



Wednesday, 16 March 2016, 13.00–17.00

Thursday, 17 March 2016, 09.00-11.00

Meeting venue: **Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council** (address: Esterinportti 2 B, 4th floor, 00240 Helsinki)

1. Opening of the Board Meeting (13.00)

1.1. Opening of the meeting *Mr. Jaakko MIKKOLA, Director, opened the meeting on behalf of the Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council*

1.2. Adoption of the agenda *The agenda was adopted*

1.3. Adoption of Board meeting minutes Berlin 5 December *Adopted*

1.4. Presentation by the representative of hosting region Helsinki-Uusimaa
Mr. Jaakko MIKKOLA, Director, International Affairs

2. EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Presentation by **Ms. Erja Tikka**, Ambassador, National Coordinator EUSBSR, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Presentation as attached.

3. Results and conclusion of the Task Force meeting on 5 February

3.1 Follow-up from the strategy seminar in Berlin 03.12.15

3.1.1. Discussion on the proposed strategy document 2016 – 2020

3.1.2. Conclusion – adoption *adopted with a change: “..become a strong and recognized platform..”*

3.2 Discussion on organisational structure of the BSSSC work

3.2.1 Adoption of RoP for Rapporteurs *adopted*

3.2.2 Adoption of RoP for Brussels Antenna *adopted*

4. BSSSC member regions and Board members



- Country specific reports from Board members – tour de table
- information about ongoing/planned local/regional reforms (if any)
- important issues/policy areas in focus at the moment

5. Policy Sectors and Working Groups

- 5.1. Maritime Issues by *Mr. Jaakko Mikkola*
- 5.2. Youth Policy *reported by Ms. Kari Lie and Ms. Malgorzata Ludwickzek*
- 5.3. Energy and Climate Issues
- 5.4. Northern and Arctic Dimension *Mr. Tamminen reported from the meeting with the representative of EEAS*
- 5.5. Transport and Infrastructure *Mr. Jon Halvard Eide*
- 5.6. Culture reported by *Mr. Stefan Musiolik*
- 5.7. Cohesion Policy
- 5.8. Baltic Sea Region Programme *The report is as attached*

6. Current issues at other co-operation organizations

- 6.1. CBSS *The representatives will attend the next meeting.*
- 6.2. B7
- 6.3. NSPA
- 6.4. CPMR Baltic Sea Commission *Joint meeting after the BSSSC Board meeting*

17.00 End of the day one

19.00 Official dinner: Restaurant Kaarna (city centre, address: Mannerheimintie 20, 00100 Helsinki)



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09.00 Opening of the day two

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7. Report from the Brussels Antenna

Presentation by **Ms. Krista Taipale**, Head of Office, Helsinki EU Office Brussels (video link)

8. BSSSC Annual Conference 2016

Presentation by **Mr. Matti Lipsanen**, Vice Executive Director, Regional Council of Häme

Mr. Lipsanen presented the draft program on behalf of the hosting region.

8.1. Decision on main focus/topic

8.2 Comments and input to the draft programme

8.3. Connection to the EUSBSR and Interreg programmes

8.4. Conference resolution - framework and timeline

9. BSSSC Board meetings 2015-2016 and Annual Conference 2017

23-24 May 2016, Gdansk, Poland

Ms. Krystyna Wroblewska presented the preliminary program and the main topics of the meeting.

- *Main topic for political discussion: Culture*
- *UBC Secretariat will be invited for dialog*

14 September 2016, Hämeenlinna, Finland (*back-to-back with AC*)

November-December 2016, *the meeting will be held in parallel with EUSBSR Annual Forum in Stockholm, preliminary on 7th November.*

Winter meeting February-March in Brussels

25th Annual Conference, September 2017 (*tbc*) *Probably with the EUSBSR Annual Forum 2017.*

10.45 End of the meeting

11.00 *The Joint meeting was held with the Executive Committee of CPMR Baltic Sea Commission*