

Euroregion Baltic
Board Meeting
23 September 2010

Quality Airport Hotel Dan Copenhagen
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Title	Final Minutes
Submitted by	SDD, International Permanent Secretariat
Summary / Note	This document provides the final minutes of the Board meeting held on 23 rd September 2010
Requested action	Signing

ERB Board

Jacek Protas	Chair, ERB President
Wiesław Byczkowski	On behalf of Member of the Board, Pomorskie Region
Marie-Louise Hilmersson	Member of the Board, Södra Småland
Bernth Johnson	Member of the Board, Blekinge
Åke Nilsson	Member of the Board, Kalmar
Per Ole Petersen	Member of the Board, Bornholm
Elise Wåhlin	Member of the Board, Youth Board
Joanna Zielińska	Member of the Board, Association of Polish Communes

Other participants

Niels Chresten Andersen	ERB Secretariat, Bornholm
Lisa Anderson	YC3 Project Coordinator
Pavel Bekker	Government of Kaliningrad Region
Erik Ciardi	ERB Secretariat, Kalmar
S. Demkowicz-Dobrzański	International Permanent Secretariat
Marie Fridh	ERB Secretariat, Blekinge
Matilda Hilmersson	Regional Council in Södra Småland
Mariana Johannesson	ERB Secretariat, Södra Småland
Elena Koroleva	Government of Kaliningrad Region
P. G. Lindencrona	ERB Secretariat, Blekinge
Sebastian Magier	International Permanent Secretariat
Krystyna Wróblewska	ERB Secretariat, Pomorskie Region
Piotr Zwolak	ERB Secretariat, Wamińsko-Mazurskie

AGENDA

1. **Opening & Welcome**

Jacek Protas, Marshal of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Region and ERB President, opened the meeting.

2. **Approval of the agenda**

ERB Board members approved the agenda. The representatives of Kalmar informed that Mr Erik Ciardi will provide information in point 6.2.a instead of Mr Roger Kaliff who could not come to the meeting.

3. **Approval of the minutes of the previous Board meeting**

ERB Board members approved the minutes of the ERB Board meeting which took place on 22nd April 2010. Mr Jacek Protas, ERB President and Mr Per Ole Petersen, ERB Board member, placed their signatures on the minutes.

4. **Update on the ERB 2020 Agenda**

The representatives of the ERB member organisations informed on how they have consulted and anchored the ERB 2020 Agenda.

A discussion followed. In result, ERB Board members agreed on the final text of the ERB 2020 Agenda to be presented to the ERB Council for approval (see Attachment 1).

Regarding the amount of the membership fees, the ERB Board members agreed that the annual membership fee will be equal for all the ERB member organisations and amount to 5 500 EUR. The Danish, Polish and Swedish member organisations will pay this fee as of January 1st 2011 while the Lithuanian and Russian member organisations will start to pay 5 500 EUR as of January 1st 2013 at the latest.

5. **ERB Statutes**

The representatives of the ERB member organisations presented their opinions on the draft ERB statutes which have been designed to reflect the organisational changes proposed in the ERB 2020 Agenda.

A discussion followed. In result, ERB Board members agreed on the final text of the ERB Statutes to be presented to the ERB Council for approval (see Attachment 2).

6. **ERB Action Plan for 2010 - 2011**

The representatives of the ERB member organisations presented their views on the outline of the ERB Action Plan 2010-2011 which will have been prepared as a result of the input provided by the ERB President and Vice-President, as well as discussions among the ERB Secretariats during their meeting on 16th September.

A discussion followed. In result, ERB Board members agreed on the outline of the ERB Action Plan 2010-2011 (see Attachment 3) and asked the ERB IPS and Regional Secretariats to complete the outline with detailed actions to be presented to the ERB Council for approval.

6.1 **Future EU Cohesion Policy**

The representatives of the ERB member organisations discussed a proposal of the response to the South Baltic Programme Monitoring Committee's questions with regards to the future of the Programme and agreed on the final text (see Attachment 4).

6.2 **EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region**

The representatives of the Regional Council in Kalmar County informed the Executive Board of the activities undertaken with reference to the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

YC3 Project Coordinator informed the Executive Board of a project proposal under Chapter 12 of the Strategy, called "Network the local youth policy structures", to be prepared by the ERB Youth Board and proposed to the European Commission (see Attachment 5).

ERB Board members welcomed the presented involvement in the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and supported an idea of the youth project to be implemented as a flagship project.

6.3 **Joint ERB project**

Head of the International Secretariat presented a proposal of a joint ERB project to be drafted and submitted to the South Baltic in the sixth call (see Attachment 6).

ERB Board members supported the proposal to draft and submit the joint ERB project.

7. **Request for an ERB joint statement**

ERB Board members agreed on the final text of the statement in support of ongoing process to introduce the local border traffic regime on the border with the Kaliningrad Region of the following phrasing:

The Executive Board of Euroregion Baltic fully supports the efforts taken by the Governments of the Republic of Poland and of the Russian Federation to implement a bilateral agreement offering advantages to border residents crossing the external borders of the Member States.

We believe it justifiable that the border area is extended to allow residents in the Kaliningrad Region and neighbouring regions of Poland to benefit fully from the local border regime.

8. **Closing**

Jacek Protas, Marshal of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Region and ERB President closed the ERB Executive Board meeting.