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Minutes of the 40th Executive Committee Meeting on 27th October 2005, Trollhättan, Västra Götaland, Sweden

NSC Executive Committee Participants:

President	Cllr. Gunn Marit Helgesen (Telemark)
Vice-President	Cllr. Audrey Findlay (Aberdeenshire)
Danish Representative	Cllr. Harry Jensen (Ringkjøbing)
Dutch Representative	Cllr. Rinske Kruisinga (Noord Holland)
English Representative	Cllr. Kevan Lim (East of England Regional Assembly)
French Representative	not represented
German Representative	Cllr. Björn Thümler (Niedersachsen)
Norwegian Representaive	not represented
Scottish Representative	Cllr. Kathleen Matheson (Highland)
Swedish Representative	Cllr. Roland Andersson (Västra Götaland)
Executive Secretary	Lars Haukvik
Assistant Executive Secretary	Vibeke Jakobsen

NSC Chairs/Vice-chairs of Thematic Groups present

Culture and Tourism	Cllr. Annelie Stark (Västra Götaland)
Economic Development	Cllr. Rinske Kruisinga (Noord-Holland), Cllr. Kevan Lim (East of England Regional Assembly)
Education and Research	Cllr. Alec Thomson (Fife)
Environment	Cllr. Christian Bach Iversen (Nordjylland) Cllr. Alison McInnes (Aberdeenshire)
Fisheries	Cllr. Henrik Ringbaek Madsen (Nordjylland) Cllr. Harry Jensen (Ringkjøbing)
Transport	Cllr. Anders Fasth (Västra Götaland) Cllr. Jan Hallberg (Västra Götaland)

NSC Thematic Group Co-ordinators present:

Culture and Tourism	Geir Sør-Reime (Rogaland)
Economic Development	Erik Lindboe (Rogaland)
Education and Research	Ann Brown (NSC)
Environment	Per Horberg (Västra Götaland)
Fisheries	Ann Bell (Aberdeenshire)
Transport	Jon Halvard Eide (Vest-Agder)

CPMR: Jean-Didier Hache, CPMR Secretariat

Interreg: Lorraine George, Programme Manager Interreg North Sea Secretariat
Allistar Moffat, TV director



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Observers:

Natalie Cos (Nor-Pas de Calais)
Gerrit Walstra (Noord Holland)
Paul Kane (Aberdeenshire)
James Knowles (Aberdeenshire)
Peter Wieland (Niedersechen)
Karen Gibson (Norfolk)
Toine Janssen (SNN)
Gordon Summers (Highland)
Jörgen Niemann (Västra Götaland)
Dominique Robertson (Fife)
Sally Spence (Shetland)

Apologies:

Cllr. Peter Byman (SNN)
Cllr. Sandy Clunes (Shetland)
Cllr. Albrecht Harten (Niedersachsen)
Cllr. Tony Thomkinson (Norfolk)
Cllr. Tor Ottar Karlsen (Buskerud)
Cllr. Gisle Handeland (Hordaland)
Cllr. Martine Filleul (Nor-Pas de Calais)
Cllr. Jeannine Marquaille (Nor-Pas de Calais)

The President started by welcoming everyone.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

1. Minutes of the 39th Executive Committee Meeting on 15th June 2005, Zeeland, the Netherlands

Decisions:

The minutes were adopted.

2. Interreg IIIB programme for the North Sea
Report from the Interreg IIIB programme for the North Sea and Proposal for a North Sea TV series.

Lorraine George told about the TV series and introduced the representative from the TV production company. He informed on the idea for the series, and showed a film as an example on what they could make. One question for the proposed TV series is whether enough NSC members are willing to contribute financially to realise this TV Series. Each member region are asked to contribute with €5.000,-. This was followed up by a discussion.

Decision:

The Executive Committee is positive to the initiative.

Each member region must decide their financial support to the initiative when the Business Plan for the project is presented.



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3. Follow up of the Trollhättan seminar

The President commented the declaration and the meeting made some adjustments to the text.

The President thanked the host and the organisers for a good conference.

Decision:

The declaration was adopted and will be brought to the CPMR General Assembly at Madeira.

The Trollhättan Declaration is available on the NSC Website.

4. NSC Work Plans

The work plans are presented from the chairs of the groups.

The Secretariat have received two applications for NSC events for 2006 from the Environment group and from Culture & Tourism Group, both for 50.000,- Nkr.

In addition the Secretariat suggests to support the Trollhättan seminar with 50.000,- Nkr.

Decisions:

The reports on the progress of the work plans were adopted.

All three conferences get support of maximum 50.000,- Nkr.

5. Members update and Finances

MEMBERS:

The Secretariat have received letter from Söderjyllands Amt who withdrawn their membership.

The Secretariat have been informed of the application to becoming a CPMR member from Nordjyllands Amt (Denmark)

FINANCES:

The Executive Secretary presented and commented the financial statement. No comments to the statement.

Decisions:

The finances was adopted

6. Elections of NSC Office bearers

We have two vacant positions (vice-chairs of Transport Group and co-ordinator of Education & Research Group) and the Secretariat have not received any nominations for these posts.

In the Fisheries Group there has been a change of chair as Harry Jensen has become vice-chair and Sandy Cluness has taken over the position as chair.

Decisions:

The Secretariat can hire Ann Brown as co-ordinator for the Education & Research Group for limited tasks until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The changes within the Fisheries Group were adopted by the Executive Committee.

7. Report from CPMR

Jean-Didier Hache is the new NSC contact person in the CPMR. He presented himself at the meeting and informed the Executive Committee on the work of the CPMR and the CPMR Activity Report.

At the CPMR General Assembly a joint NSC-BSC Resolution on Territorial Cooperation is presented.

Decisions:

The Executive Committee approved the draft resolution.

The paper on The future NSC - CPMR cooperation was presented.

Today there are 9 members of the NSC who isn't a member of the CPMR.

The situation with having NSC member who isn't members of the CPMR is in the long run, not acceptable for either organisation. In light of this the Strategic Committee proposes the following decision:

- All members of the NSC must be a member of the CPMR by 01.01.07.
- Those members of NSC who isn't member of CPMR by 01.01.07 can not be members of NSC and are deleted from the NSC members list.
- In the paper from CPMR of May 31st there is a suggestion for a transition period and the Strategic Committee proposes to agree to the suggestions from this paper. The Strategic Committee proposes a 3 year transition period as described in this paper.

Discussion:

Niedersachsen informed about earlier discussions and decisions about membership. There were discussions pro and contra membership in CPMR.

Decision:

The Strategic Committee proposed this decision:

- **All members of the NSC must be a member of the CPMR by 01.01.07.**
- **Those members of NSC who isn't member of CPMR by 01.01.07 can not be members of NSC and are deleted from the NSC members list.**
- **In the paper from CPMR of May 31st there is a suggestion for a transition period and the Strategic Committee proposes to agree to the suggestions from this paper. The Strategic Committee proposes a 3 year transition period as described in this paper**

The Executive Committee adopted the proposal with 6 votes for the recommendation and 2 votes against.

8. Reports

Work Group on Cross Border/Territorial Cooperation, Report.

Work Group on Maritime Policy Green Paper; Terms of Reference and Cover report



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Decisions:

The Executive Committee approved the reports.

9. Finding a permanent structure for the North Sea Cycle Route

Letter to NSC from the Project

Decisions:

The Secretariat prepares a paper on this item for the next Executive Committee meeting.

10. Preparations for the 15th General Assembly 2006

Preparations have started and the GA 2006 will find place in Aviemore in the Highlands, Scotla.nd. The meeting will be a joint conference with the North Sea Interreg Secretariat, NSC and the Scottish members. The frame for the conference will be the same as the 2005 conference.

Main items at the conference:

- Executive Committee meeting
- Main speakers
- Seminar
- Interreg Partner search
- Study Tours
- Annual Business meeting

The conference starts Wednesday June 14th and ends Friday June 16th.

The provisional title of the conference is “**THE NORTH SEA REGION – WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO INNOVATE!**”. We hope to present the latest news in “Interreg IV” and discuss the important issues for a new North Sea Programme based on the findings from Spatial Agenda.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting is 1st and 2nd of March-2006 in Ipswich in England.

12. AOB

No item

The papers for the meeting are available using this link;

http://www.northsea.org/nsc/documents/executive_committee/0510_trollhattan/excom_271005.html

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