



B7 Baltic Islands Network

B7 PtP Working Group

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PtP WG MEETING

Time: 18/19 May 2006, 13:00 – 18:00 / 09:00 – 12:00

Accommodation: Hotel Atrium am Meer, Juliusruh
(www.hotel-atrium.de)

Meeting Place: Hotel Atrium am Meer, Conference Room

Participants:

Island	Name
Bornholm:	Henrik E. Nielsen (HEN)
Gotland:	Arne Grau-Amnér (AGA)
Hiiumaa:	Ermo Mäeots (EM)
Saaremaa:	Anne Jakunin (AJ)
Rügen:	Martina Schwinkendorf (MS)

Draft Minutes of Meeting

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Decision: Minutes approved.

2. Approval of agenda

Decision: Agenda approved.

3. General WG Questions

Budget: For the first meeting there were used about SEK 4,500.
For the present meeting expenses of abt. SEK 12,500 are expected.

MS asked WG members who could take care of PtP finance in the future.

AGA will check the conditions on Gotland, but can't see any problems to be PtP treasurer from 2007.

Website: As the website is still under construction WG will wait to discuss further development until the definite general layout will be ready.
New info for the web → to be sent more often and faster.

Öland membership in the WG

MS talked to Jörgen Samuelsson about Ölands attitude towards PtP work. JS declared that at the moment Öland does not have budget and staff to send a member to PtP group, but is working on sending a member again. Anders Nyholms withdrawal does not mean that Öland is not interested in PtP projects or this part of B7 work.

4. Projects 2006

4.1. Games – info EM

EM informed about the status of B7 Games preparation using the presentation especially prepared:

- EM informed that the islands representatives were asked to register the participants with names and events and T-shirt size by 15 June 2006.
- Islands delegations are asked to bring their national flags and prepare "island presentation" material that can be shown and exhibited in the B7 Games cafeteria.

AJ informed that Saaremaa would like to send more than 50 athletes. Sending boys and girls football teams, and beach volleyball teams, the number of Saaremaa track-and-field-athletes would be very low.

Decision: WG members will inform their sports organisation on the deadlines set by the organisers.
WG agrees that Saaremaa will send more than 50 athletes to Hiiumaa.

Games 2008

Acc. to PtP schedule Öland will be host of the B7 Games 2008. Jörgen Samuelsson informed that Öland will stick to this schedule and send, at least, observers to Hiiumaa to be best informed on the Games and their organisation.

4.2. Theatre Night – info AJ

AJ informed about the participating islands:

Rügen: 15-20 persons musical theatre performance

Åland: 3 persons

Hiiumaa: puppet theatre

Gotland: decision will be taken in week 21 (15 people – 2 hour play)

AJ presented the workshops that will be offered. Workshops will be led by professionals (see on the above webpage).

More information can be found under www.kuressaare.ee/festival/eng

Decision: WG supports Saaremaas application for another approx. SEK 20,000 to B7. AJ will send the précised description showing the activities planned, the participating islands and the financial plan showing the missing amount of money to the Secretariat for the June board meeting.

4.3. Youth Camp 2006 – info AGA, EM, MS

In the morning of the 18 May the WG visited the Youth Village “Hinter der Düne” in Altenkirchen, got an impression of the facilities and offers.

Rügen proposal:

Proposed time:

16 to 21 October 2006

Participants:

youngsters between 14 and 18 years from

Accommodation:

International Youth village – little houses next to the beach

Subject:

“Baltic Sea Islands offering interesting perspectives for young people to work and live here in the future”

Workshop offers:

- “Youth parliament discussions” on new typical island jobs, youth needs, chances for young people in Europe ...
- Building a common B7 Youth website
- Music workshop – developing the B7 song, exchange on favourite young music on the islands
- Big band workshop for young musicians’ (see 2007 ideas on B7 finest and B7 Big Band)
- Fashion workshop – make your own T-Shirt ... and young B7 fashion show
- B7 cuisine – favourite dishes of youngsters on the Baltic Sea islands
- dance, fitness, sports

Further activities: Island tour, visit to Stralsund and swimming baths, etc.

An association at the Bergen gymnasium is writing an application to EU Youth programme national agency to try to get external support. Deadline for applications will be 01 June 2006.

WG members are positive to the Rügen proposal. It was favoured due to the expected lower travel costs.

Decision: MS will mail the “Partnership agreements” being part of the application forms to the WG members to be filled in and send back **by the 30 May 2006**.

4.4. Discussion on future youth camps:

WG members discussed the chances and difficulties of organising big events such as Games and Youth Camps as annual or biannual events. Youth Camps can be seen as youth contact meetings. They can have different focus such as youth parliament subjects, culture, B7 youth orchestra/big band etc.

Decision: WG decided to have Youth Camps every second year, between the B7 Games. So the next camp after 2006 shall take place in 2007, then 2009 and so forth.

4.5. Other events

Bornholm culture week from 15. to 24.09.2006:

HEN will send the culture week programme by mail. WG discussed possibilities to show a B7 photo exhibition, based on the "B7 Wave" and "Islands Photo Series" competitions. Due to short preparation time this idea will be postponed to 2007.

Decision:

- 1) Take a decision about B7 PtP participation in the Bornholm Culture Week via e-mail after HEN will have sent the programme.
- 2) Photo exhibition as Youth Art Project 2007 will be prepared for Bornholm Culture Week 2007.

4.6. Photo competition project

Referring to Board Minutes from April 2006, David Hunt asked the WG to take care of the photo competition project concerning "B7 Wave" and "Island Impressions" with 500 EUR prize for the wave and each island series.

For the technical details – size, pixels etc. – AGA will consult a specialist and mail the data to all WG members.

Decision:

1. AGA will mail technical data by **26 May 2006**.
2. Each WG member decides on the conditions for its island competitions.
3. Each island will choose and award the winning photographer of the 10 best photographs of its island with 500 € prize respectively use the prize for the 10 best photographs.
4. Each island will choose their 3 best wave photographs. A jury (perhaps SC members, an Åland photographer and a representative from B7 website company) could choose the best wave photograph and award the photographer at the annual conference on Åland.
5. Photo competitions on the islands to be finished by the **end of October 2006**.
6. Photographs to be sent to Åland by **01 November 2006**.

5. Projects 2007

WG discussed proposals for 2007 PtP events. HEN informed about possible focuses of Bornholm chairmanship such as education and tourism. The Culture Week will take place again on Bornholm, so the WG could include in their plans for 2007:

- **Youth Camp 2007 on Bornholm**
- **Culture Week Bornholm – Photo exhibition, Regional cooking festival, B7 concert**

AGA informed about a Gotland project called "Gotlands finest", where the best music of young Gotlandic bands was recorded on a CD.

A corresponding "B7 finest" CD could be recorded with music from the best B7 islands bands.

- **"B7 finest" – record of youngsters music on a CD**

The idea will be followed up. It has been discussed also during a meeting with the head of Rügen music school, Hans-Jürgen Kampa. He presented the idea of a B7 Big Band, that could be formed of musicians and singers from the islands, have common rehearsals twice a year and common concerts during islands' or B7 events such as Annual Conferences, Bornholm Culture Week, on the mainland, in capitals in order to promote the B7 islands.

Decision: The WG members will check interest and funding possibilities for the above ideas on their islands. Final decisions about 2007 projects will be made during the next WG meeting.

6. Board Minutes

- **WG discussed about the "structure" of board minutes:**

Information on projects – some projects are reported on under "News from WG ...", others under "B7 Events and Projects", what may give the impression of a difference between WG and B7 projects or even of a project assessment - more and less important projects - or a WG project is something else than a B7 event & project.

→ see last sub-item under 7.

- WG supports Jörgen Samuelssons addition concerning impossible strong B7 presence when there is a large series of events. Better coordination would avoid low attendance or the forced refusal of invitations to chairmanship events (as this year) what makes the islands feel uncomfortable.

→ see last sub-item under 7.

7. B7 Strategy – WG point of view for the future strategy - Future PtP work

WG discussed important issues of the future WG and all B7 work :

- The main focus of B7 can be as before:

- Exchange of experience
- Lobbying
- Projects

whereas exchange of experience through projects should be the main focus for PtP WG.

- B7 shall put more emphasis on position papers than on visiting a lot of meetings. No visits of meetings without the task to hand out B7 position papers!!!
- Put more effort on producing material on B7 positions, written statements and inputs in order to be prepared declaring the B7 position when asked to give B7 opinion, wishes or special needs.
- WG should take care of PtP contacts through projects with preference on "7 islands projects" → it shall be WG intention to develop projects of broad interest and thus to involve as much islands as possible.
- Better coordination between WG, Board and Chairmanship is necessary to develop and implement less, but high-quality B7 events, to avoid parallel or competitive project work, to make B7 more efficient and more professional.

8. Islands Information – Interesting news from the islands

RÜGANA invitation – MS handed out an information flyer about regional fair RÜGANA.

Companies from the islands are invited to present/sell their offers.

A common B7 information stand is possible to do B7 tourism, food, marketing.

Decision: WG members will give MS a note if their companies are interested in a individual or common B7 presentation by the end of June 2006.

9. Next Meeting

WG decided to have an additional meeting to plan 2007 programme in coordination with Bornholm chairmanship and prepare for annual conference 2006:

Meeting place/day/time: Bornholm, 15 September 2006, 09:00 – 16:00