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**BSSSC Working Group on Maritime Policy
Meeting on 15 October 2009 in Ringsted - Results**

Attendees: Peter Erlöv, Region Skane/Sweden
Lars Friedrichsen, BSSSC Brussels Antenna
Tom Holthe, Vestfold County/Norway
Stefan Musiolik, Head of BSSSC WG Maritime Policy (chair)
Tommy Nielsen, Region Sealand/Denmark
Christian Nilsson, Region Skane/Sweden
Christer Pursiainen, CBSS Secretariat
Marlene Rothe, Land Schleswig-Holstein (minutes)
Magnar Simensen, Vestfold County/Norway

New members: The Working Group has got three new members:

- Lars Friedrichsen, representing the BSSSC in Brussels (“BSSSC Brussels Antenna”)
- Tom Holthe from Norway, Vice Mayor of Vestfold County Council
- Professor Heinrich Reincke, Hamburg Senate Chancellery

Workshop „Climate Protection in Shipping“:

- Workshop “Climate protection in shipping” (organized and moderated by WGMP chairman Stefan Musiolik) within the BSSSC Annual Conference on 14 October was interesting and encouraging.
- New contacts could be established between actors; a general request for intensified cooperation became obvious.
- Participants received an impression of the ongoing discussions and activities conc. clean shipping and in particular on-shore power supply for ships.

Results of discussion:

- although shipping is the most environmentally friendly transport mode activities to reduce ship borne emissions are needed
- one instrument to improve the situation is the establishment of shore side power supply for ships
- there are a lot of active players in this field from the shipping side as well as from politics

- what matters now is to bring together the different actors and initiatives in order to join forces, combine and harmonize the existing activities and also to prevent isolated solutions
- a promising instrument is the planned project Green Ferries.

Green Ferries

- The project manager of Green Ferries, Mr Jörg Sträussler, presented the project idea within the workshop the day before; it is a project proposal for the next call of the EU Baltic Sea Region Programme basing on the achievements of the former INTERREG project New Hansa as regards shoreside power supply for ships. Lead partner is the municipality of Trelleborg
- Green Ferries aims at
 - a multiplication of the shore side electricity pilot plants to as many BSR ports and ships as possible/ reasonable
 - the introduction of gas, bio gas, LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) and liquefied bio gas for as many as possible/ reasonable ports and ships
 - a ban of waste and waste water discharges into the sea
 - concerted actions in ports and on ships for installing specific facilities on board and in ports.
- The project is in line with the objectives of the European Maritime Policy and the EU Baltic Sea Strategy.
- At the time being the partnership matrix comprises cities, ports, shipowners, energy suppliers and scientific bodies from Sweden (Leadpartner), Germany, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Denmark.
- The attendant members of the Working Group promised to look for further partners.
- **All members of the Working Group are kindly requested to think about further partners like ports, regions, shipping companies, energy suppliers or others with an interest to cooperate in this project and enable contact to Stefan Musiolik.**
- The Green Ferries project manager approached the Working Group to join the advisory board of the project. The Working Group agreed.

European Alliance of cruise ports

- Lars Friedrichsen reported on an initiative of the Hamburg State Chancellery to set up a European alliance of cruise port

cities in order to foster shore side power supply for cruise ships.

- Hamburg approached 70 European cruise port cities by mail in order to promote the idea and to find partners.
- Hamburg is in the process of planning a respective INTER-REG project for the North Sea region, a conjunction with the Green Ferries project should be considered.

**Cooperation with
CBSS Expert Group
on Maritime Policy**

- The BSSSC Working Group on Maritime Policy offered cooperation to the CBSS Expert Group on Maritime Policy, in particular conc. the implementation of the Clean Baltic Shipping projects of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy.
- Christer Pursiainen reported that the constitutive meeting of the CBSS Expert Group takes place on 24 November in Vilnius.
- One first and important discussion will be the relation to EU politics in principle.
- The Working Group agreed: As components of the Baltic Sea Strategy's Action Plan (and the Clean Baltic Shipping project) are also part of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan a cooperation makes a good sense also under the "headline" Baltic Sea Action Plan.

**Further points of
interest**

- Peter Erlöv reports on developments in Skane to expand the use of biogas extensively for all transport modes incl. ferries.
- An increasing problem in Skane are small plastic particles in Swedish coastal waters, KIMO Sweden commissioned a study.
- Tommy Nielsen outlined that oil spills are increasingly a topic of political debates in Sealand.

**Next Working
Group meeting**

- The next Working Group is planned to take place back to back to the BSSSC Board meeting in February 2010 in Szczecin. Detailed information at a later date.