



**Minutes of the 54rd NSC Executive Committee Meeting,
from 09.00 on 29th September,
Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre, Aberdeen**

NSC Executive Committee Participants:

President	Cllr. Gunn Marit Helgesen (Telemark Fylkeskommune)
Vice - President	Cllr. Rinske Kruisinga (Noord Holland)
Vice-President	Cllr. Sandy Cluness (Shetland)
Danish Representative	Cllr. Ole B. Sørensen (Region Nordjylland)
Dutch Representative	not represented
English Representative	Cllr. John Lamb, EERA
French Representative	not represented
German Representative	Cllr. Wilfried Wengler (Schleswig-Holstein)
Norwegian Representative	Cllr. Tom-Christer Nilsen (Hordaland Fylkeskommune)
Scottish Representative	Cllr. Kate Dean (Aberdeen City Council)
Swedish Representative	Cllr. Annika Carlsson (Region Halland)

Executive Secretary	Lars Haukvik
Assistant Executive Secretary	Vibeke Jakobsen

NSC Chairs/Vice-Chairs of Thematic Groups present:

Culture and Tourism	Cllr. Peter Robinson (East Midlands)
Innovation and Education	Cllr. Ole B. Sørensen (Region Nordjylland)
	Cllr. Kate Dean (Aberdeen City Council)
	Cllr. Ellen Solheim, Rogaland Council
Sustainable Development	Cllr. John Lamb (EERA)
	Cllr. Henrik R. Madsen (Region Nordjylland)
Marine Resources	Cllr. Anders Fasth (Region Västra Götaland)
	Cllr. Harry Jensen (Region Midtjylland)
	Cllr. Josie Simpson (Shetland Council)
Transport	Cllr. Leif Blomqvist (Region Västra Götaland)
	Cllr. Anne Robertson (Aberdeenshire)
	Cllr. Preben Friis-Hauge (South Denmark)

NSC Thematic Group Advisers present:

Culture and Tourism	Geir Sør-Reime (Rogaland Council)
Innovation and Education	Erik Lindboe (Rogaland Council)
Sustainable Development	Yasa Ratnayeke (Aberdeen City Council)
Marine Resources	Anne Bell (Aberdeenshire)
Transport	Jon Hallvard Eide (Vest-Agder Fylkeskommune)



Supporting officers and Observers:

Martin Brebner (Aberdeenshire Council)
Sally Spence (Shetland Islands Council)
Toine Janssen (SNN)
Michael Braam-Scholten (Provincie Noord-Holland)
Anja Schmid (Schleswig-Holstein)
Erik Ørskog (Southern Denmark)
Runa Coxeter (Region Nordjylland)
Roar Solbakken (Møre og Romsdal)
Sue Bruce (Aberdeen City)

Apologies:

Cllr. Hainz Maurus, (Schleswig-Holstein)
Cllr. Annelie Stark (Region Västra Götaland)
Cllr. Sjoerd Galema (SNN)
Cllr. Marten Wiersma (Zeeland)
Cllr. Harry van Waveren (Zeeland)
Cllr. Henning Gjellerod (Region Midtjylland)

1. Minutes last meeting, 27th. April, Nørre Vosborg 2010.

Decision;

- 1. The minutes were approved.***

2. Reports;

Culture and Tourism Group: Geir Sør-Reime,

Seminar in Brussels 28th. September. The group would like to encourage short trips and use of the North Sea. Then the Vice Chair Peter Robinson added that tourism is either local or national and not regional. This makes it difficult to work with the tourism from our point of view.

Innovation and Education, Ole B. Sørensen,

No further comments than their written report.

Marine Resources, Anders Fasth,

They had a good meeting the day before. Regarding the NS 2020 we are in a hurry and need to move on. The group will work together with the Transport group. They need a concrete timetable and we have to stay on course. The group thinks that NSC should use money for the NS 2020.

Sustainable Development, John Lamb,

Had a meeting in July and the day before. –make sure that we all work for sustainability. Move forward and cooperation between the groups are important.



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Transport Group, Leif Blomqvist:

Important to make analyses on the freight float in the North Sea. Good examples are wanted. Anne Robertson, the group aligned the work plan yesterday so it fits with the planning done in Stavanger. New Work Plan attached the minutes.

Decision;

- 1. The NSC Executive Committee approves these reports and supports the work of the NSC.***

3. Work Plans

- Culture & Tourist Group: no comments to the written Work Plan.
- Innovation and Education Group no comments to the written Work Plan
- Sustainable Development Group: New work plan (attached these minutes)
- Transport Group, no comments to the written Work Plan
- Marine Resources Group New work plan (attached these minutes)

Decision;

- 1. The Executive Committee supports the work plans presented by the thematic groups.***

4. NSC Finances

The submissions of 13.09.10 were presented as in the paper.

There was a discussion on how big the reserves should be.

The NSC is going on a surplus this year. There will be some extra costs to the Stakeholder seminar in March 2011 and for preparations of a North Sea Region 2020 paper.

The President has received a letter from Zuid-Holland regarding not to raise the membership fee for 2011. The letter was discussed.

Decision;

- 1. The Executive Committee approves the submissions of 13.09.10.***
- 2. The budget is decided by the Annual Business Meeting and the Executive Committee has no authority to overrule the decisions made by the Annual Business Meeting.***
- 3. The budget for 2011 was decided by voting at the Annual Business Meeting at the meeting 18 June 2010.***
- 4. The question of changing the principles for setting up the NSC budget can be raised at the next Annual Business Meeting in June 2011 if this is a request from members.***



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5. North Sea Region 2020

Martin Brebner informed shortly on the Members Survey and the members agreement in the selected themes for the NSR 2020.

The members agreed that it seems that the Marine Resources Group have moved further than all the other groups on this issue and the other groups have to move forward. Further it was discussed the importance of more cooperation between groups and the common conference in March 2011 is a result of this cooperation.

It was suggested to establish a new Ad-Hoc group to lead the NSR2020 work and to secure the cooperation within the NSC and a Cooperation with the COR and Interreg is important for the further work.

During the discussion on North Sea Region 2020 it was proposed to use money from the NSC reserves to hire help to prepare papers and documentation needed for a successful North Sea Region 2020 strategy to be presented for the Danish EU Presidency in spring 2012.

Decision;

- 1. The Executive Committee establishes new Ad-Hoc group was established for continuing the work of NSR 2020. Members of the group are the President, the two Vice-Presidents and one representative from each thematic group (preferably the Chair).**
- 2. The Executive Committee will use of the NSC funds for the making of a North Sea Region 2020 document.**
- 3. The Ad-Hoc group can use until 10.000 Euro in the first phase for preparations of a North Sea Region 2020 document.**
- 4. The North Sea Region 2020 document is to be sent to the Danish EU Presidency 2012.**

6. NSC Organisational Issues

The different scenarios in the prepared papers were discussed if President Helgesen was elected as CPMR President.

(Note: As President Helgesen was not elected this is no longer relevant.)

Decision;

- 1. The Executive Committee notes the discussion for information.**



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7. CPMR GA

The President gave a short summary on the themes in the GA.

Decision;

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8. NSC GA 2011

In 2011 in Bruges the Annual Business Meeting and Ex.Com meeting will be on June 21.st. (Tuesday)
The setup of the joint conference will be with discussions under the same headlines as in 2010 and to use the café model to involve the participants.
The dates for the GA 2011 will be 21-23 June in Bruges, Belgium.

Decision;

- 1. The Executive Committee notes the discussion for information.***

9. Next meeting

John Lamb invites us to the next ExCom in Southend, England. Dates still to be decided.

10. AOB

Nothing.



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Work Plan for the NSC Transport Group (updated 28 September 2010)

Key Activity	Action	Responsibility	Timescale	Resources	Outputs
1. Monitoring and responding to the European Agenda on Transport (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	- Monitor process in EU Commission and in North Sea states on relevant policy issues: TEN-T review Urban transport agenda - Consider policy initiatives and responses when feasible	Chair, Vice-Chair(s), Adviser and selected group members: Aberdeenshire Västra Götaland Region Vest-Agder	Whole period	Working time of Chair, Vice-Chair(s), Adviser and group members, possibly travel, accommodation and meeting costs, expenses to promotional material, possibly expenses to private consultants	Meetings Seminars Reports Statements & responses Projects (?)

Key Activity	Action	Responsibility	Timescale	Resources	Outputs
2. Develop and cooperate with transport projects under the Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme (1, 2, 3)	Identify and further develop project ideas , Provide input to project proposals & applications Facilitate project partnerships Shadow running projects	Adviser and selected group members	Whole period, group meetings and project calls as milestones	Working time of Adviser and group members	-Project ideas -Input to project applications -Project application submitted -Possibly approved projects - Common events with projects



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Key Activity	Action	Responsibility	Timescale	Resources	Outputs
<p>3. Co-operation with the Baltic Sea Commission (BSC) and other relevant stakeholders on Transport issues</p> <p>(1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Identify and decide on relevant themes (MoS, air transport and sustainable transport) and forms of cooperation - Recurrent exchange of information on activities Mutual attendance at meetings - Consider the organisation of meetings, seminars, study visits, drafting of joint resolutions to CPMR and EU, joint projects 	<p>Chair, Vice-Chair(s), Adviser and selected group members</p>	<p>Whole period</p>	<p>Working time, travel and accommodation expenses of involved group members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Meetings -Studies -Study tours -policy positions, resolutions -Seminar/conferences -Projects



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<p>4. Good practice on sustainable transport solutions</p> <p>(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)</p>	<p>-Explore pre-conditions for introducing more energy efficient solutions in the transport sector</p> <p>-Exchange information and good practice on energy efficient solutions in the transport sector use the NSC website as a “landing page” visualising links to existing information resources</p> <p>-Contribute to NSC work on energy</p>	<p>Adviser and selected group members:</p> <p>Aberdeenshire</p>	<p>Whole period</p>	<p>Working time of Adviser and involved group members, travel and accommodation expenses,</p>	<p>-Thematic seminars - Reports - Compilation of good practice at NSC web site - Policy recommendations and other contributions to NSC work on energy</p>

