71st NSC Executive Committee Meeting
17th June, 2016, Vejle (DK)

Attending
President Kerstin Brunnström
Vice-President John Lamb
Vice President Andreas Lervik
Danish representative Otto Kjær-Larsen
Dutch representative Nienke Homan
English representative see Vice-President
French representative not present
German representative Anke Spoorendonk
Norwegian representative see Vice-President
Scottish representative not present
Swedish representative Dag Hultefors

NSC Secretariat
Executive Secretary Magnus Engelbrektsson

NSC thematic group Chairs/Vice Chairs
Culture and Tourism Otto Kjær-Larsen
Birgitta Adolfsson
Economic Development not present
Energy and Climate change Jon Olav Strand
Marine resources Anders Fasth
Transport Kåre Pettersen

NSC thematic group advisors
Culture and Tourism not present
Economic Development not present
Energy and Climate change Paulien Kooistra
Marine resources Camilla Løvaas Stavnes
Transport Jon Halvard Eide

Supporting officers and observers
Kia Sofie Abildtrup, Syddanmark Kathrin Jakobsen, Hordaland
Ulrika Bertilsson, Halland Elmer Koole, Noord-Nederland
Kate Clarke, Hordaland Charlotta Lundström, Västra Götaland
Eileen von Elsner, Schleswig-Holstein Thomas Pfannkuch, Schleswig-Holstein
Kjersti Helene Garberg, Østfold Gustaf Rehnström, Västra Götaland
Karen Greve Somerset, Nordjylland Einar Stokka, Hordaland
Daniel Charles Hextall, Hordaland
1. Approval of the agenda
The agenda for the meeting was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes
The minutes of the 70th ExCom meeting, 2nd March 2016, Gothenburg, were approved.

3. Follow-up on decisions made by ABM
Kerstin Brunnström mentioned that she was going to follow up on the Preparatory action at a workshop organized by DG MARE in The Hague the coming week, “Strategic Cooperation on Blue Growth in the North Sea Region”.

A revised budget for 2017, in accordance with the ABM decision to restructure the thematic groups, will be discussed and decided on at the October ExCom meeting.

John Lamb offered to host the ExCom meeting in March 2017 in Southend-on-Sea, and Andreas Lervik said that Østfold will sponsor the dinner at that meeting.

The meeting took note of the information.

4. Election of vice-chairs for thematic groups 2016-2018
Tjisse Stelpstra, Drenthe, was elected new Vice Chair for the Energy and Climate Change group.

Jon Olav Strand was re-elected Vice Chair for the Energy and Climate Change group.

Martin Kitts-Hayes, Aberdeenshire, and Jonathan Wills, Shetland, were re-elected Vice Chairs for the Marine Resources group.

Peter Argyle, Aberdeenshire, and Kåre Pettersen, Vestfold, were re-elected Vice Chairs for the Transport Group.

5. Next meeting
The meeting took note of the place and date of the next meeting: in Brussels on 21st October.

It was decided to invite the CPMR Secretariat to the meeting to give a status report on relevant issues, with a special focus on the future of Cohesion policy and Interreg post-2020.

6. Additional issues
Jon Olav Strand expressed worries that a reduction of the support for advisors (today 12 000 euro per advisor) would send the wrong signals.