



Baltic Sea States
Subregional
Co-operation

BSSSC Board Meeting

21.09.2006

Kiel, Germany

Minutes from the Board Meeting

0 Opening of the Board meeting

Chairman Uno Aldegren opened the meeting and welcomed all Board members to the third meeting of 2006 and gave special thanks to the host of the Board meeting, Mr Uwe Döring, Minister of Justice, Employment and European Affairs of Land Schleswig-Holstein.

1 Adoption of the Minutes from the Board meeting in Kiel, 5 May 2006

The Board adopted the minutes from the Board meeting in Kiel, 5 May 2006. Ms Ann Irene Saeternes wished further information on the results of the coordination meeting that took place in Karlskrona 31 May. The BSSSC Secretariat will send the minutes from the meeting to the Board members.

2 Adoption of the agenda

The Board adopted the Agenda.

3 Annual Conference 2006

Mr Stefan Musiolik presented the program and timetable for the debate and award of the ocean prize that will take place on the 20 September as well as the public consultation of the green paper on the future European Maritime Policy that will take place on the 21 September in the frame of the BSSSC annual conference. Mr Thomas Pfannkuch presented the program for the 22 September focusing on the transport infrastructure of the Baltic Sea Region. The conference is being arranged in close cooperation between BSSSC, Land Schleswig-Holstein and Commissioner Borg. The organizers expect some 350 participants to attend the Annual Conference with all Baltic Sea Countries represented. The final program was distributed to the Board members.

The Board thanked for the information.

3.1 Conference Resolutions

- 3.1.1 Mr Musiolik presented the Maritime Declaration that won't be changed after the conference. There will however be Minutes from the workshops that will be distributed to the Board. Mr Arne Ören informed the Board that the Maritime Declaration had been presented to the Norwegian Government that had declared that there will be support from the Norwegian side.

The Board adopted the Maritime Declaration.

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- 3.1.2 Ms Ann-Irene Saeternes informed the Board that Mr Lasse Lehre will make the presentation of the Youth Declaration on the 22 September.
The Board thanked for the information.

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- 3.1.3 Mr Jan Erik Majewski presented the content of the BSSSC Resolution covering all parts. The Board adopted the BSSSC Resolution with minor changes.

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4 Annual Conference 2007

Mr Risto Ervelä declared that the Regional Council of South West Finland will host and carry out the Annual Conference 2007. Fees will partly finance the Conference.

The Board welcomes the offer from the Regional Council of South West Finland and thanked Mr Ervelä.

5 BSSSC and the future Questionnaire on National Platforms

Mr Majewski presented the results of the assessment of administrative structures in the regions.

Mr Arne Ören underlined that it is necessary to accept the diversity of the Baltic Sea Region but the national platforms as a basis can be further developed. Mr Ören also stated that the relation with Russia and Latvia must be improved. The new Chairmanship will present a proposal on how to proceed together with the outgoing secretariat.

The Board decided that the new chairmanship will proceed the work.

6 BSSSC Ad hoc Work Groups and Rapporteurships

6.1 Northern Dimension

Ms Marjatta Vehkaoja informed about the parliamentary meeting that had taken place in

Reykjavik where a demand for safety of energy solutions and transports was expressed. To work for a stronger partnership for a strong Northern Dimension was also in focus. Mr Pfannkuch informed that formally there haven't been any changes since the Board meeting in May. But there are diplomatic discussions ongoing between EU and Russia. Ms Saeternes informed about ongoing discussions between EU, Russia, Norway and Iceland. Mr Knud Andersen informed that several prime ministers had highlighted the Northern Dimension as a tool for cooperation with North Western Russia at the Visby Conference in August.

The Board decided to add the Northern Dimension into the Work plan for the coming two years.

6.2 Maritime Issues

Mr Günther Schulz congratulated Kiel to the hosting of the consultation conference for the Baltic Sea Region. Mr Schulz pointed out 4 points that BSSSC should engage in:

1. Take active part in the consultation process
2. CPMR/BSC
3. Maritime Policy Platform
4. Major conference that will take place in Bremen

It is decided that the maritime topic will be discussed at the next Board meeting in November.

6.3 Youth Policy

Lasse Lehre informed that the ad hoc Work group has had one meeting since the last Board meeting. Took place in Tallin in October in connection to the conference Youth and the City.

6.4 Agenda 21

Mr Alfred Eberhardt gave a report on the work of Agenda 21. It will be included in the BSSSC Annual Report.

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6.5 Transport and Infrastructure

Ms Annika Annerby Jansson chairwoman of the BSSSC Work Group for Transport and Infrastructure in the Baltic Sea Region, made a short review of the work of the Work group that has resulted in the Survey on the planning situation of the Baltic Sea Region and the Framework for a BSR multimodal strategy. The work has received much attention in the BSR. Region Skåne wishes to initiate a transnational project for a common multimodal transport infrastructure strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

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The Board adopted the framework for a Baltic Sea Region multimodal Transport strategy and welcomed an initiative from Region Skåne to in cooperation with other Pan Baltic organisations prepare a joint multimodal transport infrastructure project in the programme period 2007-2013.

7 Cooperation with Baltic Sea Organisations

7.1 CPMR/BDF

The first meeting of the Interbaltic Highlevel Transport Infrastructure Group will take place 31 October in Helsinki in connection to the BDF summit. Mr Aldegren will chair the group. Mr Ören supports the proposal to strengthen the cooperation with CPMR/BSC and BDF as suggested in the Work Plan.

It is decided to support the chairmanship of Mr Aldegren in the Highlevel group and that the Board will have the Work Plan on the agenda at the November meeting for adoption.

7.2 Council of Europe

In December there will be a meeting in Strasbourg at the Council of Europe that will discuss the foundation of an Euroregion for the Baltic Sea. The new Chairmanship will proceed the work and contacts with the Council of Europe.

The Board thanked for the information.

8 BSSSC Work Plan 2006-2008

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8.1 Mr Ören presents the new BSSSC Secretariat:

Secretary General	Inge Brörs
Deputy SG	Ann-Irene Saeternes
Member of Secretariat	Greta Juul
Member of Secretariat	Juri Tomilov
Brussels Antenna	Günther Schulz

Mr Ören presents the draft Work Plan and stresses the importance of setting priorities.

The Board is welcome to give comments on the Work Plan by Friday 13 October.

The Board thanks for the information.

9 Coming events of importance for BSSSC

- 9.1 "Safe, sustainable and financed Motorways of the Sea" 2-3 October 2006 Helsinki
Mr Petersson will represent BSSSC at the conference.
- 9.2 The BDF Summit
The Summit will take place 29-31 October in Helsinki.
- 9.3 Baltic Sea Perspectives
The Conference will take place in Brussels 9 November 2006. The BSSSC representation in the preparing work group has been forwarded to the new Secretariat. Ms Annerby-Jansson will present the Multimodal transport strategy of BSSSC at this occasion. Mr Ør-en will be representing BSSSC and give a speech. The conference will take place at The House of the European Regions, Boulevard St. Michel 80, 1040 Brussels
Phone: +32 (0)2 741 6000.
(Nearest Metro station is Thieffry (Line 1A))
In the evening following the conference the Board is invited to a reception at Hanse-Office, 20 Rue Palmerston.

The next Board meeting will take place on 10 November in the Norwegian Delegation to EU.

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After having had contact with the Swedish representative Mr Olle Lundgren who stressed importance of high ranking representation Mr Uno Aldegren will participate at the conference. Mr Petersson will join Mr Aldegren.

The Board thanked for the information.

10 Any other Business

Ms Vehkaoja wished to withdraw from her position as Member of the BSSSC Board.

The BSSSC Board warmly thanked Ms Vehkaoja for her engagement and well performed work at the Board.

Mr Aldegren thanked the Board for the strong support during his chairmanship. Mr Aldegren also thanked his secretariat and the Brussels Anten-

na for a well-performed task.

Mr Aldegren and Mr Ören handed out gifts to the outgoing secretariat and the Brussels Antenna.