sea Clean Marine Award

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- It was agreed upon defining concrete political demands basing on the experiences and knowledge gathered in the different work packages of the project.
- Obstacles on the way to realize clean shipping concepts have to be defined as well as proposals for solution. These are the starting points for political lobbying.

**European Maritime
Day 2012 in
Gothenburg**

- The WGMP will contribute to the European Maritime Day in Gothenburg by
 - playing an active part in arranging a joint event together with the CBSS and the BSPC
 - contributing to the success of the planned Maritime Stakeholder Day by encouraging project partners, organisations and enterprises in the maritime field to support the idea and to take part.
 - Some INTERREG projects already planned to have partner meetings in the margin of the Maritime Day in Gothenburg.