



## B7 Baltic Islands Network B7 PtP Working Group

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## PtP WG MEETING

**Time:** 16/17 February 2006, 13:00 – 18:00 / 09:00 – 12:00

**Meeting Place:** Reval Park Hotel Conference Room

### Participants:

Island	Name	
Bornholm:	Henrik E. Nielsen	(HEN)
Gotland:	Arne Grau-Amnér	(AGA)
Hiiuunmaa:	Ermo Mäeots	(EM)
Rügen:	Martina Schwinkendorf	(MS)
Saaremaa	Anne Jakunin	(AJ)
Öland:	Anders Nyholm	(AN)
Guests:		
Facilitator	David Hunt	(DH)
Secretariat 2006	Ann Wallskog	(AW)

### Minutes of Meeting

#### 1. Welcome to Ann Wallskog, B7 Secretariat

AW introduced herself, telling about her background and the present challenges with the B7 Secretariat. She informed about Åland Chairmanship programme and the events planned during 2006.

Ann informed the WG about Jan-Ole Lönnblads plans to follow the WG work from the distance by reading WG minutes.

Contacts on Åland, relevant for PtP WG, are:

**B7 Games:** Mona-Lisa Wasström ([www.aif.aland.fi/evenemang/Spartakiaden.pbs](http://www.aif.aland.fi/evenemang/Spartakiaden.pbs))  
**Alandia Cup:** Mikael Granskog ([www.ifkmariehamn.com/alandia](http://www.ifkmariehamn.com/alandia))  
**Youth Camp:** Christoffer Sundman (City of Mariehamn)

AW informed about "News from Åland":

In 2006 Åland islands celebrate 150 years of being demilitarised area due to signing the Peace Treaty of Paris.

"musik.ax" 2006 – is a music contest in spring 2006 on Åland that shall bring out "the best in Åland 2006". All Åland musicians are invited to take part in the contest no matter what kind of music is their speciality. Find more information under <http://valhalla.norden.org>

In the Swedish speaking part of Finland and thus at Åland Gymnasium, too, a new aesthetic programme will be offered to the students from fall 2006. After an athletic and health programme started in 2005 pupils can now study art, music and theatre.

#### 2. General WG Questions (budget 2006, WG chairmanship 2006, ...)

##### 2.1. Budget 2006

In the 2006 budget there are the following budget lines related to the PtP WG:

<b>WG PtP Basic</b>	SEK	40,000	
<b>B7 Games</b>	SEK	100,000	
	+	SEK	50,000 forwarded from 2005
<b>Theatre Festival</b>	SEK	20,000	forwarded from 2005

**2.2. Anne Ståhl-Mousa left PtP WG**

AGA informed the WG that Anne Ståhl-Mousa will be engaged in the Hansa Network from now, why she had to quit her B7 PtP work. Arne will be Gotland's only WG member.

**2.3. WG Chairmanship**

The WG decided to discuss the WG Chairmanship later in the meeting, together with future WG work.

**3. Workplan 2006 – update****3.1. Games – info EM**

The preparations go according to the time schedule. Islands Gotland, Hiiumaa, Saaremaa, and Åland registered for the participation. No information yet from Bornholm, Rügen and Öland. Latest date for registration: **April 2006**

**3.2. Grand Theatre Night – info AJ**

Due to the NCF refuse to fund "FREE TO ACT" Theatre Festival 2006 on Saaremaa, a revised and reduced "GRAND THEATRE NIGHT" will be organised on Saaremaa.

AJ handed out the new project description. The Theatre Night shall take place on **15 and 16 July 2006** in Kuressaare.

AJ asked the WG members to take care, that the announced participants do their definite registration as soon as possible. This being prerequisite to precisely calculate and forward the new project application to NCF.

**B7 support awarded 2005 amounting to approx. SEK 37,000 can be used for the Night.**

**3.3. Youth Camp – info AGA**

AGA informed that the camp plannings go as per preliminary invitation sent to the islands on 16 January 2006.

Due to the late decision for a youth camp, the call for EU Youth programme was run out. AGA estimates that a B7 support amounting to SEK 40,000 could be enough to carry through the camp 2006.

When the coming chairmanships will generally agree to have a youth camp as permanent event, AGA proposed to prepare a 3 to 4 years application to EU Youth programme. When the islands agree to pay the travel costs no further co-financing will be needed.

**Decision: WG will ask Board and Chairmanship for SEK 40,000 for the Youth Camp 2006. AGA will prepare a project description for the Board Meeting in March 2006. HEN, AJ and AN will check the interest of their politicians to have a Youth Camp during their chairmanship years 2007, 2008 and 2009.**

**3.4. Baltic Light – How to go on? – all**

The artists on the islands are still interested in an exhibition project. However, a project application will not be prepared in 2006. The WG members will compile further contacts of interested artists and let the artists build up a functioning network before the project idea will be taken up again.

**3.5. Other invitations – all****3.5.1. B7 Chess Festival on Hiiumaa, 14 – 16 July 2006**

With their letter dated 15 October 2005 the Hiiumaa Chess Association invited chess players from the 7 islands to take part in the B7 Chess Festival on Hiiumaa.

**"From every island teams of five (5) adult and three (3) junior players (up to sixteen (16) years old) are expected. The winner will be announced both for adult and junior teams. All chess players interested to take part of speed game tournaments are welcome.**

**All competitors expected to arrive at 13th of July. The speed tournament starts 17.00, 13th of July.**

**Detailed programme will be available in January 2006.**

**Please register by mail Aksel Tiik, Hiiumaa Maleklubi, Uus tn. 30, Kärkla 92413, Hiiumaa, ESTONIA or by e-mail [matti@tuuru.edu.ee](mailto:matti@tuuru.edu.ee), but not later than 1 December 2005."**

The organisers set a new deadline: **End of March 2006.**

The following islands registered so far: Gotland, Hiiumaa, Saaremaa.

The other islands are asked to check if there are interested chess players on their islands.

**Decision: As there are three islands interested in taking part in the project the WG will support Hiiumaa's application for B7 start-up funding. The Chess Festival would, however, be ranked 2nd on present PtP project list, after Youth Camp.**

**EM will assure that the application with the necessary information will be available for the March Board Meeting.**

### 3.5.2. Rügen Music School Anniversary

No further information about the Rügen Music School Anniversary had been submitted.

### 3.5.3. Alandia Cup / Traditional Boats and Culture

WG members handed over the invitations to the relevant organisations, but are not finally informed whether there will be participants from the islands in one or the other event. – No participation expected.

### 3.6. B7 Project ideas from Öland, AN

AN presented three new ideas for B7 projects:

- Farmers initiative,
- B7 Photo Exhibition,
- Baltic Youth (see annex).

The projects Farmers initiative and Photo Exhibition will be carried out in 2006 between Öland - Hiiumaa - Saaremaa (possibly Åland) and Öland – Hiiumaa.

Based on the first 2006 experiences the WG would like to continue the projects with other islands to be involved. A photo exhibition during the B7 Games on Hiiumaa was discussed.

**Decision: All WG members check their own youth parliaments to find out about the possibilities and interest to have a B7 Youth Parliament. B7 Photo Exhibition could be the Youth Art Project for 2007. WG members check for interested photographers on their islands.**

### 3.7. Workplan 2006

#### Projects 2006

1. B7 Youth Camp 2006, Åland	26 – 30 June 2006
2. B7 Games 2006, Hiiumaa	26 – 29 July 2006
3. Grand Theatre Night, Saaremaa	15 – 16 July 2006
4. B7 Chess Tournament, Hiiumaa	14 – 16 July 2006

#### WG Meetings

WG meeting on Rügen	17 – 18 May 2006
AC meeting on Åland	20 November 2006

### 4. Latest Development in B7, B7 Strategy etc., David Hunt

DH informed the WG about the evaluation of the strategy questionnaires. The WG will be kept informed about further discussions within B7 and of possible new requirements related to the next funding period 2007 - 2013.

DH informed, that together with the preparation of the new strategy Åland requested an evaluation of last years' B7 work. He asked the WG to check their "Archive" information on the website to assure that comprehensive information about earlier projects is available.

## 5. Future PtP work

### 5.1. Board letter dated 01 February 2006

The WG discussed the Board letter, answered the questions asked and decided to write an answer letter.

**Decision: MS will prepare the letter and submit it to the WG members for consent before sending it to the Board.**

### 5.2. Website and information material

MS presented the changes carried out at the PtP-page of [www.b7.org](http://www.b7.org). The WG members will check the page and make proposals respectively forward their wishes for amendments or additions.

AN and AGA will present proposals for a "young" part on the website, to be used especially by young people.

MS presented infoletters about WG, WG projects and islands made available on the website.

**Decision: WG members will prepare their comments/amendments/ additions about website and infoletters for the next WG meeting. From now WG members will use the "Members Area" of [www.b7.org](http://www.b7.org) to check the minutes of meeting available there.**

### 5.3. WG chairmanship 2006:

According to charter annex "Workgroups" the chairmanship 2006 question had to be decided upon.

MS declared that a new chairperson should be elected. After being chairperson for 6 years, she expects a new chairperson would provide new impetus and momentum for the WG work.

**Decision: The WG members will think and discuss at home about possibly taking on the WG chairmanship from 2007. The question will be further discussed at the next WG meeting.**

### 5.4. Conclusions from the discussion

Concerning improvement of communication, the WG members will ...

... try to download Skype to improve communication between meetings. One can also hold conference meetings.

... ensure the close internal cooperation with their Board members. This is the easiest step, but promising the best effect.

... provide Board members with necessary information on WG matters in order to make sure that the Board will be able to take the required decisions in time.

... will be ready to attend Board meetings to answer possible questions concerning project applications, if indicated by the Board meeting agenda.

## 6. Islands Information – Interesting news from the islands

### Åland

See information about Åland under item 1

### Saaremaa

AJ told about the official opening of Saaremaas deep sea harbour on 19 May 2006. After a longer period of discussion whether to build a new harbour or not, Estonias new Gate to the West will be ready to be called by ships with a draught of up to 9 m.

## 7. Next Meeting: 17 – 18 May 2006 on Rügen

Items for the agenda: **Projects for 2007:**

1. Photo exhibition as Youth Art Project
2. Youth Camp application for 3-4 years
3. B7 Youth Parliament

## Decisions 16 February 2006 .....

<b>concerning...</b>		<b>by.....</b>	<b>Responsible:</b>
Youth Camp 2006	... prepare the project description for the Board.	Board meeting 29 March 2006	Arne
Future Youth Camp project	... check the interest of future chairmanships.	WG meeting 17 May 2006	Henrik, Anne, Anders
Chess Festival Hiiumaa	... prepare application/information for Board.	Board meeting 29 March 2006	Ermo
Future project – Youth parliament	... check own youth parliaments to find out about the possibilities and interest to have a B7 Youth Parliament.	WG meeting 17 May 2006	all
Youth Art Project 2007 - Young photographers	... check for interested young photographers.	WG meeting 17 May 2006	all
Website and information material	... make changes/additions/proposals.	WG meeting 17 May 2006	all
WG Chairmanship from 2007	... think and discuss at home about taking on WG chairmanship.	WG meeting 17 May 2006	all