



## B7 Baltic Islands Network B7 Rügen Chairmanship 2011

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

Venue for the meeting: "Kurhotel" Sassnitz, Hauptstraße 1, D-18546 Sassnitz  
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Date: 23 May 2011

Time Schedule: 15:00 - 17:00

#### **Politicians:**

Island	Name	Position	Participation	Arrival	Departure
Rügen	Uwe Ahlers (UA)	B7 President 2011	YES		
Bornholm	Winni Grosböll	Mayor of Bornholm	NO	-	-
Gotland	Åke Svensson (ÅS)	Mayor of Region Gotland	YES	23 May, 11 :45	25 May
Hiiumaa	Hannes Maasel (HM)	Governor of Hiiumaa	YES	22 May, 14 :00	25 May
Saaremaa	Toomas Kasemaa (TK)	Governor of Saaremaa	YES	22 May, 21 :45	25 May
Öland	Tommy Eliasson (TE)	Vice Chairman of Öland	YES	22 May, 16:45	26 May
Åland	Roger Eriksson (RE)	Minister of Åland Government	NO	-	-

#### **Officials :**

Rügen	Christoph Löwen (CL)	B7 Board /Chair 2011	YES		
Bornholm	Henrik Eybye Nielsen (HEN)	B7 Board	NO	-	-
Gotland	Ulla Pettersson (UP)	B7 Board	YES	23 May, 11:45	25 May
Hiiumaa	Aare Villu Kattel (AVK)	B7 Board	YES	22 May, 14:00	25 May
Saaremaa	Jaan Leivategija (JL)	B7 Board	YES	22 May, 21:45	25 May
Öland	Anders Nyholm (AN)	B7 Board	YES	22 May, 16:45	25 May
Åland	Emma Mattsson (EM)	B7 Board	YES	22 May, 18:55	25 May
Bornholm	David Hunt (DH)	B7 Facilitator	YES	22 May, 11:00	25 May
Rügen	Nadine Stüdemann (NS)	B7 Secretariat 2011	YES		

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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 Brussels on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2011 (please see annexes)

**Decision: Minutes approved**

#### **§2. APPROVAL of AGENDA:**

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

**UA:** Gotland asks for additional agenda issue concerning funding application for "Pact of Island" project (please see annexes)

**Decision: Agenda approved**

#### **§3. RÜGEN CHAIRMANSHIP PROGRAMME**

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

##### **3.1. Fishery Conference on 24<sup>th</sup> May (please see annexes)**

**UA:** 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 conference departure to Berlin by train.

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

**UA:** Overview about programme changes  
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. International Co-operations and meetings**

**TK:** 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?). Find more information about the conference on [www.cpmr.org](http://www.cpmr.org)

#### **§4. ACCOUNTS: (Facilitator DH)**

Purpose of agenda item: To review accounts

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

**Decision: Accounts 2011 approved**

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

- UA:** Raise of question concerning how to deal with low interest rate and B7 budget surplus.
- CL:** Board members propose to invest surplus money for half a year till Annual Conference
- DH:** Politicians on Bornholm believe that B7 should rather think how to use surplus money than how to invest it.

**Decision: Steering Committee members agree to transfer 50.000 € to Rügen and invest it at a German bank for half a year. At the Annual Conference in November the SC will decide what to do with the money next year.**

### **§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 + GOFREP
  - 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. Gotland is lead partner. Hiiumaa, Saaremaa and Öland are partners within the project. Gotland asks B7 for financial support concerning travel and accommodation costs for people from every island (70 000 SEK) for an Isle Pact event during Chairmanship year 2012.

**Decision: Steering Committee decides to grant requested 70000 SEK for Gotland as project money in 2012.**

#### **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

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### **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 Reet as soon as possible.**

### **5.6. LUMEN Project**

**CL:** Information about mail from Toomas Kokovkin (please see annexes). He asks B7 to carry out the project also not with not all islands. B7 Board members agreed to have all B7 islands participating in the project.

**Decision: CL will send a feedback mail to Toomas Kokovkin to find out about the total financing of the project and give the information that all B7 islands should take part.**

### **5.7. Project: Baltic Deal – Project presentation by Åsa Everbrand (Felix) - please see annexes**

### **§6. WG People to People (Martina Schwinkendorf)**

**UA:** Martina Schwinkendorf as Head of WG People to People presents overview about current WG projects (**please see in annexes**)

### **§7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**UA:** Martina Schwinkendorf was asked to translate the Draft B7 Statement concerning Fishery conference.

**Decision: Steering Committee agrees to the draft statement. Secretariat will send it out after the conference.**

**EM:** In the Finnish parliament election there was a large change. Sann-Finländarna (the national party) is now the third biggest party. The biggest party is Samlingspartiet and the new government will probably consist of Samlingspartiet, Socialdemokraterna, Gröna förbundet, Kristdemokraterna and Svenska folkpartiet. The parliament election on the Åland islands will be held on October 16, 2011.



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**ANNEXES to AGENDA**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>
§ 1	Minutes of SC Meeting in Brussels
§ 2	Information note reg. Gotland ´s funding application
§ 3.1.	Fishery Conference Programme
§ 4.1.	Accounts 2011
§ 5	Facilitators report (PPT)
§ 6	Mail inquiry by Toomas Kokovkin
§ 5.7.	Baltic Deal Project Presentation by Åsa Everbrand
§ 6	WG People to People Presentation by Martina Schwinkendorf