



B7 Baltic Islands Network

B7 Bornholm Chairmanship 2007

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B7 Board 2007:

Programme: Berlin 17-19 January

Hotel: Hotel President,

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Venue for meeting:

Hotel President

Programme:

Wednesday 17 January: Arrive late afternoon
20.00 Dinner and discussions

Thursday 18 January

08:30–10:30	N.N. Federal Ministry Foreign Affairs (confirmed)	Outline of German Focuses in EU Presidency	Federal Ministry Foreign Affairs, Werderscher Markt 1 10117 Berlin
10:30–12:00	Dr. Andreas Täuber Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (confirmed)	Main focuses of the German EU Presidency in agricultural sector Development of rural areas, incl. EU Agric Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) / LEADER +Rural Tourism	Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Wilhelmstraße 54, 10117 Berlin

12.00 – 13.00: Lunch at hotel
13.30 – 16.30 Board Meeting 1
Dinner

Friday 19 January

09.00 – 12.00 Board meeting 2 (Estonians to leave latest 11.30)
13.00 Depart

Participants: (Actual flight times shown)

Island	Name		Arrival	Departure
Bornholm	Jörgen Kvist (JKV)	Yes	Easyjet 18.50 17 Jan	Easyjet 16.20 19 Jan
Gotland	Ulla Pettersson UP)	Yes	SAS 19.10 17 Jan	SAS 19.40 19 Jan
Hiiumaa	Reet Kokovkin (RK)	Yes	Easyjet 17.00 17 Jan	Depart 12.50 19 Jan
Rügen	Christian Theel (CT)	Yes	By road or train	
Saaremaa	Anu Vares (AV)	Yes	Easyjet 17.00 17 Jan	Depart 12.50 19 Jan
Öland	Jörgen Samuelsson (JS)	Yes	Easyjet 18.50 17 Jan	With Öland Group
Åland	Susanne Andersson (SA)	Yes	SAS 19.10 17 jan	SAS 13.00 19 Jan
B7 Secretariat:	Karen Lynn Jacobsen (KLJ)	Yes	Easyjet 18.50 17 Jan	Easyjet 16.20 19 Jan
B7 Facilitator	David Hunt (DH)	Yes	Easyjet 18.50 17 Jan	Easyjet 16.20 19 Jan

B7 Board Agenda:

§1 Minutes of Meeting: (Bornholm Chairmanship)

- Approval of minutes from Board meeting 21 November 2006.
- Review of minutes from SC meeting 22 November 2006

§2 Approval of Agenda: (Bornholm Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: to add additions to the agenda.

- A draft programme and draft agenda are sent out at least 30 days before the meeting.
- Points for the agenda are collated from the islands and a final agenda is posted on the website at least 5 days before the meeting.

§3 Bornholm Chairmanship: (Bornholm Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: To ensure clarity on Chairmanship programme and budget and prepare programmes and agendas for coming meetings.

3.1 B7 Bornholm Chairmanship 2007

- Programme and calendar
- Budget

3.2 Brussels programme: 07-09 March

Board and SC

3.3 Meeting with BSO: 16-17 April

Board

Programme draft:

16 April 2007

- *CBSS representatives and CBSS Special Participants Group arrive Bornholm in the afternoon*
- *Dinner hosted by Mayor of Bornholm*

17 April 2007

- *Morning: "An Environment Event" that has significance for islands in the form of visits to places of particular interest on Bornholm. e.g. Biogas plant etc*
- *Afternoon: Meeting with special participants*
- *Depart Bornholm 16.55 for Copenhagen or with ferry to Ystad.*

3.4 Tourism Conference: 03-05 June

- Theme, propose speakers, draft programme
- Proposed representatives from the B7 islands and Baltic organisations

3.5 Special visit to Baltic Europe Intergroup (BEI) in Strasbourg.

- As part of the work with the Maritime Green Paper and to follow up on BEI's strategy, members of the B7 will visit Strasbourg and meet with the Baltic Europe Intergroup

3.6 Energy Conference Islenet and B7: October

3.7 Meet the Danish Government: 08-10 October

3.8 Annual Conference

- Draft programme and key speakers

§4 Follow-up from Evaluation process: (Bornholm Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: To decide how to follow-up the recommendations and conclusions and what actions are to be taken.

- Demand for “value for money” from islands
- Susanne Andersson’s presentation attached to minutes Nov 21 2006)

§5 Status of New EU Baltic Sea programmes: (Bornholm Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: Update status of EU programmes and highlight possible project opportunities using the central and southern Baltic programmes.

- Central Baltic Programme (copy circulated)
- Southern Baltic Programme

§6 B7 Strategy 2007-13: (Bornholm Chairmanship)

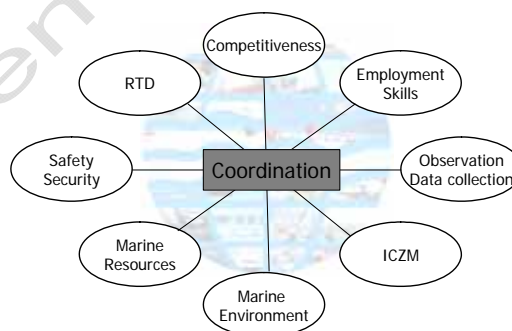
Purpose of agenda item: To agree a process to finalise the strategy, get it approved and outline the implementation of the strategy.

- Status report strategy
- Preparation of action plan

§7 Maritime Green Paper action plan: (Bornholm Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: To agree the level of ambition and a plan for B7’s work on the Maritime Green Paper. i.e.

- Agreeing tasks and responsibilities
- Budget for work.
- Lobby and communication activities.
- Position Paper(s)
- Answering EU Commissions questionnaire



Organisation of Work:

Åland is organised most comprehensively to work with Maritime policy, so we have followed their workplan.

TOPIC	Co-ordinator B7	Co-ordinator Åland
Maritime Green Paper Position	Bornholm Chairmanship	Lasse Wiklöf, Member of Government Co-ordinating with B7 Mikael Wennström
Employment & Competitiveness		
Energy		Henrik Juslin; henrik.juslin@regeringen.ax
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Marine		
Fishery		Olof Karlsson; olof.karlsson@regeringen.ax
Inter Coastal Zone Manegaement (ICZM)		
R&D		
Transport, Safety & Security	Bornholm Henrik Eybye Nielsen	
Shipping	Åland	Yngve Mörn; yngve.morn@regeringen.ax
Tourism		Gunilla Sanders gunilla.sanders@regeringen.ax
Head of EU-office / Co-ordination	David Hunt	Alexandra Oksman; alexandra.oksman@regeringen.ax

Henrik Eybye Nielsen will present a proposal to be discussed at the Board meeting.

Each island will need to consider which of the technical areas they would like to take the lead in describing B7's position. Mikael Wennström has agreed to be the technical advisor and assist with editing the final B7 position.

A draft will be required for when the Board and SC visit Brussels in March together with a list of key questions issues that B7 wishes to investigate during the visit.

Islands must advise if they require time for their councils to approve the B7 position paper

§8 Legal Status: (Bornholm Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: Start the process of the B7 becoming a legal entity.

- Status.

§9 Workgroups and Projects: (Facilitator)

Purpose of agenda item: What is the status of these projects? Are there any policy issues that B7 needs to consider with a view to making recommendations to the B7 SC?

9.1 WG Environment: (DH)

The WGE has advise that it will work with 3 projects this year

- Baltic Master Project:
Need names for contact people for Öland, Saaremaa and Hiiumaa
- Energy Project (if approved)
- Maritime Green Paper & Marine Strategy: co-ordinated by Mikael Wennström of Åland

9.2 WG PtP

- Programme and status 2007
- Project Proposal: Baltic Island Film Festival (see annex)

9.3 Baltic Master Project (DH)

- Status

9.4 BEN Project: (Reet Kokovkin & DH)

- BEN Strategy 2007-17
- How does B7 network with Euroregions after the finish of this BEN Project? Does the B7 wish to continue being involved in a network of Euroregions, what does it want to achieve, how will it continue to do so?
- CBSS, NCM or another organisation having a role as "co-ordinator" of Euro-Regions. do regions want a "government" orientated organisation to "co-ordinate" regions, one could say yes because they have the money or one could look to the Committee of the Regions or perhaps something else.

9.5 Energy Project

- Status

§10 Communications Policy: (Bornholm Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: To define the purpose of a communications policy, key activities, how succeeding chairmanships can manage the commitment plus costs and benefits to B7.

10.1 Staring the work:

Making a needs analysis and a stakeholder analysis in preparation for drafting the policy

10.2 Website:

§11 Accounts:

Purpose of agenda item: To give Board members an update on the accounts status.

- Accounts 2006. (DH)
- Issues relating to payment of accounts (JS for HH)
- Budget 2007. (Bornholm Chairmanship)

§12 International Co-operation:

Purpose of agenda item: To orientate and decide whatever action is necessary concerning activities etc of other international organisations and partners.

12.1 Baltic Forum Proposal (Ulla Pettersson)

§13 Any Other Business:

Purpose of agenda item: Add agenda items and information not included in the final agenda.

ANNEXES

Annexes will be posted on the website under the member's area at least 5 days before a meeting. As far as possible the annexes will be aggregated in one document.

	Agenda Item	Topic
1	3	Chairmanship Programme
2	4	Central Baltic Programme (previously sent out) Latest version of the South Baltic Interreg Programme
3	7	Proposal concerning Maritime Green Paper work
4	9	Film Festival Project Proposal
5	12	Baltic Forum Proposal (Ulla Pettersson)
6	-	A copy of the Charter and Annexes is added. This may be required if the Board wishes to propose changes as a result of the evaluation and strategy work.