

AGREEMENT  
ON ESTABLISHING THE EUROREGION  
"BALTIC"

MALSORK, 1998



## PREAMBLE

The regional and the local authorities of the border regions of the South East Baltic – the Parties of the present Agreement,

*co-operating* with one another within the scope defined by the laws in force in their countries,

*taking into account* that the Euroregion realizes the eagerness of the local communities for multilateral co-operation, based on the existing bilateral relations,

*taking into consideration* the European general convention on the cross-border co-operation of the communities and territorial authorities dated May 21, 1980 and The European Charter of Local Self-Government dated October 15, 1985

*confirming* the desire for co-operation, creating the basis for contacts between people, economic organisations and authorities,

*accepting* that the main target of the Euroregion is to prepare and ~~realise~~ joint plans and projects for the development of the border areas, as well as to remove barriers in co-operation,

sign the following Agreement.



The Agreement of establishing the Euroregion "Baltic" is signed by and between:

*the Danish Party*

The County of Bornholm, represented by  
The County Mayor Mr. Knud Andersen  
and

*- the Latvian Party:*

The City and Region of Liepaja, represented by  
the Vice-Chairman of the Liepaja City Council Mr. Aivars  
Jurkowskis  
and

*- the Lithuanian Party:*

I. Governor of Klaipeda County Mr. Laisvunas Kavaliauskas;

II. Mayors of the following cities:

1/ Klaipeda Mr. Eugenijus Gentvilas;

2/ Palanga Mr. Pranas Zeimys;

3/ Neringa Mr. Stasys Mikelis;

III. Mayors of following districts:

1/ Klaipeda Mr. Ceslavas Banevicius;

2/ Kretinga Mr. Juozas Sakinis

3/ Silute Mr. Sarunas Lauzikas

4/ Skuodas Mr. Liudas Zukauskas

and

*- the Polish Party:*

I. The Association of Communes of the Republic of Poland of the  
Euroregion "Baltic", represented by

1/ the Chairman of the Board of the Association, the President of  
Elblag, Mr. Witold Gintowt-Dziemalowski



2/ the Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Association, the Vice-President of Gdynia Mr. Maciej Brzeski;

II. Governors:

1. of Elbląg Province Ms. Maria Piór;

2. of Gdańsk Province Mr. Tomasz Sowiński;

3. of Shupsk Province Mr. Jerzy Kuzyniak;

III. The Chairmen of Regional Assemblies of Local Authorities of:

1. Elbląg Province Mr. Włodzimierz Kunc;

2. Gdańsk Province Mr. Grzegorz Grzelak;

3. Olsztyn Province Mr. Marek Żyliński;

4. Shupsk Province Mr. Mirosław Batruch

and

- *the Russian Party:*

" The Association of Municipalities of Kaliningrad Region",  
represented by

1/ the Chairman of the Council of the Association, The Head of  
the Municipality of Baltijsk Mr. Alexander Kuznetsov;

2/ the First Vice-Mayor of Kaliningrad Mr. Jurij Sawienko  
and

- *the Swedish Party:*

I. The Blekinge Association of Local Authorities, represented by  
The President Mr. Stig Janzon;

II. The Blekinge County Council, represented by  
the Director, Mr. Jan Larsson;

III. The County Administrative Board of Blekinge, represented by  
the Deputy Governor Mr. Per-Arne Andreasson;



IV. The Regional Council in Kalmar County, represented by the President Mr. Roger Kaliff;

V. The Kronoberg Association of Local Authorities, represented by the President Mr. Carl-Olof Bengtsson;

VI. The Kronoberg County Council, represented by the Chairman Mr. Bo Jonsson;

hereinafter referred to as the "Parties".

Whenever the expression "Danish Party" is used in the Agreement, it should be understood as the County of Bornholm.

Whenever the expression "Latvian Party" is used in the Agreement, it should be understood as the City and Region of Riga.

Whenever the expression "Lithuanian party" is used in the Agreement, it should be understood as the Governor of Klaipeda County, Mayors of following cities: Klaipeda, Palanga and Neringa, Mayors of Klaipeda, Kretinga, Silute, Skuodas districts.

Whenever the expression "Polish party" is used in the Agreement, it should be understood as The Association of Communes of the Republic of Poland of the Euroregion "Baltic", Governors and Chairmen of Regional Assemblies of Local Authorities of Elblag, Gdańsk, Olsztyn and Słupsk Province.

Whenever the expression "Russian party" is used in the Agreement, it should be understood as "The Association of Municipalities of Kaliningrad Region".



Whenever the expression "Swedish party" is used in the Agreement, it should be understood as the Blekinge Association of Local Authorities, the Blekinge County Council, the County Administrative Board of Blekinge, the Regional Council in Kalmar County, the Kronoberg Association of Local Authorities and the Kronoberg County Council.

Whenever the expression "Parties" is used in the Agreement, it should be understood as all the participants of the Agreement.

## § 1

1. The Parties constitute Euroregion named "Baltic".
2. The Euroregion's Baltic activity comprises areas within the territory of:
  - The Kingdom of Denmark - the Bornholm County;
  - The Republic of Latvia - the City and the Region Liepaja;
  - The Republic of Lithuania - Klaipeda County;
  - The Republic of Poland - Elblag, Gdansk, Olsztyn and Slupsk Province;
  - The Russian Federation - Kaliningrad Region;
  - The Kingdom of Sweden - Blekinge, Kalmar and Kronoberg.
3. The membership and the territory of the Euroregion's "Baltic" activity are open and they can be changed basing on the decision of the Euroregion's Council at the motion of one or several Parties of the Agreement.
4. The Agreement's Parties may decide on the Euroregion's acceding to other associations and organizations and particularly to the Association of European Border Regions.

## § 2

1. The Agreement is concluded for an unlimited period.
2. Any amendment to the present Agreement require the written consent of all the Parties of the Agreement.



3. The Agreement is terminable by each of the Parties of the Agreement when respecting the 6-month's termination period prior to the date of planned resignation. The termination should be in written form.
4. In case the Agreement is terminated by such a number of the Parties of the Agreement that only one Part will remain in the Euroregion, the Euroregion's Council will decide on the way of its liquidation.
5. The official languages of Euroregion "Baltic" are English and Russian. If a meeting is held on the territory of one of the countries-Parties of the Euroregion, the discussions may be conducted in the language of the host. The hosts of the sessions are obliged to provide the participants with simultaneous translations into English and Russian.
6. The official documents must be drawn up in 2 languages - English and Russian.

### § 3

The aims and ways of co-operation, rights and duties as well as organization structure of Euroregion "Baltic" will be fixed by the Statute, which is the integral part of the present Agreement.

### § 4

The Agreement, together with the Statute, has been drawn up in 7 copies in English and Russian: one copy in English and Russian for each Party and one for the Secretariat Archives.

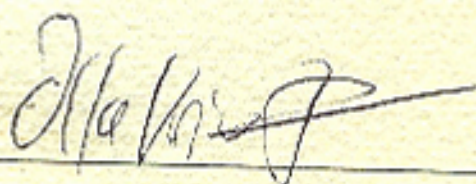
All the copies of The Agreement and the Statute are equally valid.

### § 5

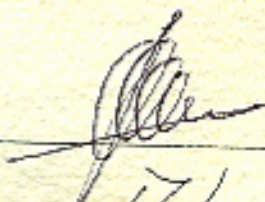
The Agreement comes into force on the date it is signed by the Parties.



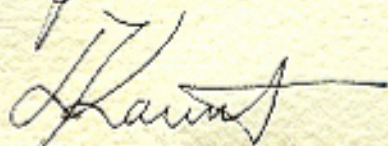
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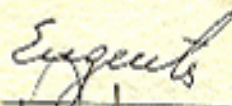
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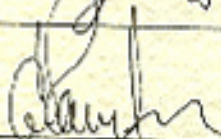
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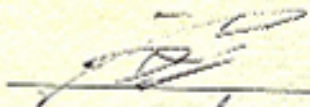
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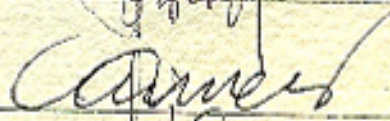
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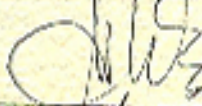
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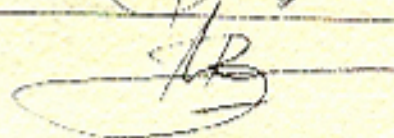
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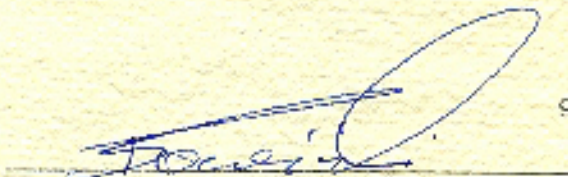


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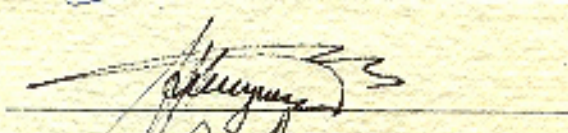




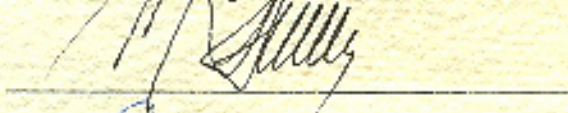
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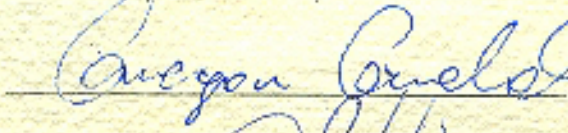
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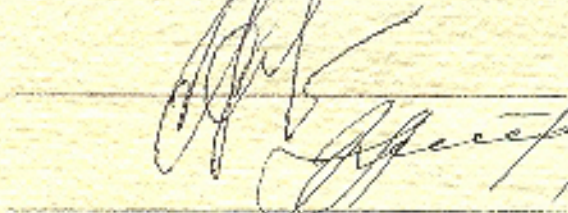


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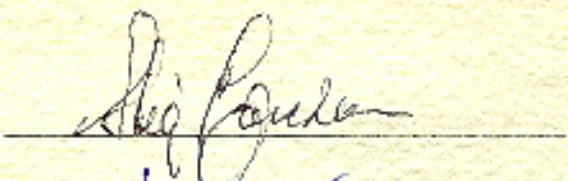
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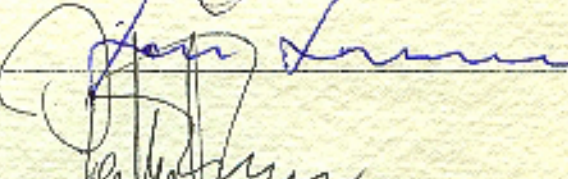
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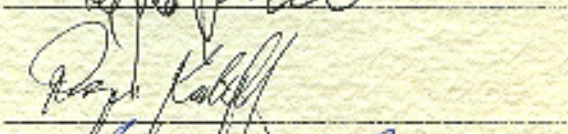
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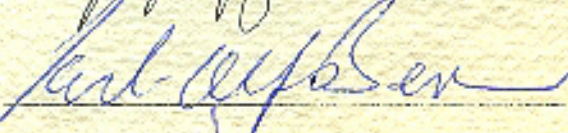
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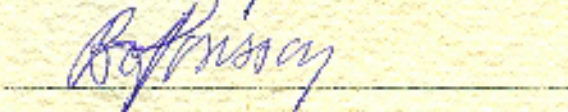
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