



Present: Ms. Marili Alas (EE), Ms. Josefina Bjurström (Secretariat), Ms. Lena Celion (B7), Mr. Jon Halvard Eide (NO), Ms. Heli Halla-aho (Secretariat), Mr. Jussi Huttunen (FI), Mr. Andris Jaunsleinis (LV), Ms. Malgorzata Ludwiczek (PL), Mr. Stefan Musiolik (DE), Ms. Tuula Palaste-Eerola (Secretariat), Ms. Ligita Pudza (LV), Mr. Toivo Riimaa (EE), Ms. Marlene Rothe (DE), Mr. Roger Ryberg (NO), Ms. Ann Irene Saeternes (NO), Mr. Ossi Savolainen (Chairman), Ms. Claudia Schatzmann (DE), Mr. Janne Tamminen (Secretariat).

1. Opening of the Board Meeting

1.1. Opening of the meeting by Mr. Jussi Huttunen

Mr. Huttunen wished everyone welcome and opened the meeting on behalf of Chairman Savolainen.

1.2. Welcome speech by Mr. Juho Savo, Regional Mayor of Southwest Finland

Mr. Savo wished everyone welcome to Southwest Finland and gave an insight in the characteristics of the region and the tasks of the regional council.

1.3. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor changes.

1.4. Adoption of Board meeting minutes Kuopio, 7 February 2014

The minutes of the Kuopio meeting were adopted.

2. Annual Conference 2014

2.1. Report by the Latvian hosts

The draft programme was discussed. Changes concerning speakers were made in sessions I, II and III b) and c). The Terms of Reference and results from the parallel sessions will be presented in the closing session. Ms. Ligita Pudza reminded the organizers about sending in profile information for the speaker biography. Ms. Ann Irene Saeternes informed about the Friday Smart specialization workshop which will be organized in co-operation with the CBSS. Mr. Janne Tamminen promised that the secretariat will send out the invitations before the summer holidays.

2.2. Conference resolution – Mr. Janne Tamminen

Mr. Tamminen presented the conference resolution draft. Comments on the resolution are welcome, and the draft will be circulated in the Board before adoption at the next meeting.



2.3. Annual Conference 2015

Hamburg and Sweden promised to find out about their possibilities to organize the Annual Conference in 2015.

3. Revision of the BSSSC Terms of Reference

3.1. Introduction of the work done by the WG – Mr. Janne Tamminen

The draft of the Terms of Reference working group was presented and some minor changes were made (please see annex).

4. Policy Sectors and Working Groups

4.1. Maritime Issues – Mr. Janne Tamminen

Mr. Tamminen gave an insight in the situation of the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive. The next meeting of the joint BSSSC and CPMR BSC Maritime Issues working group will be held in Helsinki on September 18th. Mr. Stefan Musiolik mentioned the Baltic Clean Sea Award, which was awarded for the first time in 2013.

4.2. Youth Policy – Ms. Malgorzata Ludwiczek

Ms. Ludwiczek informed that a project application to the Erasmus+ programme for the autumn BSSSC Youth Event has been sent. The process of setting up the Baltic Sea Youth Forum is still ongoing and a roundtable on youth issues will be organized at the Baltic Sea NGO Forum during the Turku Baltic Sea Days.

4.3. Energy and Climate Issues – Mr. Janne Tamminen

Mr. Tamminen informed that the Pan-Baltic Round Table on Climate Change was organized by the CBSS in May. The CPMR BSC Energy working group held its meeting on June 2nd, especially biomass was on the agenda.

4.4. Northern and Arctic Dimension – Mr. Roger Ryberg

Mr. Ryberg participated as an observer in the Senior Officials Meeting on the Northern Dimension in April. During the meeting BSSSC stated that further actions should be taken in order to fully benefit from the capacity of regional and local actors in the co-operation within the Northern Dimension. The statement received positive feedback and ENCN is following up on the issue.



4.5. Transport and Infrastructure – Mr. Jon Halvard Eide

Mr. Eide informed that the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission and North Sea Commission are working on being represented at the forums for the implementation of the TEN-T Core Network. He continued that the CPMR Transport Group has responded to the consultation on the development of European funding scheme supporting sustainable freight transport (a follow up to the Marco Polo program), the Nordic Transport Political Network (Norway-Denmark) is organizing a seminar on development of the transport corridor in Danish Jötland and that the Nordic-Baltic transport ministers meeting held in Stavanger in the end of May discussed transport reforms.

Mr. Tamminen invited members of the BSSSC to participate in the Baltic Sea Commission Transport Working Group on the 26th of June in Helsinki.

4.6. Culture – Mr. Stefan Musiolik

Mr. Musiolik informed that the Cultural Dialogue in the BSR is ongoing. A plenary session on culture in the BSR moderated by the BSSSC/Mr. Musiolik is organized during the EUSBR Annual Forum.

4.7. Baltic Sea Region Programme – Ms. Ann Irene Saeternes

Ms. Saeternes informed that the BSRP is now fixed and innovation, transport, environment and support for the EUSBR will be the priorities for the programme. The programme kick off will be organized in Warsaw in the end of November.

4.8. EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Ms. Saeternes informed that the EU Commission recently drafted a paper on “Governance of Macro-regional strategies”, which will be presented and discussed at the 5th Annual forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and adopted during autumn. Ms. Saeternes suggested that BSSSC would draft a statement on the paper and maybe ask other Pan-Baltic organizations to join. It was decided, that Ms. Saeternes drafts the BSSSC statement together with Ms. Ludwiczek and Ms. Wroblewska.

Ms. Ludwiczek informed that Europe Direct Szczecin organized a EUSBSR Information Day in Szczecin in March.



5. Current issues at other co-operation organizations

5.1. B7 – Ms. Lena Celion

Ms. Celion informed that this year's theme for the B7 is youth. Three of the islands are now part of the South Baltic Programme area, the four others of the Central Baltic Programme area. Plans for possible projects are being made.

5.2. CBSS, CPMR BSC – Mr. Janne Tamminen

Mr. Tamminen informed that unfortunately the joint meeting with the CBSS CSO's wasn't possible to organize at the Turku Baltic Sea Days due to schedules, but that the co-operation with the CBSS will be close and important in the future.

6. BSSSC Board meetings 2014

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| 15 October | Jurmala, Latvia |
| 1/3 December | Brussels (tbd) |
| February/March | St. Petersburg/Kaliningrad (tbd) |

7. Coming events

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| 3-4 June, Turku | EUSBSR Annual Forum |
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| 25-26 June, Brussels | CoR 107 th Plenary |
| 24-26 August, Poland | BSPC Conference |
| 18 September, Helsinki | Maritime Issues Working Group |
| 24-27 September, Umeå | CPMR General Assembly |
| 25-26 September, Tallinn | VASAB 8th Conference of the Baltic Sea Region Ministers |
| 7-8 October, Brussels | CoR 108 th Plenary |
| 6-9 October, Brussels | EU Open Days |
| 16-17 October, Jurmala | 22 nd BSSSC Annual Conference |
| 26-27 November, Warsaw | Baltic Sea Region Programme kick off |
| 2 December, Brussels | CoR Seminar: Governing a Multi-level Europe |

8. Any other business