

Euroregion Baltic  
Executive Board Meeting  
Online  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012



<b>Title</b>	Final Minutes
<b>Submitted by</b>	SDD, International Permanent Secretariat
<b>Summary / Note</b>	This document provides provisional minutes of the ERB Executive Board meeting which took place on 29 <sup>th</sup> October in Nida in Klaipeda County.
<b>Requested action</b>	Signing

**Participants: ERB Executive Board**

Mr Roland Gustbée	ERB President, Chair of the Board of Regional Council of södra Småland
Mr Per Ole Petersen	ERB Vice-President, Member of the Council of Regional Municipality of Bornholm
Mr Lennart Förberg	Member of ERB Executive Board, Vice-Chair of the Board of Region Blekinge
Mr Vytautas Grubliauskas	Member of ERB Executive Board, Chair of Association of Klaipeda
Ms Christina Mattisson	Member of ERB Executive Board, Chair of the Board of Region Blekinge
Mr Oliver Rosengren	Chair of ERB Youth Board, Regional Council of södra Småland
Ms Wioletta Sokół	Director of International Relations Department of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Region, on behalf of Mr Jacek Protas, Member of ERB Executive Board

**ERB Secretariats**

Mr S. Demkowicz-Dobrzański	Head of ERB International Permanent Secretariat
Ms Therese Magnusson	ERB Secretariat, Regional Council of södra Småland
Mr Jan Martinsson	ERB Secretariat, Regional Council in Kalmar County
Ms Agata Nazar	ERB Secretariat, Association of Polish Communes
Mr Marcin Popiela	ERB Secretariat, Pomorskie Marshal's Office
Mr Valdas Pučkorius	ERB Secretariat, Association of Klaipeda Region
Ms Johanna Rönn	ERB Secretariat, Region Blekinge
Ms Małgorzata Samusjew	ERB Secretariat, Association of Polish Communes
Mr Piotr Zwolak	ERB Secretariat, Warmińsko-Mazurskie Marshal's Office

## AGENDA

### 1. **Welcome & Opening**

President of Euroregion Baltic, Mr Roland Gustbée opened the meeting and presented the agenda.

*ERB Executive Board members approved.*

### 2. **Temporary IPS function between 01.01.2013 and 30.06.2013**

Following the discussion at the previous Board meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012 the member organisations agreed a solution needs to be found for a legal personality for ERB (see the attachment: 201201029\_final\_minutes.docx). Since, the registration of a new legal entity will take time, the Regional Council in södra Småland made a proposal of a temporary solution for the IPS function to enable the continuity of the cooperation within Euroregion Baltic (see the attachment: Proposal\_IPS\_2013\_SouthernSmåland.pdf).

*ERB Executive Board members agreed to the proposal of the Regional Council in södra Småland. According to the proposal, the ERB International Permanent Secretariat (IPS) will be hosted by the Regional Council in södra Småland between 1 January 2013 till 30 June 2013 and 50% of the employment time of the IPS head will be shared by the ERB member organisations. ERB Executive Board members also agreed that the IPS will be responsible for the preparation of a solution of legal status for Euroregion Baltic before 30 June 2013, assisted by the ERB member organisations (and specifically their legal departments) and under scrutiny of the ERB Presidency.*

### 3. **EVS project for an ERB volunteer**

Information was presented on the status of the EVS project application by Kumulus (in cooperation with ERB). Since, the project can only pay expenses of a youth volunteer's travel from Bornholm to Kalmar (one trip) and back (one trip), and the idea is that the volunteer participates in all ERB meetings, it was recommended that the ERB joint funds allocated for the ERB Youth Board are used to finance the volunteer's participation in the 4 ERB meetings planned in 2013.

*ERB Executive Board members decided on the allocation of ERB Youth Board funds to cover the cost of travel for a youth volunteer in the EVS project. The allocation was calculated at around 1700 EUR with the specific aim of covering the travel expenses of a youth volunteer in four ERB meetings in 2013.*

### 4. **BSLF Round Table**

ERB President, Mr Roland Gustbée presented information on his attendance in the Baltic Sea Labour Forum Round Table which took place in Hamburg on 15<sup>th</sup> November. The Round Table resulted in the adoption of the declaration, distributed also among the ERB partners. ERB President, Mr Roland Gustbée recommended further engagement in the work of the Baltic Sea Labour Forum.

*ERB Executive Board members took note of the information presented.*

### 5. **MOMENT Final Conference and 4<sup>th</sup> ERB Water Core Group**

ERB President, Mr Roland Gustbée presented information on his attendance in the Moment Final Conference which took place in Kalmar on 27-28<sup>th</sup> November.

Mr Jan Martinsson also informed that as a result of the MOMENT project Water User Partnerships have been included in the revised Action Plan of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

*ERB Executive Board members took note of the information presented.*

**6. Future South Baltic CBC Programme**

IPS Head, Mr Sławomir Demkowicz-Dobrzański presented information on the activities within the ERB Task Force on EU Cohesion Policy with reference to the South Baltic Programme taken as the follow-up to the decisions by the ERB Executive Board on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (see the attachment: 201201029\_final\_minutes.docx), including letters sent to DG Regio and the ERB standpoint on the thematic scope (see the attachment: ERB\_SouthBaltic\_final\_thematicscope.docx).

*ERB Executive Board members approved of the ERB standpoint on the thematic scope of the South Baltic Programme and took note of the other information presented.*

**7. Publication in the Baltic Rim Economies**

ERB President, Mr Roland Gustbée presented information on the publication of an article on Euroregion Baltic in the publication called *Baltic Rim Economies*, quarterly issued by the University of Turku which deals with a wide range of topics related to the Baltic Sea Region.

*ERB Executive Board members took note of the information presented.*

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Mr Roland Gustbée  
ERB President

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Mr Per Ole Petersen  
ERB Vice-President