



## B7 Baltic Islands Network B7 Rügen Chairmanship 2011

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### **DRAFT MINUTES of STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Venue for the meeting: EU-Information Office of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern,  
Address: Boulevard Saint Michel 80, B-1040 Brussels, Phone:  
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Date: 30 March 2011

Time Schedule: 16:00 – 17:30

#### **Politicians:**

Island	Name	Position	Participation	Arrival	Departure
Rügen	Uwe Ahlers (UA)	B7 President 2011	YES	29 March, 17 :35	31 March, 19 :10
Bornholm	Steen Colberg Jensen (SCJ)	Vice Mayor of Bornholm	NO	29 March, 12 :50	30 March, 17 :25
Gotland	Bo Dahllöf (BD)	Chief Executive Officer	YES	28 March	31 March
Gotland	Hanna Westerén (HW)	Vice Mayor of Gotland	YES	29 March, 16 :20	31 March, 18 :15
Hiiumaa	Hannes Maasel (HM)	Governor of Hiiumaa	NO	-	-
Saaremaa	Toomas Kasemaa (TK)	Governor of Saaremaa	YES	29 March	30 March
Öland	Tommy Eliasson (TE)	Vice Chairman of Öland	YES	29 March, 14 :00	1 April, 8 :55
Åland	Roger Eriksson (RE)	Minister of Åland Government	NO	-	-

#### **Officials :**

Rügen	Christioph Löwen (CL)	B7 Board /Chair 2011	YES	29 March, 17 :35	31 March, 19 :10
Bornholm	Henrik Eybye Nielsen (HEN)	B7 Board	NO	29 March, 12 :50	30 March, 20:25
Gotland	Ulla Pettersson (UP)	B7 Board	YES	29 March, 16 :20	31 March, 18 :15
Hiiumaa	Aare Villu Kattel (AVK)	B7 Board	YES	29 March, 18 :55	31 March, 19 :45
Saaremaa	Jaan Leivategija (JL)	B7 Board	YES	29 March	31 March
Öland	Anders Nyholm (AN)	B7 Board	YES	29 March, 14 :00	1 April, 8 :55
Åland	Emma Mattsson (EM)	B7 Board	YES	28 March	31 March
Bornholm	David Hunt (DH)	B7 Facilitator	YES	29 March,	31 March,
Rügen	Nadine Stüdemann (NS)	B7 Secretariat 2011	YES	29 March, 17 :35	31 March, 19 :10

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### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### **§1. MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING:**

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

**Decision: Minutes approved**

#### **§2. APPROVAL of AGENDA:**

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

**Decision: Agenda approved**

#### **§3. RÜGEN CHAIRMANSHIP PROGRAMME (UA)**

Purpose of agenda item: To give an update on the Annual programme and dates for Chairmanship programme 2011

##### **3.1. Annual Programme**

- Annual programme presentation and date scheduling

CL: Presents a summary on the main events down to present day

- 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2011: Chairmanship Opening in the Rügen County Administration with many political and official guests from Rügen
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2011: First B7 Board Meeting as Web Conference – successful, practical and cost-effective way to exchange information
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2011: B7 Cooking Course on 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Grone School: very positive feedback on the island, 17 happy participants tried to learn how to cook typical B7 islands dishes, Arne, Ermo and Inga gave assistance to the cooks, Martina presented B7 organization and activities
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 2011 Photo exhibition by Toomas Kokovkin at the Rügen Gallery in Putbus 5<sup>th</sup> March at the Rügen gallery in Putbus: successful opening presentation, many interested visitors and political guests, speeches by the Landrätin Kerstin Kassner, Toomas Kokovkin and the Rügen photographer Lutz Grünke

##### **3.2. Fishery Conference, 24<sup>th</sup> May in the Sassnitz town hall (CL)**

- Overview about conference preparations

CL: Handout of the invitation and programme for the conference and invites all Steering Committee members to come to Rügen together with a fisherman or somebody who works in the fields of fisheries. Rügen tries to apply for financial support at the leader programme concerning travel and accommodation costs for the fishermen. Every fisherman should give a short overview about the island's fisheries situation.

Since some B7 members are going to participate into the Annual Conference of CPMR Islands Commission on Saaremaa (19/20 May) it won't be possible to arrive on Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> May). Proposal to have Board Meeting in the afternoon on Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> May) and Steering Committee Meeting in Berlin on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**Decision: All islands will check travel possibilities and send feedback to Secretariat as soon as possible**

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### **3.3. Programme for Berlin visit (25<sup>th</sup> May)**

UA: Handout of draft programme for Berlin visit  
CL: After Fishery Conference (24<sup>th</sup> May) all B7 members will go by train to Berlin and stay the night in a hotel (to be announced later).  
10:00 Meeting with Cornelia Pieper, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, Guided House Tour  
12:30 Lunch  
15:00 Meeting with Christian Ahrend, Parliamentary Chairman of the FDP Parliamentary party in the German Bundestag, Visit of German „Bundestag“  
Ca. 17:00 Departure

### **3.4. Schwerin Meetings (19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> September)**

UA: Concrete information on that dates will come later

### **3.5. International Co-operation and meetings**

- CPMR Islands Commission General Assembly (19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May, Saaremaa)
  - Uwe Ahlers cannot participate, Hannes Maasel will attend, also Henrik and Ulla
- BSSSC Annual Conference (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> October, Szczecin)
- 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)
- Other dates relevant for B7
  - B7 Day on 8<sup>th</sup> of July in Putbus on Rügen (Exhibition on Way of life)

## **§4. ACCOUNTS: (Facilitator)**

Purpose of agenda item: To review accounts

### **4.1. Final Accounts for 2010**

DH: Presentation of summary regarding final accounts 2010. There was an error regarding the inclusion of the projects. Corrected version attached.

**Decision: Final Accounts 2010 approved**

### **4.2. Accounts for 2011**

**Decision: Accounts 2011 approved**

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

UA: Raise of question concerning low interest rate on B7 Budget. He asked the Deutsche Bank and IKB Bank about interest rates. It is not the main focus of B7 to earn money but having money without interest is not reasonable

TK: Agree

UA: Proposal concerning German Firearms fund: German Bank Association is by obligated to take precautions against own insolvency. Therefore the pay a yearly premium into the insurance fund (Firearms fund)

BD: Indication of proposal for solution from Henrik and Christoph to come back with 3 example scenarios to be presented in May at SC Meeting on Rügen

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### **§5. PROJECTS (Facilitator DH)**

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

#### **EU Cohesion Policy**

##### **B7 wants:**

- Territorial cohesion
- Structural funding linked to place
- Not the same as EU2020
- Provide investment framework for disadvantaged regions such as islands
- One programme for B7 islands (Central-South Baltic)

##### **Problems:**

- Administration of EU projects (check of all invoices, interviews with project people)

#### **EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) - B7 projects:**

- Baltic Master II: Maritime Safety
- Baltic Deal: Agricultural pollution
- Isle Pact: Energy self sufficiency

DH: Generally positive position of B7 to EUSBSR, but we have to find out where we can be linked to it

#### **5.1. Baltic Master II – working quite well at the moment**

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)

- Jan 26 Sweden Parliament Stockholm
- April 26 Mini Conference in Tallin + GOTFREP
- May 11 – Exercise on Gotland
- May 20 – EU Maritime Day in Gdansk
- August 30 – Exercise with Helcom, Balex, SOK
- Sept. 27 – Brussels
- Oct 25-26 – Gdansk – Karlskrona Final Conference

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

DH: Gotland, Hiiumaa, Saaremaa and Öland are involved  
Question: Does the other islands want to be involved? Precondition is to sign the contract  
UP: Application in next year for meeting with all B7 islands (project money)

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

CL: Within EU Baltic Sea Strategy Mecklenburg-Vorpommern has been named as priority area coordinator for the tourism field.  
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**

HEN: Bornholm created a network group regarding seaweed production. There will be a meeting in Copenhagen on 4<sup>th</sup> of April. After that meeting there will be concrete information for project leaders. Ole Hertz will give a final report to B7

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### **5.5. Storytelling Project**

CL: B7 decided in last Board Meeting to grant money for implementing the project. B7 sent letter of support. It is necessary to find suitable storytellers from all islands.

UP: WG PtP group deals with the implementation of the project

### **5.6. LUMEN Project**

CL: B7 offered 4125 Euro for the project. Toomas Kokovkin on Hiiumaa has to work out the practical details (lodging, local transport, food) and to attract the funding of the whole 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.

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

DH: We have to have good reason to be in there/What will be improved?

Project Objectives: Reduce agricultures pollution in Baltic Sea

- WP 1: Administration (Latvia)
- WP 2: Communication Sweden)
- WP 3: Exchange of common knowledge (Denmark)
- WP 4: Pilot Activities(Finland)
- WP 5: Demonstration farms (Poland)
- Project Period 2010 - 2013

Possible B7 Involvement

- B7 Network, contacts + islands as pilot regions
- B7 as a communication channel for Baltic Deal
- Promotion of knowledge and experience

27 – 30 Sept: 20 Anniversary Conference on Bornholm of the fall of the Berlin Wall (interesting names on the programme like Vigdis Finburgadottir, Vytautas Landsbergis, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Uffe Ellemann Jensen, Ole Espersen, Uffe A. Baslev, Rikke Helms, Knud Andersen, Indreek Saar

HW: Information about new project on Gotland: Summer design office in Gotland – Invitation to all B7 islands to take part (5 exhibition spaces, only 2 left) – Possibility to expose the own island

## **§6. WG People to People (Chairmanship)**

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

### **6.1. Youth appeal to B7 politicians and officials (Hiiumaa)**

UA: Summary on the meeting with members of Youth Parliament from Four Corners on Rügen. They agreed to cooperate with B7 but they need more details about the organization. UA suggested to meet with SC members on Rügen

**Decision: All islands shall find out about possible youth participation or interest in the B7 and come back with feedback during next SC Meeting in May.**

### **6.2. Overview about events and meeting dates of WG People to People**

CL: presents a short summary about the coming events organized by B7 WG PtP (e.g. PtP Exhibition "Scene Change – Messages and Visions" (Rügen), B7 Day (Rügen), B7 Youth Camp (Gotland)

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**§7. COMMUNICATION: (Chairmanship)**

Purpose of agenda item: Discuss about communication issues within B7

**7.1. Summary and evaluation of the meeting with the representatives from the DG Mare**

UA: The meeting with the members of the DG Mare was a great success since there were important representatives concerning fishery and maritime safety. B7 could get a lot of useful information. There was a good discussion from all islands. Maybe Ilona Jepsena as Head of Fishery unit will come to B7 Fishery Conference in May.

**7.2. B7's contribution on 5<sup>th</sup> Cohesion Policy Report** – already done

**7.3. EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Regions** – already done

**7.4. B7 Annual Report 2010**

UA: Thanks to Aare for bringing the Annual Report. Big thanks to Reet and Ere for a great Annual Report with lots of interesting facts on the B7 and the Hiiumaa Chairmanship year 2010

**7.5. B7 Website**

DH: All B7 members should take a look on the website and inform about necessary updates

**§8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

UA: Saaremaa asked B7 for financial support (5000 €) for preparations of General Assembly of CPMR Islands Commission on 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> May. Proposal to give one time 10% (3000 €) to Saaremaa

**Decision: SC members agreed to the proposal. Saaremaa will make an application for the money.**

UA: Information about the condolence letters to Japanese professors who visited Hiiumaa last year to inform about the B7 cooperation (see annexes).

EM: Information about being contacted by a girl who would like to make an internship within the B7 in this summer for 2-3 month. Internship will be situated on Åland

HW: B7 can advantage from internship

**Decision: All SC members agreed to have an internship within B7. Emma and David will work out specific tasks for it.**

**ANNEXES to AGENDA**

Agenda Item	Topic
§ 1	Minutes of SC Meeting in Hiiumaa
§ 3.1.	Rügen Annual Programme
§ 5.3.	Tourism notes by Hanna Westerén
§ 5.7.	Information about Baltic Deal Project
§ 6.1.	Youth appeal
§ 7.2.	B7's contribution on 5 <sup>th</sup> Cohesion Report

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