

Euroregion Baltic
Executive Board Meeting
Klaipeda, Lithuania
20th March 2014



- Title** Final Minutes
- Submitted by** SDD, International Permanent Secretariat
- Summary / Note** This document provides final minutes of the ERB Executive Board meeting which took place on 20th March 2014 in Klaipeda, Lithuania.
- Requested action** Signing

ERB Executive Board meeting
20th MARCH, 10.00 – 18.00
Office of the Mayor of Klaipeda City
Danes 17 Street, floor 2

Participants: ERB Executive Board:

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| Per Ole Petersen | ERB President, Member of the Council of Regional Municipality of Bornholm |
| Vytautas Grubliauskas | ERB Vice-President, President of Association Klaipeda Region |
| Grzegorz Grzelak | Deputy Member of ERB Executive Board, Parliament of Pomorskie Region |
| Roland Gustbée | Member of ERB Executive Board, Chair of the Board of Regional Council of södra Småland |
| Monica Haider | Member of ERB Executive Board, 2 nd Vice-Chair of the Board of Regional Council of södra Småland |
| Akko Karlsson | Member of ERB Executive Board, Member of the Board of the Regional Council in Kalmar County |
| Alla Ivanova | Member of ERB Executive Board, Minister-Head of Agency for International Affairs and Interregional Cooperation, Kaliningrad (tbc) |
| Åke Nilsson | Member of ERB Executive Board, Member of the Board of the Regional Council in Kalmar County |
| Anna Wasilewska | Member of ERB Executive Board, Member of the Board of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Region |

Participants: ERB Youth Board:

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| Hmida Benattalah | Deputy Member of ERB Youth Board, Regional Council in Kalmar County |
| Mateusz Kryżba | Deputy Member of ERB Youth Board, Warmińsko-Mazurskie Region |
| Tautrimas Rupulevičius | Member of ERB Youth Board, Association Klaipeda Region |

Participants: ERB Secretariats

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| Niels Andersen | Regional Municipality of Bornholm |
| S. Demkowicz-Dobrzański | ERB International Permanent Secretariat |
| Karolina Hołówka | SYPERB project |
| Jan Martinsson | Regional Council of Kalmar County |
| Roma Naruszewicz | Association of Polish Communes (tbc) |
| Valdas Pučkorius | Director of the Secretariat of Association Klaipeda Region |

Magdalena Skłucka	Office of the Marshal of Pomorskie Region
Johanna Rönn	Region Blekinge
Krystyna Wróblewska	Office of the Marshal of Pomorskie Region
Piotr Zwolak	Office of the Marshal of Warmińsko-Mazurskie Region

Guests:

Vaclovas Dačkauskas	Mayor of Klaipeda district municipality
Simonas Gentvilas	Advisor to Vytautas Grubliauskas, Mayor of Klaipėda
Karolina Kubeldzienė	Adviser to Šarūnas Vaitkus, Mayor of Palanga
Raimonda Kucinskaite	Strategic Planning & Investment, Klaipeda district municipality
Šarunas Laužikas	Mayor of Šilute district municipality
Asta Raugaliene	Head of the Regional Development Department County Office (Ministry of Interior)
Ina Šidlauskienė	International department of Klaipėda municipality
Stasys Vainoras	Mayor of Skuodas district municipality
Modestas Vitkus	Klaipėda City youth coordinator

1. Opening & Welcome

President of the Association Klaipeda Region and member of the ERB Executive Board, Mr Vytautas Grubliauskas welcomed the participants of the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

President of Euroregion Baltic, Mr Per Ole Petersen opened the meeting and present the agenda. He also gave a short overview of the ERB cooperation.

Decision:

ERB Executive Board members approved the agenda.

3. Signing the minutes of the previous ERB Board meeting

ERB IPS submitted the minutes of the ERB Executive Board meeting which took place on 15th November 2013 (see attachment).

Decision:

ERB President, Mr Per Ole Petersen and ERB Executive Board member, Ms Anna Wasilewska signed the minutes.

4. Decision regarding the ERB International Secretariat (IPS)

ERB 2020 Agenda Focus Area: Strategic Actions
Internal Action: strengthening ERB internally

Following the decision of the ERB Board taken on 15th November 2014, the Polish partners presented a proposal specifying the hosting party for IPS and its future location. The hosting organisation for the IPS will be the Foundation for the Promotion and Support of Entrepreneurship in Olsztyn whose stakeholders are: Marshal Office of Warmińsko-Mazurskie, Warmińsko-Mazurskie Regional Development Agency, Warmińsko-Mazurskie University in Olsztyn, and the Municipality of Olsztyn.

Head of IPS, Mr Sławomir Demkowicz-Dobrzański presented the draft Terms of Reference detailing the process of the IPS transfer.

ERB Executive Board members discussed further steps regarding the location of IPS after 30th June 2014. ERB President, Mr Per Ole Petersen proposed that the new ERB President and Vice-President could visit the Foundation before the IPS is transferred.

Decisions:

- a) ERB Executive Board members agreed that the Foundation for the Promotion and Support of Entrepreneurship in Olsztyn will host the IPS as of 1st July 2014.
- b) ERB Executive Board members also adopted the Terms of Reference in order to facilitate the IPS transfer.
- c) ERB Executive Board agreed the online meeting in order to select the successful candidate to head the IPS will take place on 9th May between 08.00 and 10.00 (Danish, Polish, Swedish time).

5. Decision regarding the future legal status for ERB

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Internal Action: strengthening ERB internally

Following the decision of the ERB Board taken on 15th November 2014, the Polish partners drafted the final version of the statute for an international association (new legal personality for ERB).

ERB Executive Board members discussed the draft focusing on the articles related to the representation of the ERB Youth Board in the General Assembly, age of Youth Board members, minimum number of Executive Board meetings, and a decision required to dissolve the association.

ERB Board member, Ms Alla Ivanova informed that the draft is still undergoing legal analyses and the Russian partners will not be able to adopt the draft now. Comments are expected the federal ministries of Economic Development, Foreign Affairs, Justice, and Regional Development.

Decision:

- a) ERB Executive Board members agreed to:
 - remove §2.1.4 moving "people-to-people contacts" and "labour market cooperation" to §3.6;
 - remove §2.1.8 as its contents are repeated in §3.7;
 - change §6.2 to enable all the members of the ERB Youth Board to be included in the General Assembly;
 - remove "except for the decision to dissolve Euroregion Baltic" from §6.6, and accordingly, change "with at least 2/3 of the votes in favour when representatives of at least half of the members have taken part" into "on the basis of consensus";
 - change "not less frequently than twice a year" into "not less frequently than three times a year" in §7.4;
 - change "between 16 and 25 years old" into "between 16 and 30 years old" in §8.1;
 - ask the ERB secretariats to make necessary editorial corrections;
- b) ERB Executive Board members agreed to discuss comments to be sent in by the Russian partners and agree on the final draft of the statute at the next Board meeting.

6. Report on activities in 2013

- 6.a. An activity report presenting the outcomes of the ERB cooperation in 2013 was delivered by ERB President, Mr Per Ole Petersen and Head of IPS, Mr Sławomir Demkowicz-Dobrzański.
- 6.b. An activity report presenting the outcomes of the cooperation within the ERB Youth Board was delivered by the Youth Board deputy member, Mr Mateusz Kryżba.

Decision:

ERB Executive Board members adopted the reports.

7. **Transfer of Chairmanship**

- 7.a. ERB Presidency was transferred from Denmark to Lithuania, and Mr Vytautas Grubliauskas, Mayor of the City of Klaipeda, Chairman of Klaipeda Regional Development Council, and President of Association Klaipeda Region was elected ERB's new President by the ERB Executive Board. At the same time, the Executive Board elected Mr Wiesław Byczkowski as ERB's new Vice-President.
- 7.b. ERB Youth Board informed that chairpersonship was transferred from Sweden to Denmark, and Ms Maria F. Kjaergaard, Member of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Bornholm was elected new Youth Board Chair. At the same time, Mr Mateusz Kryżba representing the region of Warmia and Masuria was elected new ERB Youth Board Vice Chair.

8. **ERB Action Plan 2014 – 2015**

- 8.a. President of Euroregion Baltic, Mr Vytautas Grubliauskas outlined the new Action Plan for the ERB cooperation in 2014 and 2015.
- 8.b. Mr Mateusz Kryżba, ERB Youth Board Vice Chair presented main activities planned within the ERB Youth Board.

Decision:

ERB Executive Board members approved the ERB Action Plan 2014 – 2015.

9. **Conclusion and Closing**

ERB President, Mr Vytautas Grubliauskas concluded and closed the ERB Executive Board meeting.

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Vytautas Grubliauskas
ERB President

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Member of ERB Executive Board

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