

**Meeting of BSSSC Working Group on Maritime Policy (WGMP) on 17 September 2008 in Kaunas  
Draft Minutes**

**Attendants**

**Stefan Musiolik**, Land Schleswig-Holstein (chair)  
**Alla Ivanova**, Kalingrad Region  
**Tommy Nielsen**, Region Zealand  
**Marlene Rothe**, Land Schleswig-Holstein (minutes)  
**David Hunt**, B7 (Guest)  
**Kristian Primdal**, Region Zealand (Guest)

**Results**

- Alla Ivanova confirmed that **Kaliningrad** Region is interested in permanently attending the meetings of the WG, a representative of the International Department will be nominated.
- Stefan Musiolik emphasized that the WG aims at cooperating with **other Baltic Sea organisations**, a cooperation e.g. with B7 and Baltic Sea Commission is appreciated.
- The proposed **internet presentation** is accepted from all members via email, “sustainability” will be added to the main objectives of the WG (page 2). Alla Ivanova will give a feedback to the presentation soon.
- The **maritime part of the BSSSC conference resolution 2008** was developed by the WGMP. Despite of reservations from CBSS the BSSSC Board concluded to proceed with the demand for a CBSS Task Force on Maritime Policy (and not only Maritime Economy) in order to support an integrated approach of maritime policy (see attachment, page 3).
- Stefan Musiolik will chair the “**maritime session**” of the **BSSSC Annual Conference** on 18 September – which was mainly organized by the WGMP. It aims at contributing to the contribution of BSSSC to EU Commission’s Baltic Sea Strategy (result of the session as attachment).

- The proposal of Stefan Musiolik to organize a **maritime seminar within the scope of the BSSSC Annual Conference 2009 in Zealand** attracted big support (also from David Hunt). The intention is to bring together the maritime INTERREG actors of the region, also with representatives of maritime policy, in order to coordinate project ideas, to find partners, to enable exchange among the actors and with policy.
- The **European Maritime Day** – every year to be celebrated on 20 May – should be supported in our regions in order to raise public awareness for maritime activities and perspectives.
- Concerning the project **On-shore power supply for ships in the BSR ports** it remains to be seen whether the project application SPICES will be approved by the Monitoring Committee of the EU Baltic Sea Region Programme on 24 October. The Baltic Port Organization (BPO) picked up the topic at their Annual Conference in Lübeck in September and will organize a seminar on it in Tallinn on 14 January 2009.
- For the implementation of the project **Environmentally differentiated harbour dues** it will be necessary to cooperate with other stakeholders (representatives of HELCOM, BPO, Baltic Master and Baltic 21 showed interest).
- A future project idea is **Clean cruise shipping**. Background: The majority of international cruise ships visiting the Baltic Sea discharge their sewage straight into the sea.
- **Next meeting** should take place in the framework of the BSSSC Board Meeting in Tallinn on 20/21 November 2008. (In the meantime it seems to be far better to organize the third meeting of the WGMP **in the framework of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy Stakeholder Conference in Rostock on 5/6 February 2009**)