

# Minutes Euroregion Baltic Board Meeting Kalmar, 1 February 2001

**Board members:** Roger Kaliff, President, Southeast Sweden

Alexander Kuznetsov, Kaliningrad region

Roma Stubriene, Klaipeda region (substitute for

Mrs. Virginija Lukosiene, Governor Klaipeda County)

Henryk Slonina, Poland

Danish and Latvian members are not present at the

meeting.

**Secretariat:** Maria Lindbom

Håkan Brynielsson

**Interpreter:** Fredrik Wilhelmsson

## § 1 Vice presidency in Euroregion Baltic 2001-2002

The board has been given the task by the council to contact the Danish and Latvian parties concerning vice presidency in Euroregion Baltic during the Swedish presidency 2001-2002. A proposal on how to proceed shall be presented at the next council meeting on 19 June. A decision will then be taken by the council.

Decision

Mr Kaliff will contact the Danish and Latvian parties to discuss the matter.

# § 2 Membership in Assembly of European Border Regions (AEBR)

The council is in favour of joining the Assembly of European Border Regions as a full member, not only as observer. First the Euroregion secretariat (with help of the Polish secretariat) will contact the AEBR office and ask about conditions for member-ship and membership fees for the entry of all Euroregion Baltic parties in AEBR.

#### Decision

The secretariat contacts the AEBR office in Gronau to enter all parties in Euroregion Baltic as full members in the organisation.

### § 3 **EXPO in Kaliningrad**

The council has given the task to the board to discuss the matter further with the Kaliningrad party to find a date for the EXPO in the spring 2002 in connection with a Forum South Sweden.

#### Decision

The secretariat will discuss a date with the Kaliningrad secretariat and come back with a proposal in time for the next board meeting.

#### § 4 New Chairman of the Environmental Working Group

As Mr Roger Kaliff is newly elected President of Euroregion Baltic the Southeast Sweden party has decided to appoint a new chairman for the environmental working group. The new chairman is Ms Marianne Eckerbom. Ms Eckerbom comes from Ljungby municipality in Kronoberg County, where she is chairman of the local Evironmental Board and member of the Municipality Board.

#### § 5 **Strategy for Euroregion Baltic**

The task of initiating the common strategy work/preparatory work for a common project proposal to Interreg/Phare/Tacis has been assigned to the board by the council.

Southeast Sweden proposes to form an expert group with one person from each member region. Working language will be English. Mr Rolf A. Karlson will function as secretary for the group. The Swedish party is also willing to appoint a chairman for the group and suggests Mr Håkan Brynielsson for this task.

The group of experts should be formed immediately or as soon as each region has presented their member in the group. Names should be presented to the Euroregion Baltic secretariat within one week from now (9 February 2001).

Mr Henryk Slonina suggests that the majority of the time next board meeting will be devoted to the question of the strategy/Interreg III preparations.

Decision

The board decides to continue the work in accordance with the Swedish proposal.

Roger Kaliff President Maria Lindbom Secretariat