

## Conclusions

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**Report meeting in connection with the EU strategy for the Baltic Sea region, priority area 4 – “To become a model region for clean shipping”, held at the premises of the Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 3 June 2010**

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### Draft agenda

1. Welcome.
2. Information by the Commission (Catharina Sørensen, DG REGIO).
3. Individual reporting by the flagship projects.
4. Summing up of reports.
5. Any other business.

### Welcome

Clea Henrichsen welcomed the participants to the first report meeting in connection with priority area 4 of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Area.

### Information by the Commission

Catharina Sørensen from the EU Commission informed the participants that a report is to be drawn up once a year and forwarded to the EU Commission. The first *official* report is not due for submission until in June 2011, but a *status* report on each Priority Area (on overall progress and on each individual actions and flagships projects) will have to be sent

to the Cion by 30 June 2010, a template for which has previously been circulated to the Flagship Project Leads by the Priority Area Coordinator.

On the basis of the flagship reports received, the EU Commission will draft a short report of about 12 pages covering the following three aspects: 1) governance structure (e.g. the set-up and overall outcome hereof), 2) status of implementation (e.g. technical assistance issues, creation of networks, funding sources); and 3) the next steps. The report will have rather comprehensive annexes containing the report of each action plan and each flagship project as well as, for example, maps, etc.

The sources of information for the report will be the Priority Area Coordinators as well as the structural funds, and the various Directorate-Generals will be consulted for policy developments in the area.

The *time schedule* is as follows:

30 June 2010:	Deadline for submission of flagship project reports.
July-August 2010:	EU Commission examines the reports received and drafts the report.
Early September 2010:	The report is forwarded to the High-Level Group.
Late Sept/early Oct 2010:	A Priority Area Coordinators meeting is convened.
5 October 2010:	The next High-Level Group meeting is held.
14-15 October 2010:	The annual stakeholder meeting is held in Tallinn, Estonia.
Early November 2010:	The report is adapted in the light of the comments received from the High-Level Group meeting and the annual stakeholder meeting.
Late November 2010:	Publication of the report.

### **Individual reporting by the flagship projects**

*Flagship project 1: “Promote measures to collect ship generated waste”*

Lead partner: Monika Stankiewicz from Helcom,  
[monika.stankiewicz@helcom.fi](mailto:monika.stankiewicz@helcom.fi)

Unfortunately, Monika Stankiewicz could not take part in the meeting, but the information needed for the report to the EU Commission has been submitted to the Priority Area Coordinator prior to the meeting.

*Flagship project 2: “Promote measures to reduce emissions from ships and enhance the development for shoreside electricity facilities or for emission treatment in all major ports around the Baltic Sea in order to aim at a full coverage by 2015”*

Lead partner: Jorma Kämäräinen from Finland

([jorma.kamarainen@fma.fi](mailto:jorma.kamarainen@fma.fi)) and Reidar Grundström from Sweden ([reidar.grundstrom@sjofartsverket.se](mailto:reidar.grundstrom@sjofartsverket.se)).

This flagship project was represented at the meeting by Reidar Grundström, who has also – together with Jorma Kämäräinen – drawn up and sent the information needed for the report to the EU Commission to the Priority Area Coordinator prior to the meeting.

Reidar Grundström informed the participants that, so far, no start meeting has been held within this flagship project.

The flagship project is closely interlinked with other flagship projects and comprises cooperation with primarily two other projects, namely 1) the BSRInnoShip project entitled “Baltic Sea cooperation for reducing ship and port emissions through knowledge- & innovation-based competitiveness” under the lead of Esa Kokkonen from the Baltic Institute of Finland and 2) the Clean Baltic Sea Shipping project under the lead of Jörg Sträussler from Baltic Energy Forum e.V and Sten Björk from the Port of Trelleborg.

Esa Kokkonen has already submitted information for the report for the Commission beforehand on the above-mentioned project and also gave a presentation of the project at the meeting (see the enclosed “BSRInnoShip presentation”). Esa Kokkonen had become acquainted with the Clean Baltic Sea Shipping project in late 2009 and expressed great hope that the two projects could benefit from further cooperation in the future.

Subsequently, Sten Björk and Jörg Sträussler presented the Clean Baltic Sea Shipping project (see the enclosed “Presentation CBSS”).

Following the presentation of the Clean Baltic Sea Shipping project, Peter Olsen from the Danish Shipowners’ Association expressed concern about the approach behind the project that, in his view, sounded more like one characterized by the “stick” than the “carrot”, but Sten Björk assured him that they were prepared to consider the views of all stakeholders.

*Flagship project 3: “Introduce differentiated port dues depending on the environmental impact of ships”*

Lead partner: Monika Stankiewicz from HELCOM  
([monika.stankiewicz@helcom.fi](mailto:monika.stankiewicz@helcom.fi))

Unfortunately, Monika Stankiewicz could not take part in the meeting, but the information needed for the report to the Commission has been submitted to the Priority Area Coordinator prior to the meeting.

*Flagship project 4: “Eliminate the discharge of sewage from ships”*

Lead partner: Jorma Kämäräinen from Finland  
([jorma.kamarainen@fma.fi](mailto:jorma.kamarainen@fma.fi))

Unfortunately, Jorma Kämäräinen could not take part in this meeting, but the information needed for the report to the Commission has been submitted to the Priority Area Coordinator after the meeting.

*Flagship project 5: "Improve the waste handling on board and in ports"*

Lead partner: Therese Nilsson from Region Blekinge  
([therese.nilsson@regionblekinge.se](mailto:therese.nilsson@regionblekinge.se)).

This flagship project was represented by Henrik Nilsson, who is also a representative of the Baltic Master II project within the framework of which this flagship project is carried out. The information needed for the report to the Commission has been submitted beforehand.

At the meeting, Henrik Nilsson also gave a short presentation of the status of the Baltic Master II project (see the "Presentation of Baltic Master II").

*Flagship project 6: "Conduct a feasibility study on LNG infrastructure for short sea shipping"*

Lead partner: Mogens Schrøder Bech from the Danish Maritime Authority ([ms@dma.dk](mailto:ms@dma.dk)).

Mogens Schrøder Bech gave a brief summary of the kick-off meeting within this flagship project held on 26 May 2010 (see the enclosed "Decisions from kick-off meeting on FP6").

### **Questionnaire to Priority area Coordinators on technical assistance for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)**

Catharina Sørensen briefly informed about the background of the questionnaire that had been forwarded to the Priority Area Coordinators and should be returned to the Commission by 15 June 2010.

Naturally, the issue of funding of the various projects is very important, especially since no new funding is attached to the launching of the EUSBSR. This decision was taken because quite a lot of money is available in the region already. However, some Priority Area Coordinators have nevertheless encountered funding problems, and this is the background for this questionnaire.

Various types of costs are related to the EUSBSR, for example costs for preparatory work and implementation costs.

One example of a funding possibility is the Baltic Sea Programme, which had its 3<sup>rd</sup> call for applications in March 2010, and the results of which have not yet been announced. Furthermore, the possibility of establishing

a trust fund is being examined, for example in cooperation with the European Investment Bank.

Also, the European Parliament has a keen interest in the EUSBSR and has agreed to allocate 20 million euro this year, primarily for external partners, such as Russia. The European Parliament has also expressed an interest in allocating money next year, probably for technical assistance (meetings).

Finally, the Member States can decide on further funding, and actually some Member States are pushing for this, especially States in the Baltic Sea area.

Actually, the Commission spends more time on this issue than originally anticipated, and therefore the questionnaire has been drawn up in order to get an overview of the problems encountered in this respect by the Priority Area Coordinators.

Helle Knudsen requested the Flagship Project Leads to return the questionnaire to her by 10 June 2010.

Asked by the Priority Area Coordinator how new flagship projects are included in the Strategy, Catharina Sørensen explained that, since the Priority Area Coordinators are those who have most in-depth knowledge about their particular area, it is up to them to examine new proposals for flagship projects. Subsequently, such proposals should be forwarded to the EU Commission, which will then consider them and submit them to the High-Level Group, which meets as often as relevant – and the next time in late September 2010.

### **Final remarks**

Clea Henrichsen thanked the participants for a useful meeting and said that a meeting will be held again when necessary for coordinating purposes.