



Baltic Sea States  
Subregional  
Co-operation

## **BSSSC Board Meeting**

**29.01.2005**

**Hamburg (Germany)**

### **Minutes from the Board Meeting**

#### **Opening of the Board meeting**

The chairman opens the Board meeting. He is delighted to welcome all the present Board members and assistants. A special and warm thank to the members from Hamburg for the excellent program and arrangements around the Board meeting.

The Chairman warmly welcomes the new Board member from Lithuania, Mr Zigmantas Benjaminas Kazakevicius, and presents the new member of BSSSC Secretariat, Ms Gunilla Carlsson, responsible for media and communication within the BSSSC.

#### **1 Adoption of the Minutes from the Board meeting in Malmo, Oct 2004**

The board adopts the minutes from the Board meeting in Malmo, 29 Oct 2004, without amendments.

#### **2 Adoption of the Draft Agenda**

The Board adopts the Draft Agenda with some minor changes in the order of the points to be handled.

#### **3 BSSSC 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Malmo**

##### **3.1 Summary of the Conference**

Ms Katarina Lewalska informs shortly about the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Malmo, which gathered 300 participants during 3 days.

The Board thanks for the information.

##### **3.2 Distribution of the Conference resolution**

Ms Katarina Lewalska informs that the Conference resolution was distributed to the Baltic Sea national governments, Baltic Sea Regional organizations, and the President of the European Commission.

The Board thanks for the information.

#### **4 BSSSC 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Szczecin**

Ms Dorothea Rusak informed that the work on preparing the practical issues of the conference is proceeding. The venue of the next annual conference will be the SAS Radisson Hotel in Szczecin.

Ms Katarina Lewalska presented a preliminary program of the conference:

Thursday: Internal meetings, WG meetings, Board meeting, and a get together reception.

Friday: Plenary session, seminars on for example: Maritime futures, Political awareness, Role of the new member states in the development of BSR, Transport and infrastructure, BDF, and New neighbours.

Saturday: Common meeting for the BSR Organizations and city tours

Discussion:

The Board decides that the programme shall be discussed in depth and decided on by the next Board in Szczecin. Ideas and proposals regarding programme, speakers, etc from the Board members shall be forwarded to Katarina Lewalska as soon as possible.

The views and ideas from presented by the members of the Board was noted by the Secretariat and will be used for the elaboration of the Annual Conference.

The Board in Sarpsborg, Norway, 10-11 June shall discuss a draft proposal for the final resolution for the 13th Annual Conference.

Ideas and proposals from the Board members regarding the resolution shall be forwarded to Janerik Majewski as soon as possible.

The Board thanks for the information

#### **5 BSSSC Work Plan 2005-2006**

A draft version of the Work Plan was included in the documents to the Board meeting. Janerik Majewski informed of a few changes and addends that has been made since the Work Plan was presented to the Board in Malmo.

Annex 1

The Board gave mandate to the secretariat, in co-operation with Ann Irene Saeternes, to do some minor changes in chapter 2, 3, 4.2 and 4.6.

The Board decided to finally approve the BSSSC Work Plan 2005-2006.

The adjusted and final version of the Work-plan, dated 29 January 2005, is attached to the minutes.

## **6 BSSSC Work Groups**

WG or reporter.

Co-operation with other organisations

### **6.1 Transport and infrastructure**

Ms Annika Annerby Jansson, Chair of the WG on Transport and Infrastructure, distributed a proposal for new and more focused directives from the Board to the WG. She also asked the Board members to appoint or propose members or contact persons to the WG. Germany has appointed a member. Norway, Estonia and Finland will do so.

Annex 2

The Board approved of the proposed directives for the year 2005

### **6.2 Cohesion Policy**

Niels Boye informed of the work in the WG and the result of the latest meeting in Copenhagen 11 December. Thomas Pfannkuch stated that the members of the WG still had differing positions regarding some of the points in the position paper under work.

With reference to the process behind the Joint Statement on the objective 3 of the reformed cohesion policy from 2007, signed by the Chairs of BSSSC, B7, UBC and CPMR-BSC, it was clarified that the relevant WG shall be involved during the process of elaborating such position papers.

### **6.3 Agenda 21**

Arne Ören informed that the WG will continue its work according to the formulations in the BSSSC Work Plan 2005-2006. A new important focus will be on sustainable urban development and the connection between urban centres and its

surrounding region. Of major importance is to create a lighthouse project in co-operation with other Baltic Sea Region organisation.

#### **6.4 Northern Dimension**

Thomas Pfannkuch informed from WG meeting the previous day.

Annex 3

#### **6.5 Maritime issues**

Stefan Musiolik informed about the recent development on the theme Maritime Policies.

Annex 4

The Chairman thanked the Chairs and Secretaries of the WGs for the information. He underlined the importance that the WGs seek information from and cooperation with other Baltic Sea regional organisations working with similar themes. He also confirmed the importance of the WGs in the preparation and realization of the Annual Conference.

### **7 CBSS Coordinating meeting in Malmo 23 Oct 2004**

Minutes from the meeting was attached to the agenda

From the minutes was noted:

- that BSSSC has sent an actual list of its work Groups to CBSS Secretariat as requested,
- that a work has started with the aim to identify the "Baltic Sea Regions Friends in Brussels", preferably in the European Parliament and in the Committee of the Regions,
- that there is a need to agree on and formulate common priorities for the Baltic Sea Regional organisations in order to influence European policy formulation,
- that the next coordinating meeting will be at the UBC annual conference in Turku, Finland, 30 September – 1 October 2005,
- that the BSSSC Chairman and Secretary General will meet the Secretary General of CBSS the 18 February to talk on issues of common interests.

### **8 Youth Affairs**

This point is dealt with in connection with point 5 in the agenda, the BSSSC Work Plan.

It is noted

- that a BSSSC Youth Coordinator Network shall be established and defined as an ad hoc Work Group under the board,
- that the last three paragraphs in the Draft Work Plan 2005-2006 will be erased from the WP and transferred to and developed in the work plan for the BSSSC Youth Network,
- that Brunon Synak in consultation with Oddvar Skaiaa will coordinate the BSSSC Boards in the Youth Network,
- that Anna Golec will continue to work as Youth Co-ordinator in consultation with Ann Irene Saeternes, and
- that the Youth Network shall elaborate the proposal of a book by students from the Baltic Sea Region.

## **9 Baltic Sea projects with Hamburg Participation**

This point was dealt directly after point 5 in the agenda.

The Board received information about two projects with Hamburg participates.

Mattias Roos informed of the project "Port Net"

Jens Jacobsen informed of the project "STRING Design"

It was noted that the project "STRING Design" could participate at the Annual Conference.

The Board thanks for the information-

## **10 Baltic Development Forum**

This point was dealt with immediately after point 3 in the agenda.

Mr. Kasper Elbjörn informed the Board about the work of the BDF and his project on branding as a lead in making the BSR more competitive. He also presented the "Baltic Sea Initiative" and presented shortly the "State of the region report".

## **11 Administrative matters**

Janarik Majewski commented on the document "BSSSC Secretariat. Names, tasks and responsibilities", attached to the agenda. The document will be completed with phone numbers and addresses.

It was noted that there are no assistants appointed from Estonia and Latvia. The BSSSC Secretariat has the ambition to intensify the direct involvement of the na-

tional assistants in the work for BSSSC and the Board.

There is a need to up-date the information on the Board members. The Secretariat will contact the members to collect actual information.

Ms Gunilla Carlsson informed of the new website that is launched by the 21<sup>th</sup> of February. The Website will be the main communication channel for the participants in the BSSSC and also an important place for information for people interested in development of Baltic policy.

**12 BSSSC attendance at conferences and seminars**

A list of conferences, seminars and meetings, attended by representatives for BSSSC since 1 November 2004, is presented to the Board. Annex 5

The minutes from the conference “Baltic Sea Region – perspective 2010” will be attached to the minutes.

The Board thanks for the information

**13 Thanks to the out-going Brussels antenna and presentation of the incoming**

This point was postponed to the next Board meeting in Szczecin since neither Mr Shultz nor Ms Gardestedt could attend this board meeting.

**14 Coming events**

The point was stricken due to lack of time.