



BSSSC BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

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Hosted by Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

29 November 2018

Minutes BSSSC Board meeting Brussels, Belgium (approved by the Board February 9 2019)

Thursday, November 29, 2018, 09.00 – 13.30, Lunch from 1330

Meeting venue: Hanse Office, Avenue Palmerston 20, Brussels.

Present:

BSSSC Board: Chairman Roger Ryberg (Buskerud County, Norway), Alla Ivanova (Kaliningrad, Russia), Sari Rautio (Häme region, Finland), Stefan Musiolik (Schleswig-Holstein, Germany), Agnes Lusti (Youth Board Member, Østfold County, Norway), Martin Rümmelein (Youth Board Member, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany), Arne Tilk (Association of Estonian Cities and Municipalities), Ossi Savolainen (Helsinki-Uusimaa region, Finland), Reiner Kneifel-Haverkamp (Brandenburg, Germany).

BSSSC Board Civil: Krystyna Wroblewska (Pomorskie region, Poland), Natalia Kila (Pomorskie region, Poland), Reetta Sorjonen (Häme region, Finland), Toivo Rima (Association of Estonian Cities and Municipalities), Janne Tamminen (Helsinki-Uusimaa region, Finland).

BSSSC Secretariat: Lars Godbolt, Hilde Aarø, Ann Irene Sæternes, Jan Edøy.

Others: Dr. Marcus Wening (Representation of the Land Brandenburg to the European Union). Sebastian Magier (Euroregion Baltic)

AGENDA

1. Opening of the Board meeting

1.1. Opening of the meeting – Mr. Roger Ryberg, BSSSC Chair

Mr. Ryberg thanked everyone for the interesting programme the day before and the hosts at Hanse office for hosting us.

1.2. Welcome to the Hanse office

Mr. Musiolik welcomed everyone.

1.3. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

1.4. Adoption of Board meeting minutes from Board Meeting in Gdansk, Pomorskie Voivodeship, Poland, September 10, 2018.



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The minutes were adopted.

2. MFF and cohesion policy

2.1. The road ahead, by Mr. Reiner Kneifel-Haverkamp

2.2. Discussions and feedback

This agenda point was dealt with at the thematic seminar on 28.11. After the dialog with Mr. Nicola De Michelis (DG Regio) the Board considered follow up actions based on its position paper from September 2018. The Board agreed to put special focus on INTERREG and to send a letter to the European Parliament – REGI committee - and to the Presidents of European Commission and Committee of Regions. The letter should advocate for more money to INTERREG, maritime CBC programme component, continuation of Interreg Europe, co-financing rate and State Aid in INTERREG. The letter should be sent before Christmas to reach the discussion in the European Parliament in due time. A draft will be prepared by the Rapporteur and forwarded to the Secretariat. The letter should be signed by the Chairman.

The Board supported the proposal to send a letter to European Parliament as well as the Presidents of European Commission and Committee of Regions – focusing on INTERREG 2021 – 2027. The letter should be based on the position paper adopted by the Board on 10 September 2018 in Gdansk.

3. EUSBSR revision of the Action Plan

3.1. Discussion on how to follow up from the BSSSC

Ms. Sæternes referred to the presentation by Mr. Odd Godal from European Commission DG Regio from the day before. She asked the board how we should proceed with the little information we have.

Mr. Musiolik expressed his disappointment that the EU Commission is pointing to the national coordinators to push for the revision work.

Mr. Edøy informed that he together with the BSSSC Secretariat had a meeting with representatives from Committee of Regions the day before the Board Meeting. He said the BSSSC should link up with them with regard to Macro Region Strategies.

Mr. Savolainen said that the BSSSC should be active in this revision process

Ms. Wroblewska said that in the Macro Regional Strategy for the Alpine Region they have stronger focus on youth issues. We should check up on what they are doing.

Ms. Sæternes concluded that due to the limited information at this point we have to monitor the process and come back to a discussion about concrete actions in the February meeting.

Mr. Musiolik said that the Alpine Region had included involvement of youth in their statement from the Annual Forum 2018. **Mr. Musolik** will send this statement to **Mr. Godbolt** who will follow up from the secretariat.



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4. BSSSC work plan 2017 – 2019

4.1. Short presentation of the revised work plan by Ms. Ann Irene Sæternes

Ms. Sæternes updated the Board on the revised work plan. Text from the Conference Resolution from the AC in Gdansk 2018 has been integrated. The revised work plan has got a stronger focus on maritime issues and the text on Northern Dimension has been updated.

4.2. Comments and questions

No comments or questions.

4.3. Adoption

The work plan was adopted.

5. BSSSC 2020 - 2024

5.1. Revision of the BSSSC Strategy 2020 – 2024 by Ms. Ann Irene Sæternes

Ms. Sæternes said that we should start the process of creating a BSSSC Strategy for 2020-2024. She raised the question about what kind of process the BSSSC Board will like to have in this regard. The Secretariat proposes to use part of the day one during our next Board Meeting in Finland (in February) to have a workshop on this.

5.1.1. Comments and questions

Ms. Ivanova asked about Lithuanian and Swedish representations.

Ms. Sæternes answered that Sweden is considering representation. Concerning the Lithuanian representation, the Secretariat has contact with Klaipeda region – who is hosting the BSSSC AC 2019.

Ms. Rautio said that it is a good idea to have a work session in February to find out what we do next. The most important thing is to decide what to do and what not to do; too often one decides to do everything. **Ms. Rautio** also added that the new strategy should have an easy form - it has to be easy to present BSSSC priorities to others. Sometimes it is hard to tell people back home what we are doing within BSSSC.

Ms. Sæternes said that we all have to do some 'homework' until the next time. A paper will be prepared by the Secretariat as a point of departure.

Ms. Rothe said it would be good to have a questionnaire or likewise to send out to the regions.



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Mr. Ryberg concluded that the secretariat will be working on preparing a questionnaire and a workshop for the Board Meeting in February.

5.2. Next chairmanship from 2020

5.2.1. Comments and questions

Ms. Rautio said that alongside the survey to the regions (in connection with the revision of the BSSSC Strategy) one should send out an open call for the chairmanship 2020 - 2021.

Mr. Ryberg said that he will continue to work to identify a region to host the BSSSC post 2019.

6. BSSSC Annual Conference

6.1. Annual Conference 2018 in Gdansk – Evaluation by Ms. Krystyna Wróblewska

Ms. Wroblewska said they were very satisfied with the conference on behalf of the Pomorskie region. There were good discussions and good moderators. There were close to 200 people participating, and financially they broke even. Social media was used to promote the Conference and this turned out to work very well. They have had meetings with the Pomorskie youth in the aftermaths of the Conference and that is very positive. The Shakespeare Theatre made a great framework for the dinner and it was a pleasure to invite former Chairmen of the BSSSC.

6.1.1. Discussions and feedback

Ms. Ivanova said that the youth from Kaliningrad were very pleased with the youth event.

Mr. Rümmelein thanked the Pomorskie region for organizing the youth event.

Ms. Wroblewska informed that the European Solidarity Centre is open to further cooperation. This also goes for the Shakespeare Theatre.

Mr. Ryberg thanked the Pomorskie region for hosting a very interesting conference and that the participants from Buskerud region were inspired to work further with international affairs.

6.2. Annual Conference 2018 resolution – Dissemination and results, Ms. Ann Irene Sæternes

Ms. Sæternes informed that the Annual Conference Resolution and the Cohesion Policy paper are distributed through all our channels such as CBSS, to the European institutions, Parliament and Committee of the Regions. She encouraged all members of the Board to actively use and distribute the Resolution and the Cohesion Policy paper.

6.2.1. Discussion and decision



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Mr. Godbolt commented that it is quite difficult to communicate such an extensive Resolution in an effective manner. He asked the members of the Board if it is possible in the future to simplify it and maybe have fewer messages. This will make it more visible.

Ms. Sorjonen suggested that a visualisation of the resolution with short messages could be produced - and she volunteered to help in the process.

Mr. Ryberg thanked for the proposals and asked **Mr. Godbolt** and **Ms. Sorjonen** to come up with ideas for the next Annual Conference Resolution - including visualisation of the messages.

6.3. Annual Conference 2019 Klaipeda, Lithuania

Ms. Sæternes presented the first draft for the Annual Conference in Klaipeda, Lithuania in 2019. The topic for 2019 will be blue growth and the conference will take place from 18-20 September 2019. **Ms. Sæternes** and **Ms. Aarø** went to Klaipeda to meet the hosts and to look at the venue; the university. The proposal is to rethink a bit how the AC is organised and to involve businesses to a larger degree. Baltic Development Forum used to have a role in bringing politics and businesses together, and next year's AC could be an opportunity to fill the gap after BDF terminated its work. The schedule of the AC will be slightly different from the previous years. There will be more parallel workshops.

6.3.1. Comments and questions

Mr. Tamminen liked the programme and suggested that DG Mare should be invited and that HELCOM could be involved.

Ms. Wroblewska supported the involvement of businesses. She was concerned that the programme would be too tight in the opening part, with too few breaks. She was supported by **Ms. Lusti**.

There was a discussion among the members of the Board if we should widen the focus to include the issue of marine protection as well as circular economy aiming in general at combining sustainable growth with sustainable development. **Ms. Sæternes** underlined that for the conference to be interesting for businesses we cannot have a too broad scope, but should narrow it down and be focused.

Mr. Musiolik said that Klaipeda is the Youth Capital of Europe in 2021 and this is a good opportunity for cooperation on the youth event of the AC.

Mr. Rümmelein informed that he was invited to a youth event in Klaipeda in November this year, and that they were very interested in cooperation with BSSSC.

Ms. Sæternes informed that the Secretariat have just received a draft for the youth event in Klaipeda 17-18 September 2019. The proposal is that the youth will meet



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entrepreneurs on the first day and continue discussions on SDGs, media literacy, fake news and propaganda on day 2. Klaipeda also asked if it is possible to provide private accommodation for the youth participants.

Ms. Lusti said that on behalf of the youth she recognised that it was a good thought, but she was concerned about the security.

Mr. Ryberg supported **Ms. Lusti** and added that on a tight schedule this could be difficult.

Mr. Godbolt emphasised that it is important to ensure that the youth spend time together during the event.

The Board thanked the host in Klaipeda for their proposals and supported the focus and drafts presented. The comments from the Board meeting should be taking into account in the further preparations. The Board look forward to updated information in the next board meeting.

COFFEE BREAK

7. Reports from the Chairman and Secretariat

7.1. Cooperation with Committee of the Regions (CoR) by Ms. Ann Irene Sæternes

Ms. Sæternes said the Secretariat and Brussels Antenna had a meeting on 28 November with the Committee of the Regions - where four areas of mutual interest were identified. Those are: Youth involvement, SDGs, Macro regional strategies, the MFF and Cohesion Policy. The Secretariat will prepare an action plan of concrete activities based on the results from the meeting. There were two representatives from CoR in the meeting - one from ECON commission and one from COTER commission. The ECON commission will appoint a rapporteur on Sustainable Europe. This rapporteur will most probably come from Lithuania. The CoR will also launch a process to collect good practices on SDG implementation in cities and regions. They will send out a questionnaire in their network and asked BSSSC if they can use our network to distribute this questionnaire. Marku Markulla will join the ECON Commission and he will most likely invite to a Conference on SDGs in Autumn 2019 in Espoo (Finland). BSSSC involvement can be part of the cooperation with CoR.

Ms. Sæternes proposed that this cooperation could be confirmed through a joint action plan – to be endorsed by the BSSSC Board, and then the same procedure in the CoR.

Mr. Edøy added that with regard to the SDGs they cannot only be implemented on a national level, they have to be implemented on the local and regional level. This needs to be put forward in the reflection paper from the CoR and we should lobby for that.



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7.2. EUSBSR Annual forum 2019 in Gdansk by Ms. Ann Irene Sæternes

Ms. Sæternes briefed upon the latest developments for the Annual Forum 2019.

Ms. Wroblewska said that it is very good that the Annual Forum for the first time has such a strong focus from the regional level. It is very good for the BSSSC to be visible, but it also has good benefits being the co-hosts because we have more influence on involving speakers from a regional level.

Mr. Rümmelein asked about how the youth will be involved in the Annual Forum.

Ms. Sæternes said that the youth will be involved in the third plenary session, where they will be a part of a panel debate and there will also be time for the youths to present their youth declaration from the Youth Camp in the days before the Annual Forum.

Mr. Godbolt added that in the call for seminar proposals we have added that we will prioritize seminars that involve youth and we have encouraged the applicants to involve themselves in the Youth Camp.

7.3. BSR Youth Camp 2019 in Gdansk by Mr. Lars Godbolt

Mr. Godbolt presented the latest development on the Baltic Sea Region Youth Camp which will be back to back with next year's EUSBSR Annual Forum.

Mr. Godbolt said that young people are the decision makers from tomorrow. Despite of this, youths seem to be low on the agenda in the Baltic Sea Region. Youth voter participation is low in many countries, several countries lack tools, institutions and funding for youth politicians, and still we barely see youth involvement at the EUSBSR Annual Fora.

Therefore, the Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC) together with the Union of Baltic Cities (UBC), the Euroregion Baltic (ERB) and the Baltic Sea Cultural Centre (BSCC) in Gdansk, with support of PA Culture, started an initiative for increasing youth participation in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) by establishing an inspiring Baltic Sea Region Youth Camp 2019. This Youth Camp will take place for the first time just some days before the next Annual Forum (AF) of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) in Gdansk 2019. The Youth Camp will begin Saturday evening June 8 and continue until the evening of June 11. The EUSBSR AF will be from June 12-13.

The Youth Camp will bring together youths from the whole BSR to promote cultural understanding and a feeling of togetherness in the BSR. At the same time, it is meant to offer a forum for debate and discussions for young people on issues important for the future of the region and raise awareness for its sustainable development. We will highlight the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and have a special focus on SDGs related to the work of the [Regeneration 2030 movement](#). [In Gdansk we will focus on](#) the topic of the EUSBSR AF (Circular and Sharing Economy). We consider *SDG12 – responsible consumption and production* as especially crucial in this regard.



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The Youth Camp will take place at the hotel and conference centre ORLE on the island of Wyspa Sobieszewska just outside of Gdansk. This location area is very attractive and offers space for a broad variety of different activities.

The starting point or nucleus of the Youth Camp will be a camp for 100 youths from all over the BSR, which is funded by means of the Project Support Facility of the Council of the Baltic Sea States. We will try to achieve our ambitious goals by organising several inspiring events and workshops spread over 3 - 4 days. The Workshops will focus on the exchange of different viewpoints from different cultural and political perspectives. Alongside the workshops, other interactive events including meetings with experts on various topics related to the EUSBSR Annual Forum are planned, including sessions where the youths meet politicians. In the evenings, a cultural programme consisting of various engaging events will develop creative outputs from around the BSR - and will show its variety strengthening the idea of a common "Baltic Sea Region identity".

The vision is to create a bigger and even more attractive Youth Camp with the support of other strong and interested actors. Actors from the City of Gdansk and Pomorskie Voivodship are committed to contribute with own ideas and resources in order to anchor the Youth Camp on site. The Youth Camp is also a big chance for the responsible actors of the EUSBSR to communicate their activities and get impulses from the younger generation. **Mr. Godbolt** ended by inviting all BSSSC regions to come with input on how they can be involved.

Mr. Musiolik, leading the work of PA Culture in the EUSBSR and who is also a part of the team organising the Youth Camp, said that he is searching for other PA/HAs in the EUSBSR, amongst others PA bio-economy has been very interested. He added that the BSSSC Secretariat should talk to the Polish Ministry and get their support for the Youth Camp. **Mr. Musiolik** said that perhaps there are some funds for the EUSBSR Annual Forum that could be sent to the youth camp.

Ms. Wroblewska informed that the Ministry is not financially involved in the Annual Forum, they are just supporting it.

Mr. Musiolik said that there are many possibilities with the location in Gdansk. We can find local actors in Gdansk that can contribute with own activities. Our idea is that the Youth Camp is open on Sunday for people in Gdansk to join the activities. We hope it can be well anchored in Gdansk.

Mr. Musiolik said that the demands from the youth (the youth declaration) should be concluded on Tuesday June 11. **Mr. Musiolik** said that the youth should have a dialogue with the elder generation when they write the declaration. His proposal is therefore that the BSSSC members should be present on June 11 in the morning. He further suggested that the BSSSC could have a Board Meeting back to back with the Youth Camp to involve Board Members.

Mr. Rümmelein said that he has received many positive feedbacks to the youth camp. In the future, we really should make it a permanent part of the EUSBSR Annual Forums.



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Ms. Wroblewska said that the Youth Camp should not be a single event put on that island, but something beyond that. This can be obtained by involving the Gdansk municipality. She added that the BSSSC Board Members are welcome to Gdansk. She also mentioned that we could involve the Pomorskie Region in the youth camp, maybe they can add some funds.

Ms. Sæternes replied to several. Concerning **Mr. Musiolik's** proposal of a Board Meeting back to back with the Youth Camp and Annual Forum she said that the Secretariat does not have the capacity to arrange a Board Meeting in June as the work with the Annual Forum and Youth Camp will take all capacities. About the budget proposal, she said that the Annual Forum is an Interreg project. Thus, they (the hosts) cannot transfer money to other things than what they have already indicated in the budget. However, she said the BSSSC as co-organisers can come with recommendations to the national contact group to encourage them to include youth as a part of the Annual Forum.

Mr. Musiolik responded that even if we do not arrange a Board Meeting, we can promote the Youth Camp so the BSSSC politicians could be there. He also mentioned that he talked with Bernd Hemningway (CBSS) who is very positive to the Youth Camp. Mr. Hemningway had the good idea to involve the Latvian Chairmanship of the CBSS by inviting the Latvian Foreign Minister for the Youth Camp. We can get the signatures from the chairmen of the BSSSC, UBC, BSCC and ERB and invite him.

7.4. BSSSC Action plan adjustments by Ms. Hilde Aarø

Ms. Aarø introduced the BSSSC Action Plan 2019. The revised version is included in the minutes. She said that this is a living document, so any input, any changes, or suggestions are welcome at any time.

7.5. Questions, comments and proposals from the Board

No comments or questions.

The Action Plan 2019 was adopted

8. Report from Brussels antenna

Mr. Edøy said that the next election to the European Parliament will be held in May 2019, and consequently there will be a new Commission in the autumn. The Commission has now proposed a new initiative on a sustainable future Europe, and a reflection paper will be launched 19 December. This will take a closer look on how to implement the SDGs on all levels of society.

The European Commission has established a warning system on fake news.



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Concerning Brexit the British Parliament will make their decision on December 12 which will indicate whether a soft or hard Brexit will take place.

9. Reports from other organizations, programmes and networks

9.1. Euroregion Baltic by Mr. Sebastian Magier

Mr. Magier said the Euroregion Baltic recently completed the process of restructuring the organization. They are aiming for new ways of structuring their work. They have a paper that outlines this which **Mr. Magier** will distribute to the BSSSC Secretariat. He also said that the Swedish region of Skåne wants to join the ERB. They are now accepted as members from 1st January 2019. Mr. Magier could also inform that they are partners in the Youth Camp. Euroregion Baltic might also take part in organizing the participation day at the EUSBSR Annual Forum. The Euroregion Baltic's Annual Forum will be in Kalmar, Sweden, in the middle of May and have a focus on youth policy – and it will also focus on the Casypot project. They are starting a new project in December which has a focus on fake news. Through this project they will arrange a seminar in March where they aim for 100 participants. Those two events will be contributors to the youth camp.

9.2. CPMR Baltic Sea Commission

Mr. Janne Tamminen said CPMR have made statements on transport policy and cohesion policy. They are also organising a high level conference in Lahti, Finland 31 January. All are welcome to participate. Ossi Savolainen has been nominated to the transport advisory board of CPMR.

9.3. Interreg BSR programme by Ms. Reetta Sorjonen

Ms. Sorjonen said this was the third and the last full scale financing round for 2014-2020 programme. Next opportunity for the corresponding financing will be after 2021.

The funding decisions have been made and the report attached to the board materials shows the project portfolio thoroughly. Just to be mentioned, Finland and Germany did very well. Total amount of project idea formats was 269, and after consultations 112 admissible full project applications was received, from which 31 finally approved.

Most of the selected projects focuses on natural resources. This topic divides quite equally between blue growth, energy efficiency and renewable energy - clear water projects as a peak in this section. Secondly, innovations, where the non-tech innovation projects take the lead and thirdly, the transportation topics, with quite equally divided sub-topics as well.

There is now an open call for the extension stage projects and project platform. The application deadline is end of January 2019.



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A few highlights of the mid-term evaluation of the programme impact: It is noticed that the improved institutional capacity is still one of the key outcomes of the programme. New add in the partnerships are the private partners, and noticeable is the domination of the research and higher education partners.

All projects of good quality can contribute to the EUSBSR. Separation into flagships and non-flagships is rather artificial. Also there has been high quality performance of the Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat. And as alignment, EUSBSR can be seen as an important channel to raise awareness on the Interreg BSR Programme. The ones who are interested there was the summary of the mid-term evaluation attached in the board material.

Ms. Sæternes informed about the committee dialog on post 2020 Interreg BSR. She can hopefully say more about the future after the Task Force meeting in Berlin early next year.

10. Reports from policy areas (each 5 min)

10.1. Culture, creative industries and regional identity by Mr. Stefan Musiolik

Mr. Musiolik told that a brainstorming workshop has been organised to look at the possibility to create "Baltic Sea Cultural City". They do not want to copy the European Capital of Culture, but to develop this initiative to give opportunities to smaller cities in the BSR to participate. The concept needs to be developed further. The aim is not to make the cities compete, but to foster cultural cooperation between cities. It is important to use this idea to build bridges to Russia – as they are not part of the existing European Capital of Culture system.

10.2. Maritime policy and HELCOM by Mr. Ossi Savolainen

Mr. Savolainen reported on Maritime policy and HELCOM and referred to the written report in the Board Meeting supporting documents. The highlights since the last meeting were that the European Commission has launched the Blue Cloud initiative. HELCOM's 55 Heads of Delegations meeting will take place 4-5 December and the next European Maritime Days will be held in Lisbon 16-17 May 2019.

10.3. Sustainable development and climate change - Baltic 2030 by Mr. Lars Godbolt

Mr. Godbolt reported on sustainable development and climate change – Baltic 2030, and referred to the written report in the Board Meeting supporting documents. He could inform that the CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development (EGSD) took place in Riga in October 2018. The Baltic 2030 Action Plan was reviewed. The Baltic Sea Region Youth Camp is taking shape and the website will be launched in the beginning of December. **Mr. Godbolt** asked all members of the Board to please help promote the site.

The EUSBSR Annual Forum 2019 a report summarising best practices on Circular Economies will be created.



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Ms. Rautio suggested that it could be a good idea to incorporate the SDG's in the BSSSC Strategy.

10.4. Working group on youth policy by Mr. Martin Rümmelein and Ms. Malgorzata Ludwiczek

Ms. Ludwiczek did not attend the Board meeting. **Ms. Lusti** and **Mr. Rümmelein** presented on behalf of working group on youth policy. A sum-up of the BSSSC Youth meeting back to back to the Annual Conference was given.

From the 8th until the 10th of October BSSSC Youth representatives participated in the Youthful Cities Commissions meeting arranged by Union of the Baltic Cities. They were informed about the Commissions current news and projects. The main focus shifted on the European Charter on Youth Work.

On the 9th of November, Klaipeda held an international youth forum and invited the BSSSC youth. The international youth Congress Harold in alignment with the application for being the European Youth Capital 2021, which has been supported by BSSSC for a long time already

The Baltic Sea youth Dialog of CBSS took place in Sankelmark, Germany from the 16- 21 November. Academia Baltica invited **Mr. Rümmelein** from BSSSC youth to introduce the BSSSC, the Baltic Sea Youth Camp, and the BSSSC youth declaration. It was decided that there should be a workshop where the participating youth can contribute to the BSSSC youth declaration which is now commonly referred to as the Baltic Sea Youth declaration.

The planning of the Baltic Sea youth camp made huge progress since the last board meeting in Gdansk. The event will take place from the 8-12 June 2019, back-to-back with the EUSBSR annual forum close to Gdansk on an island. The program will make a linkage between policy and Culture and spread the voice of the youth. The first "Big" Baltic Sea youth declaration will be launched there. Participants will be 100 youth that consists out of at least 30 youngsters from ERB, UBC, and BSSSC. The website and the first call for application are expected to be launched in January 2019.

10.4.1. New Coordinator Working Group for Youth Policy

Ms. Sæternes read an e-mail from **Ms. Ludwiczek** to the Board where she thanked for all the years of being a youth coordinator in BSSSC. **Mr. Ryberg** thanked her on behalf of all members of the Board for an excellent job. He informed that Brandenburg are looking into the possibility to provide a youth coordinator for the working group for youth policy from 2019.

The members of the Board unanimously agreed to this proposal and looked forward to feedback from Brandenburg in this respect.

Dr. Wening thanked the Board and said that Brandenburg will try to find the finances for a youth coordinator.

10.5. Northern Dimension by Mr. Janne Tamminen



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Mr. Tamminen referred to the written report in the Board Meeting supporting documents. The Northern Dimension Institute has arranged four “Northern Dimension Future Forums”. This was financed by the European Commission/DG NEAR and the Finish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

10.6. Smart Specialisation by Ms. Hilde Aarø

Ms. Aarø informed that Smart-up BSR currently are having an Innovation Camp in Brandenburg where the focus is the dialogue between science and society, and how science parks promote increased interaction between businesses, civic society organizations and local communities. On 27 September they published their first results and they are currently working on a quick guide for regional policy makers on how, why and whether to organise innovation camps to solve grand societal challenges, as well as making a short guideline on pilot planning methodology.

31 January 2019 a PXL workshop on Governance of the smart specialisation strategies, organised by the S3 platform will find place in Linköping, Sweden. If there are any regions who are interested in participating as a peer review region they must contact the S3 platform by 4 December.

Ms. Sorjonen presented the RD12Club’s new innovation platform for the members of the Board. For access please contact **Ms. Sorjonen**. RD12Club has offered a webinar for the Board if they are interested in learning more about the platform.

10.7. Transport – written report by Mr. Jon Halvard Eide

Mr. Eide could not attend the Board meeting, and **Ms. Sæternes** referred to the written report sent out from the Secretariat. She asked if the Board will take up the proposal from Mr. Eide to take part in the consultation on future of TEN-T corridors. The Board agreed to this proposal and the Rapporteurs on transport are asked to prepare a paper for the next Board meeting.

11. Coming events

11.1. BSSSC Board Meeting plan 2019

7-8 february in Hyvinkää, Finland. Among others, we will have a workshop on the future of the BSSSC.

9-10 May in Riga, Latvia

14 – 16 April 2019 the spring meeting of the BSSSC Youth Network will be arranged in the Kaliningrad region

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