



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
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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 Somersset, 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.