



B7 Baltic Islands Network
B7 Rügen Chairmanship 2011

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DRAFT Minutes of B7 BOARD MEETING

Venue for the meeting: Meeting room of Liberal Fraction at the Landtag Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Lennéstraße 1, 19053 Schwerin

Date: 20th September 2011
 Time Schedule: 09:00 – 12:00

Participants :

Island	Name	Position	Arrival	Departure
Rügen	Christoph Löwen (CL)	B7 Board / Chair 2011	18 Sept. , 18:00	20 Sept., 14:00
Bornholm	Henrik Eybye Nielsen (HEN)	B7 Board	18 Sept., 17:00	20 Sept., 14:00
Gotland	Ulla Pettersson (UP)	B7 Board	18 Sept., 20:35	20 Sept., 14:00
Saaremaa	Jaan Leivategija (JL)	B7 Board	18 Sept., 17:00	20 Sept., 14:00
Hiiumaa	Aare-Villu Kattel (AK)	B7 Board	NO	NO
Öland	Tommy Eliassonn (TE)	B7 Steering Committee	18 Sept., 16:00	20 Sept., 14:00
Åland	Emma Mattsson (EM)	B7 Board	18 Sept., 20:00	20 Sept., 14:00
Bornholm	David Hunt (DH)	B7 Facilitator	18 Sept., 17:00	20 Sept., 14:00
Rügen	Nadine Stüdemann (NS)	B7 Secretariat 2011	18 Sept., 18:00	20 Sept., 14:00

Board Meeting

§1. MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING

Purpose of agenda item: To approve the minutes from Board Meeting in Sassnitz on 23rd of May 2011

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

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

3.1. Summary about Fishery Conference (24th May) and Berlin visit (25th May)

CL: Positive feedback by the press regarding the conference in May. B7 Declaration was sent out to all speakers and participants. (Photos on website)

3.2. Summary about B7 Day on Rügen (08th July) – Photos on website

HEN: Because of hard rain the whole day selling of regional products was not that successful. In spite of that meeting of WG PtP was effective.

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3.3. B7 Presentation at the RÜGANA Fair (9th – 11th September)

CL: The B7 team on Rügen presented the B7 organization during the RÜGANA fair on the market place of Bergen (handout of brochures, selling Gotland products, etc.). The Hiiumaa art exhibition at the Town Museum Bergen was opened on 8th of September. During the RÜGANA fair a Leader delegation from Hiiumaa and Saaremaa visited the B7 stand (meeting with Reet and the new Governor of Saaremaa). Over 300 people participated in the B7 quiz. (Photos on website)

3.4. Presentation of Schwerin Programme (19th /20th September)

CL: Summary of the Schwerin programme. Interesting meetings at the County Association of M-V and State Chancellery of M-V.
DH: Positive feedback regarding latest meetings. It is always interesting to get to know about administrative systems on other islands and to meet people dealing with EU matters.
HEN: Wolf Born (State Chancellery) described a quite critical picture of the Baltic Sea Strategy. Tourism projects in the BSR are often difficult to be processed on an interregional level. Everything is connected to the Baltic Sea Strategy.
UP: To get structural funds for projects it is more important and useful to lobby on the national level than at the EU.

3.5. Preparations for Annual Conference (21st -23rd November)

CL: Description of current status of programme for Annual Conference (see annex). The Hanseatic Hotel in Göhren (south-east of Rügen) can give the rooms for 55€/night. B7 has a special room contingent, everybody from B7 has to book by themselves (call +49 38308 – 515 or send mail to info@hotel-hanseatic.de). The Board will meet on Monday (21st of Nov) at 16:00 in the seminar room of the Hotel. The Steering Committee members will meet with the Youth people at the Störtebeker Sporthotel in Samtens to talk about possible B7 Youth Board. On Tuesday will be the Annual Conference in Göhren.

In the morning will be B7 speeches, in the afternoon speeches about topic "Baltic Sea Island – Living environment for young generation?". Enquiry by B7 Secretariat to ask Anders Nyholm about possible input speech about current situation of youth on Öland (demographic change, migration if skilled workers, work-life-balance)

DH: Proposal to invite new Landrat Ralf Drescher for Conference and former Landrat Kerstin Kassner for Dinner (official expression of thanks). He sends list of guests to be invited to B7 Secretariat.

Youth Meeting at Annual Conference:

CL: 2 young participants from Öland, Gotland, Hiiumaa, Saaremaa, Rügen.
HEN: On Bornholm possible youth people are already involved in Youth Boards of Four Corners and Euroregion– Bornholm supports the application of Rügen to do the meeting but no participants. There is also a lack of future perspectives for the possible B7 Youth Board (changing interests and less time)
UP: Consent to Bornholm´s statement. It was hard to set up a Youth Board for Gotland, so it will be hard to establish a Youth Board over 7 islands.
EM: personal conference participation not possible, maybe somebody else can come
CL: Appeal to Board members to talk to politicians about possible founding of B7 Youth Board/preparation for youth meeting at Annual conference

3.6. International Co-operations and meetings

➤ BSSSC Annual Conference (5th-7th October, Szczecin, Poland)
CL: B7 Participation: Uwe, Tommy, David and Nadine
➤ Baltic Development Forum and 2nd Annual Forum of EU-Strategy for Baltic Sea Region (24th-27th October, Gdansk, Poland)
DH: B7 Participation: David, Gotland delegation (Bo, Åke, Ulla,) – about 700 participants

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- HEN:
 - CPMR Islands Commission General Assembly (28th – 30th September, Århus, Denmark)Conference organization by Bornholm. Main topic is Cohesion Policy. Over 250 people from many islands – Bornholm, Hiiumaa, Saaremaa, Åland, Gotland
 - Other dates relevant for B7

§4. ACCOUNTS: (Facilitator)

Purpose of agenda item: To review accounts

4.1. Accounts for 2011

- DH: Final version of current accounts 2011 will be sent out later (annexes). B7 has to look for new projects. Following payments are expected to be made by the end of Sept 2011: B7 Project Money (Baltic Master II €15,960), B7 Budget 2011 (Handover of Secretariat € 2,125; B7 Games € 8,000; Baltic Master II € 1,995)

4.2. Budget surplus/Interest rates

- CL: The money (50.000 €) was transferred to Rügen to place it there at a bank (1,3 % interest rate/year) for half a year. SC members will decide what to do at Annual Conference. Money will be sent back at the end of 2011, interests in beginning of 2012.

§5. ANNUAL PROGRAMME for Chairmanship year 2012 – GOTLAND (UP)

Purpose of the agenda item: To present the draft annual programme for B7 in 2012

- UP: Presentation over the current plans for chairmanship programme 2012 on Gotland (annexes)

§6 BUDGET 2012 (Facilitator)

Purpose of the agenda item: To give an overview about B7 budget 2012

- DH: Budget scheme for Gotland 2012 was sent out on 13 Sept. 2011
UP: Gotland Budget scheme and draft Chairmanship programme not yet completed.
CL: Remarks to the scheme that has to be changed (e.g. Secretariat should remain at the same level as 2011 on 27.800 EUR). Raise of question how to finance possible B7 Youth Board in 2012 (if there will be foundation at Annual Conference.)
HEN+: Difficult to fix an amount of money now in the Budget Scheme for a B7 Youth Board
UP+JL 2012 which is not yet founded. It will be difficult to establish a B7 Youth Board.
DH: It would be good if there would be a proposal from Rügen how to go on with this Youth Board in 2012 (extra meetings, travel costs, meeting at annual conference). All islands attending youth meeting on Rügen can send a claim back form to Rügen Chairmanship. After approval it will be forwarded to Bornholm bookkeeping.
CL: Basic idea was that the youth people meet on Rügen and discuss about their possible participation at the B7. Rügen sent around an application for financing the Youth meeting during annual conference. All islands besides Bornholm and Åland will send two youngsters.

Decision: Approval of Rügen application for funding B7 youth meeting during Annual Conference 2011 (4300 EUR).

§7. PROJECTS (Facilitator)

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

7.1. Baltic Master II

- DH: Gotland carried out an oil spill exercise in July. Bornholm also had successful practical exercises on sea and land. Presentation at the final Baltic Master II conference with Michael Grønbech-Dam on 26 October in Gdansk. There will be final political meeting in Brussels in Nov/Dec 2011. Detailed presentation during the Annual Conference.

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7.2. Pact of Islands

UP: Project is running according to the plan. Gotland will present first results at Annual Conference.

7.3. Tourism Project

DH: Uncertainty how to proceed. Meeting with Wolf Born was very interesting but for B7 no real perspectives.

UP: Proposal to delegate somebody to CPMRs' tourism group

HEN: Proposal to increase marketing for Baltic Sea Islands (use big fairs like "Hamburg Cruise Days 2012")

7.4. Seaweed Project

HEN: Reading out of mail by Ole Hertz. He was looking for contacts on the islands to participate/assist in this project but nobody answered. Proposal on decision how to proceed with the project at Annual conference.

7.5. Storytelling Project

HEN: The feedback of Bornholm's storyteller had two sides. Positive: exchange of ideas, to experience Estonia, especially Art Café. Negative: too much tourist information less storytelling, "Wrong" people chosen for project. Proposal: better to have professional storytellers and more time.

CL: Positive feedback by the Rügen participant.

UP: Problem: Different expectations from the participants.

7.6. LUMEN Project:

CL: Summary on current situation. Toomas Kokovkin wants to produce a photo book with pictures from people on all islands showing a specific activity.

JL: All islands need good photos - Proposal to produce a comprehensive photo database

UP: Proposal to give the project to the PtP WG.

Decision: B7 Project money will further be granted to Toomas Kokovkin. B7 is interested in a photo database with pictures of people from all B7 islands. This database should be of free use for all B7 members.

7.7. Baltic Deal:

DH: Too short time for Felix to present "Baltic Deal" at last Board Meeting in Sassnitz. Continual contact with project representatives in Sweden and on Bornholm and with the project leader.

§8. WG People to People (Chairmanship)

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

8.1. Youth meeting at the Annual Conference – Foundation of B7 Youth Board

Already discussed

8.2. Pre-Meeting (1st – 2nd Sept. 2011) for B7 Games 2012 on Gotland (24th -26th of August 2012)

CL: Information on the preparation meeting for B7 Games on Gotland. Hand out of B7 Games Letter (annexes).

8.3. Overview about coming events and meeting dates of WG People to People

CL: Hand out of B7 WG PtP Progress report and draft programme 2012 (annexes)

HEN: Rudolf Tobias piano contest 2012 on Hiiumaa: All islands participating? (a B7 project must include participation of at least 4 islands)

DH: Information request regarding School project "What's B7?" in Sept. 2012

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§9. GENERAL ORIENTATION

9.1. Amalgamation of Landkreis Rügen with two other Landkreise

CL: Comprehensive information received by members of Landkreistag MV

9.2. Elections in Denmark

DH: Parliamentary election 2011 took place on 15 September. The centre-right coalition led by Liberal Party lost power to Social Democrats. Helle Thorning-Schmidt became the country's first female Prime Minister.

9.3. Elections Åland and Finland

EM: Elections will be on 16 October. Parliament comes together on 1st of November.

9.4. New Governor on Saaremaa

JL: Kaido Kaasik will be the new Governor on Saaremaa after 16 October. Till then JL is Governor.

9.5. Overview of EU possibilities for the islands regarding state aid for air transport based on a visit to DG MOVE and DG Competition policy in Brussels in July 2011

HEN: Summary. Two possibilities for state aid: 1. Full PSO, tender including description of type of airlines, schedule, price of tickets for various groups e.g. elderly people, youngsters 2. Social Aid, percentage of Airline ticket deduction for all inhabitants on the islands

§10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

§10.1. B7 on Facebook

EM: Raise of question about B7 on facebook.

DH: Proposal to start the B7 Facebook page again as a tool to communicate

UP: Anne Ståhl Moussa is very active with Facebook and can assist.

ANNEXES to the AGENDA

Agenda Item	Topic
§3.5.	Draft Programme – Annual Conference
§4.1.	B7 Accounts September 2011
§5.	Draft programme Gotland 2012
§6.	Budget Scheme Gotland 2012
§7.6.	Mail T. Kokovkin
§8.2.	B7 Games Letter
§8.3.	B7 WG PtP Progress report