



**B7 Baltic Islands Network
B7 Rügen Chairmanship 2011**

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING:

WEB-CONFERENCE ON 20TH OF JANUARY 2011

Venue for the meeting: Netviewer.com (Web-Conference)

Date: 20th of January, 2011

Time schedule: 9.00–11.20

Officials :

Island	Name	Position	Present
Rügen	Christoph Löwen (CL)	B7 Board / Chair 2011	yes
Bornholm	Henrik Eybye Nielsen (HEN)	B7 Board	yes
Gotland	Ulla Pettersson (UP)	B7 Board	yes
Saaremaa	Jaan Leivategija (JL)	B7 Board	yes
Hiiumaa	Aare-Villu Kattel (AK)	B7 Board	yes
Öland	Jörgen Samuelsson (JS)	B7 Board	yes
Åland	Emma Mattsson (EM)	B7 Board	yes
Bornholm	David Hunt (DH)	B7 Facilitator	yes
Rügen	Nadine Stüdemann (NS)	B7 Secretariat 2011	yes

Board Meeting

§1. MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING

Purpose of agenda item: To approve the minutes from Board Meeting on Hiiumaa on the 22th of November 2010.

CL: Addition to Minutes in point 7.6: Seaweed Project

- HEN: Rügen will participate in the project but cannot participate with own funding.

Decision: Minutes approved

§2. APPROVAL of AGENDA

Purpose of agenda item: To approve the agenda for the meeting.

Decision: Agenda approved

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§3. RÜGEN CHAIRMANSHIP

Purpose of agenda item: To give an update on the Annual programme, B7 Brussels event and dates for Chairmanship programme.

3.1. Annual Programme

- CL presents the Annual Programme of the Rügen chairmanship year 2011 (please see in the annexes). On 11th of January was the official opening of B7 on Rügen in the county administration with political and officials from the island (CL presents photos)
- CL presents the changes on the B7 website www.b7.org (Rügen chairmanship)
- HEN proposes to include "Bornholmian Almedal Week" (15 – 18 June)
- UP informs that the B7 Games on Gotland will be prepared by WG PtP in a pre-meeting (dates for B7 Youth Camp are not fixed yet – information to B7 Secretariat)

Decision: Annual Programme orientation accepted with additional inputs.

3.2. Brussels Meeting (29 – 31 March 2011)

- CL presents dates and programme for Brussels meeting (see in the annexes):
Positive answer from EU-Information Office of M-V in Brussels to use office for Board & SC Meetings
Contacts to representatives of DG Mare Office (Carla Montesi, Haitze Siemers) concerning "EU-Fishery Policy"
Contacts to permanent representation of Poland considering meeting with next EU Council Presidency (starting on 1st July 2011)
- Board members discuss changes: better to have Steering Committee Meeting on 30th in the afternoon and meeting concerning "EU-Cohesion Policy" on 31st March
- Proposals for other issues to be discussed in Brussels:
 - HEN: Meeting with permanent CPMR Delegate in Brussels (Carol Thomas) concerning "EU Cohesion Policy".
 - CL: Meeting with permanent representation of Poland concerning "EU Strategy for BSR"
 - EM: Request to Linnea Johannsson about name of contact person in Brussels regarding "EU-Cohesion Policy"

Decision: All islands shall think about interesting issues for Brussels and contact persons and send their E-Mails to B7 Secretariat to follow up.

3.3. Fishery Conference

- CL gives an overview about the current preparations for the Berlin meeting and the B7 conference "Traditional Coastal Fishery and EU-Fishery Policy" in May
- Berlin, 23rd May 2011: Visit at the Federal Foreign Ministry and the "Reichstag" Dinner in Berlin –
- Sassnitz: 24th May 2011: return to Rügen, B7 SC & Board Meetings, sightseeing tour around Rügen, dinner
Sassnitz, 25th May 2011: B7 Fishery conference in the town hall of Sassnitz, sightseeing tour "Fish" dinner

§4. WG POLICY WORK

Purpose of agenda item: To discuss about the opinions concerning future of Cohesion Policy (Cohesion Policy Report).

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- DH can't present a draft yet but will write a draft of B7 opinion concerning "Cohesion Policy Report" and send it around via mail to all B7 islands until 21st of January. All islands shall give their comments to that and DH will send a summary to EU Commission until 31st January 2011.

§5. ACCOUNTS

Purpose of agenda item: To review accounts

- CL presents the final version of B7 Budget of Rügen Chairmanship 2011
- DH informs that the final Accounts of 2010 will be presented in the Brussels Board Meeting
- CL: requests to DH considering low interests on B7 bank balances.
DH clarifies that it is Bornholm that has the responsibility for managing the B7 Accounts (although much of the co-ordination work with the accountant is done by DH). As stated in the e-mail to the Rügen Chairmanship, DH thinks it appropriate that HEN replies on behalf of Bornholm.
HEN: There are two reasons:
 - low interests in DK because of economic crisis
 - There are no bank charges (only the standard transfer charge of €2.69 put under other common costs). (Gotland put bank charges under other common costs)
- CL: Proposal to ask banks on all islands about the interest rates for such an amount of money to find a bank with better interest rate.
- HEN: Warning about transferring money in times of need/use!
- CL: We should transfer money to a bank that we won't use in the running year.

Decision: All islands shall ask banks about their interest rates and costs for transferring money and send answers via Mail to B7 Secretariat. Final decision will be made in Brussels.

§6. LOBBY ACTIVITIES

Purpose of agenda item: To give update on the lobby activities for 2011

- 6.1. EU Baltic Sea Strategy
 - DH: Bornholm participates in regular meetings with the Danish Ministry of Foreign affairs. These meetings are generally of a technical nature.
Nothing major to report.
(Example of e-mail information sent to key Danish stakeholders sent to B7 Board members 27.01.11)
- 6.2. Cohesion policy
 - DH informs that he will send the B7s' opinion regarding "Cohesion Policy" to EU-Commission till end of January 2011
- 6.3. International Co-operation and meetings (BSSSC, CPMR, other meeting dates 2011)
 - CL informs that on 27th January 2011 there will be a BSSSC Board meeting in Hamburg (normally the B7 President participates but Uwe Ahlers has to take part in the Rügen County Council) ⇨ DH and AK will ask B7 Vice President Hannes Maasel to take part
 - HEN informs about the 39th CPMR General Assembly on 28 – 30 September 2011 in Aarhus (Denmark)
 - CL remarks that the CPMR Board Meeting is at the same time like the B7 Schwerin Meeting

Decision: The dates of the Schwerin meeting will be changed to 19 – 20 September. All islands are asked to check the flight possibilities on a Sunday to Berlin or Hamburg.

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§7. PROJECTS

Purpose of agenda item: To give update on the ongoing B7 projects

- 7.1. Baltic Master II
 - DH informs about his participation in a Baltic Master II work package meeting in Malmö on 19th January plus the upcoming political meeting 26 Jan in Stockholm.
- 7.2. Pact of Islands
 - UP: No real information about the project; there will be a meeting in March in Brussels to sign up the "Pact of Islands" ⇨ Project is running ([general project information](#))
- 7.3. Tourism Project
 - DH: During the informal meeting of the B7 SC on Hiiumaa Hanna Westerén (Gotland) proposed developing a B7 tourism project. Hanna later handed her notes to DH who transcribed and sent them to the Board for action. Up to now there is no feedback from the islands
 - CL: Since M-V is responsible for the Flagship Project "Sustainable Tourism" he proposes to find out about the different interests from the islands
 - Board members should attain the level of interest from key tourism actors on their islands and develop the proposed project activities as appropriate to their islands needs.

Decision: Tourism project proposal to be followed up at the SC Meeting in Brussels

- 7.4. Seaweed Project
 - HEN: The responsible contact person for the project, Mr. Ole Hertz, tries to get information about seaweed from all B7 islands. He will have a meeting with BIOMAR, a fish feeding company that is interested in using seaweed flour as feeding possibility. On 9th of February there will be a meeting with the Danish international company DANISCO including several persons working with seaweed, and Ole Hertz will make initial steps in order to sell the Estonian "Fork Seaweed". Ole Hertz will visit B7 seaweed contact persons in March and in May there will come a delegation of seaweed fishermen to Bornholm from Hiiumaa and Saaremaa
- 7.5. Hiiumaa project proposal – Storytelling project (see in annexes)
 - CL presents the Hiiumaa project proposal and asks the Board members about their opinions
 - Board agrees to approve requested money (4300 €) to Hiiumaa on condition that the project obtains the approval of the WG PtP as the nature of the project comes under their remit.

Decision: CL will ask Chair of B7 WG PtP, Martina Schwinkendorf, to contact all islands and find out about their opinions concerning the project. He will also inform Reet Kokovkin about the decision.

- 7.6. LUMEN project
 - DH: discussions still ongoing concerning full financing for the project

Decision: DH will give information to the Board members later via E-Mail.

- 7.7. ESPON project
 - DH: ESPON project is already finished. E-mail containing the draft final report forwarded to B7 Board 27.01.11.
 - CL: Only a few information about the project

Decision: DH will send out the last report about the project via Mail.

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§8. WG People to People

Purpose of agenda item: To give update on activities for 2011

- 8.1. Youth appeal to B7 politicians and officials
 - CL presents the Youth Appeal to the Board members (see in the annexes) the politicians received at the AC in Hiiumaa and asks how to deal with it now. Youth want to create a B7 Youth Council and to get financial support.
 - DH:
The appeal has some good points. The bulleted headlines need to be developed so that it is clear what it is the Board will propose to the SC. For example “does the B7 want to have youth representative on the Board and how will this work in practice”
Concerning money, the B7 already has a budget line item of € 8,500 for youth and culture which is managed by the Chairmanship and WG PtP.
Bornholm works with youth under “Four Corners”, EuroRegion Baltic and the YC3 project
DH proposed to make a draft working document.
 - CL: Proposal that B7 Youth shall discuss main claims during B7 Youth camp in August and invite a delegation to Annual Conference. What is the opinion of B7 Steering Committee?
 - UP: B7 WG PtP should take care about the issue since they have the main experiences

Decision: Talk about the issue on each island and raise the question again in Brussels.

§9. COMMUNICATION

Purpose of agenda item: Present Communication plan for the coming year

- 9.1. B7 Annual Report 2010
 - AK informs that he has not yet read the report.

Decision: B7 Annual Report 2010 will be send out to all islands.

§10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- JS: Information concerning B7 culture events 2011 (invitations?)
CL: PtP Exhibition: “Scene Change – Messages and Visions”: 29th May – 4th June 2011
PtP Exhibition on Hiiumaa artists in the Bergen town museum – start on 9th Sept
- CL: Question concerning B7 pins that were distributed by Saaremaa – do they still exist?
JL: give the question to Toomas Kaasemaa and come back to B7 Secretariat

ANNEXES to AGENDA

Agenda Item	Topic
3.1.	Annual Programme 2011
3.2.	Draft Programme Brussels
7.3.	Notes by H. Westerén – Tourism project
7.5.	Storytelling-Project from Hiiumaa
8.1.	B7 Youth appeal

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