



## B7 Baltic Islands Network Rügen Chairmanship 2011

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### DRAFT MINUTES of B7 BOARD MEETING

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Venue for the meeting: "Kurhotel" Sassnitz, Hauptstraße 1, D-18546 Sassnitz  
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Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2011

Time Schedule: 13:30 – 15:00

#### Officials :

Island	Name	Position		Arrival	Departure
Rügen	Christoph Löwen (CL)	B7 Board / Chair 2011	YES		
Bornholm	Henrik Eybye Nielsen (HEN)	B7 Board	NO		
Gotland	Ulla Pettersson (UP)	B7 Board	YES	23rd May, 11:45	25th May
Saaremaa	Jaan Leivategija (JL)	B7 Board	YES	22nd May, 21:45	25th May
Hiiumaa	Aare-Villu Kattel (AK)	B7 Board	YES	22nd May, 14:00	25th May
Öland	Anders Nyholm (AN)	B7 Board	YES	22nd May, 16:45	25th May
Åland	Emma Mattsson (EM)	B7 Board	YES	22nd May, 18:55	25th May
Bornholm	David Hunt (DH)	B7 Facilitator	YES	22nd May, 11:00	25th May
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 in Brussels on 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2011

**Decision: Minutes approved**

##### §2. APPROVAL of AGENDA

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

**UP:** Addition of Gotland's application for B7 funding for "Pact of Island" project at Steering Committee Meeting (please see annexes)

**Decision: Agenda approved**

##### §3. RÜGEN CHAIRMANSHIP PROGRAMME

Purpose of agenda item: To give an update on the Annual programme

##### 3.1. Fishery Conference

**CL:** Information about short-term cancellation of key speaker Ilona Jepsena from EU-DG Mare. Secretariat received only short notice without reasonable explanation via mail. Positive answers from all other key speakers. Thanks to Gotland, Öland and Åland for bringing fishermen to Rügen. Press conference planned during lunch time. After



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conference departure to Berlin by train.

### **3.2. Presentation of Berlin Programme on 25<sup>th</sup> May:**

- CL:** 10:00 Meeting with Gerald Almer (Head of Task Force for the German Presidency of CBSS 2011/2012 at German Federal Foreign Office – Guided Tour  
12:30 President´s Dinner  
15:00 Meeting with Christian Ahrendt, Parliamentary Chairman of the Liberal Party in the German Bundestag – Visit of the Bundestag

### **3.3. Preparations for Schwerin Board Meetings on 19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> September**

- CL:** Preparations have been started. On 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 14:00 confirmed meeting with Wolf Born (Head of Department for Baltic Sea cooperation and regional partnerships) at the State Chancellery of M-V in Schwerin. We will try to speak to a representative of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern County Association. On 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. visit of Schwerin with guided tour.

### **3.4. International Co-operations and meetings**

- UP:** Participation of B7 members at CPMR Islands Commission General Assembly on 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May on Saaremaa. There were not so many participants due to elections in Spain, financial worries in Greece. Interesting discussions on European Solidarity (What does it mean for islands? How do islands conceive solidarity at national level?)
- BSSSC Annual Conference (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> October, Szczecin) – B7 Participation by David Hunt and Uwe Ahlers (? – CL will find out)
  - Baltic Development Forum and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Forum of EU-Strategy for Baltic Sea Region (24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October, Gdansk) – B7 Participation by David, Åke Svensson or Bo Dahllöf (?)

## **§4. ACCOUNTS: (Facilitator DH)**

Purpose of agenda item: To review accounts

### **4.1. Accounts for 2011 (please see annexes)**

**Decision: Accounts approved**

### **4.2. Budget surplus/Interest rates**

- CL:** Raise of question concerning low interest rate and budget surplus. HEN and CL should find out about three investment scenarios. No information from Henrik. The Sparkasse on Rügen offers 1,25 % interest rate. Proposal to invest money for half a year until Annual Conference.
- DH:** Politicians on Bornholm believe that B7 should rather think how to use surplus money than how to invest it.
- UP:** Agreement if there are better interest rates for short time investments.
- AN:** Board should be careful with changes. Politicians could decide not to give the whole amount of membership fees if B7 doesn´t need it.

**Decision: Bring up the question again at Steering Committee Meeting and let the politicians decide.**



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### **§5. PROJECTS (Facilitator DH) – please see annexes**

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

**DH:** B7 must decide in which EUSBR projects to be involved as Baltic Master II is finishing at the end of the year and we are not direct partners in Baltic Deal.

#### **5.1. Baltic Master II**

**DH:** Presentation of main events in the Baltic Master II Project. Project target is to improve maritime safety in the Baltic Sea by developing and exercising an Oil Spill Plan  
April 26 - Mini-Conference + GOTFREP  
May 11 – Exercise Gotland  
May 20 – EU Maritime Day Gdansk  
Aug 30 – Exercise with Helcom, Balex, SOK  
Oct 25-26 – Gdansk-Karlskrona Final Conference  
Nov ?? – Brussels  
Developing and Exercising an Oil Spill Plan  
Political lobby group of MPs

#### **5.2. Pact of Islands**

**UP:** On 13<sup>th</sup> of April was the official signing of the Isle Pact. Proposal to B7 Steering Committee: How can B7 islands take part into the project? Gotland, Hiiumaa, Saaremaa and Öland are partners within the project. Gotland asks for financial support (70 000 SEK) from B7 for an Isle Pact event during Chairmanship year 2012 (please see annexes).

**Decision: Bring up the question at the Steering Committee meeting for final decision.**

#### **5.3. Tourism Project**

**DH:** Proposal: Talk to people from M-V flagship project on sustainable tourism to find out if it is possible to join the projects

#### **5.4. Seaweed Project**

**DH:** Henrik not attending

#### **5.5. Storytelling Project**

**DH:** Reet Kokovkin would like to have personal contribution from all B7 islands.

**Decision: All B7 islands should find suitable storytellers on own island and send names to her as soon as possible.**

#### **5.6. LUMEN Project**

**CL:** Mail from Toomas Kokovkin (please see annexes) was read out. B7 offered 4125 Euro for the project. Only B7's financial support is not enough to send photographers around the islands. B7 is interested in the project, but project team has to find other finances too.

**UP:** Skeptical position due to little money for implementation of the project. The project should be carried out only with participation of all seven islands.



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**JL:** The idea is to get money for support of the project from every island. Saaremaa decided not to take part in the project.

**Decision: CL will send a feedback mail to Toomas Kokovkin to find out about the total financing of the project.**

### **5.7. Project: Baltic Deal**

**DH:** Information will be presented by Åsa Everbrand (Felix) during SC Meeting

### **§6. WG People to People**

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

**CL:** Head of WG People to people Martina Schwinkendorf will participate in SC Meeting and inform about current projects.

### **§7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **ANNEXES to AGENDA**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>
§ 1	Minutes of Board Meeting in March
§ 2	Information note reg. Gotland´s funding application
§ 3.1.	Fishery Conference Programme
§ 4.1.	Accounts 2011
§ 5	Facilitators report (PPT)
§ 5.6.	Mail inquiry by Toomas Kokovkin