



B7 Baltic Islands Network B7 Gotland Chairmanship 2005

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR B7 BOARD Visby 1 December 2005

Date: Thursday, 1 December 2005
Start Time: 15.30
Finish Time: 17.30

Venue for Meeting: **Wisby Hotell**
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Participants B7 Board:

Island	Name	Participating
Rügen	Christian Theel	Yes
Bornholm:	Jorgen Kvist	Yes
Gotland:	Claes Kullberg	Yes
Gotland:	Ulla Pettersson	Yes
Hiiumaa:	Reet Kokovkin	No
Saaremaa:	Anu Vares	No
Öland:	Jörgen Samuelsson	Yes
Åland:	Olof Erland	Yes
B7 Secretariat:	Hanna Waluszewski	Yes
B7 Facilitator:	David Hunt	Yes

§1 Minutes of previous meeting

Corrections to be noted

- **Decision: Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

§2 Approval of Agenda

Additions or corrections to agenda point noted
New points added



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- **Decision: Agenda approved with the following additions:**

- The B7 Website** (David Hunt)
- Business Cards** (Christian Theel)
- Bartenders** (Christian Theel)
- Relations between Board and Workgroups** (Christian Theel)
- B7 Financial Issues** (Christian Theel)
- Education Conference** (Christian Theel)

§3 Chairmanship report (Claes Kullberg)

Update on the Chairmanship Programme
Reports from:

CBSS meeting in Turku, 29 September – 1 October

The priorities of the Island Presidency up to 2006 were presented. A proposal for future arrangements with the special participants was put forward, the CBSS stress the importance of participation from heads from the other organisations. Next meeting is in spring 2006 on the invitation of CBSS to the heads of the special participants. There will also be a coordination meeting for the Baltic Sea Organisations autumn 2006. The ambition is to strive for more force into the organisation.

Åland meeting, 10 – 11 November

David Hunt, Claes Kullberg and Hanna visited Åland to discuss next years Chairmanship Programme, budget, meet key actors and hand over of the B7 Secretariat.

CPMR, Baltic Sea Commission, Executive Committee

The Baltic Sea Commission will try to arrange a seminar on the Baltic Sea Environment during the politician's week in Almedalen on Gotland. There are however some practical obstacles.

CPMR, General Assembly (Jorgen Kvist)

Hiiumaa, Saaremaa, Gotland and Bornholm participated. The overall theme was: "How can regions participate in the development of Europe?" Barroso spoke positively on the EU budget and a presentation on the Maritime Safety Policy for Europe was most interesting.

The letter to Ms Elisabeth Helander

The B7 asked to meet Ms Helander in Turku. However, her opinion was that the B7 is not likely to get an own Interreg programme. B7 members from Bornholm have met with Esben Paulssen in Brussels, Helanders deputy. Jorgen Kvist will report on this during the SC/Plenary Session.

§4 Maritime Policy – The Position of Åland (Olof Erland)

Åland produced a document due to the EU:s suggestion for a new Maritime Policy. The plan is to prepare a "green paper" in spring next year where different parties may comment and give suggestions. Åland has a special relation to this policy due to the shipping industry. Åland would like to turn the focus to small-scale societies in maritime regions.



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Olof Erland suggests a similar B7-Paper. David Hunt has a very positive view to the paper and suggests that the paper should be presented to the WGE for their comments. Claes suggests that Olof writes a B7 version for the organisation.

Proposal: Olof Erland will work out a Maritime Strategy Policy for all islands in the B7. David Hunt will write the basic conditions for the islands. Member islands are requested to supply David with basic material for this. The issue should be on the agenda at the next Board Meeting in January. The paper will be sent to WGE for their comments.

- **Decision: Suggestion approved.**

§5 Agenda for Steering Committee (Claes Kullberg)

Only late exceptions and additions to be discussed

Olof Erland told the Board that the position for Secretariat is not yet filled. Recruitment is ongoing. David asked the board to check the dates for next years programme with the politicians, to avoid participation problems.

An international group on Rügen suggests moving the Annual Conference to October, dates around Christmas are often fully booked and there is also a budgetary issue. Jorgen Kvist points out that the SC must take the decision on budget and programme for the upcoming year. This is an issue for the politicians, hence the date.

An invitation for a Maritime Event in July 18-23 from Åland is attached to the minutes.
Annex 1 (To be sent out separately)

Christan Theel asks about the travel subsidies for Rügen. David explains that as per e-mail replies, this is on the agenda for SC to discuss.

§6 Plan for next Board Meeting (Olof Erland)

Next meeting will be 18-19 January. People are to arrive Wednesday and meetings will start the next morning. Invited are representatives from Bonus, an R&D cooperation, Helcom and the Prime Ministers Secretariat on Maritime Policy. Jorgen Kvist will not be able to participate but will send a replacement.

§7 Any Other Business

Additions:

Document on the B7 Website (David Hunt)

B7's longer-term needs from the website, which is a key part of the B7 communications policy, do not fit with the shorter time perspective of a Chairmanship Year. For the website to work effectively it needs a combination of someone who knows what is happening in B7, can write English, has good communication within and without B7 and has strong technical backup.

When visiting Åland concerning the coming years plans, the person proposed to work with the website would have no contact with the B7 and had no technical backup. The



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Board was presented with the proposal for managing the website sent out a few days before the meeting. (see attached **Annex 2**)

Olof explains that the Åland have had two persons looking into the website and they will be able to manage the site during their chairmanship. Olof suggest that Åland will make a proposal on how to manage the website and a decision is to be made at the next Board Meeting. The Chairmanships responsibility stands.

- **Decision: The Chairmanship has the responsibility for the B7 website.**

Business Cards (Christian Theel)

Christian suggests getting international cards for the Board Members.

- **Decision: The Board regards this as a matter for each island.**

Bartenders (Christian Theel)

Christian tells the Board about the Bartender Union and suggests having a bartender competition or event during one of our meeting. This will be a question for the Chairmanship next year.

Relations between Board and Workgroups (Christian Theel)

Christian speaks on the PtP Workgroup being unhappy because they do not feel that they are heard in the organisation. Christian suggests the WG to be invited to the board meetings in the future. Especially the first Board Meeting in January to be able to discuss the upcoming year. This way we will have more and better communication. This is a serious observation that should be taken into account for the next Chairmanship.

David Hunt stated that the WG PtP was invited to the Board meetings in June on Gotland and in Gdansk September. In June the Gotland WG PtP representative did not show up and in September the WG PtP Chairperson advised non-attendance one week before the meeting, when a substitute could not be found. Several members of the WG PtP were contacted to gain their views before the meetings. The WG got a positive decision with funding on all project suggestions with the exception of one.

Olof suggest that the organisation should look at the information flow. A suggestion is every board meeting should include WG reports. (See annex to the B7 Charter "Guidelines for B7 Workgroups", paragraph 5: communication)

B7 Financial Issues (Christian Theel)

Formal question, Christian will discuss this with the Board by e-mail.

Education Conference (Christian Theel)

A group from the Education Conference from Rügen is set up and is quite sure that they will manage to have a good cooperation. The group would like to do a partnership meeting on Rügen next year. No money is need for the project EU funding could be possible.



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- **Decision: The Board will follow up on the initiative. The issue is to be brought up at the next Board Meeting.**

List of Annexes to the Board minutes:

No.	Title	Date sent
1	Maritime Event Invitation	<i>Will be sent out separately</i>
2	E-mail on website proposal	<i>6 December 2005</i>



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DRAFT MINUTES: B7 STEERING COMMITTEE AND PLENARY SESSION Visby 2 December 2005

Date: Friday, 2 December 2005

Start Time: 09.00

Finish Time: 12.30

Venue for Meeting: **Wisby Hotell**
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Participants:

Island	Name	B7 Position	Participating
Bornholm:	Jörgen Kvist	Board	Yes
Bornholm:	Bjarne Kristianssen	SC	Yes
Bornholm:	Jörgen Jespersen	WGE	Yes
Bornholm:	Henrik Ebye Nielsen	WG PtP	No
Bornholm:	Annelise	SC	Yes
Gotland:	Claes Kullberg	Board	Yes
Gotland:	Ulla Pettersson	Board	Yes
Gotland:	Jan Lundgren	SC	Yes
Gotland:	Bengt-Olof Grahn	WGE	Yes
Gotland:	Anne Ståhl-Mousa	WG PtP	No
Hiiumaa:	Reet Kokovkin	Board	No
Hiiumaa:	Hannes Maasel	SC	No
Hiiumaa:	Avo Kütt	WGE	No
Hiiumaa:	Ermo Mäeots	WG PtP	No
Rügen:	Christian Theel	Board	Yes
Rügen:	Uwe Ahlers	SC	Yes
Rügen:	Bodo Noak	WGE	Yes
Rügen:	Martina Schwinkendorf	WG PtP	Yes
Saaremaa:	Anu Vares	Board	No
Saaremaa:	Han Teiv	SC	No
Saaremaa:	Anne Jakunin	WG PtP	No
Åland:	Olof Erland	Board	Yes



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Åland:	Harriet Lindeman	SC	No
Åland:	Mikael Wennerström	WGE	Yes
Åland:	Håkan Slotte	WGE	No
Åland:	Jan-Ola Lönnblad	WG PtP	No
Öland:	Jörgen Samuelsson	Board	Yes
Öland:	Tommy Eliasson	SC	Yes
Öland:	Mats Lindahl	WGE	Yes
Öland:	Anders Nyholm	WG PtP	No
Öland:	Seppo Ekelund	B7 Webmaster	Yes
Facilitator:	David Hunt	Facilitator	Yes
B7 Secretariat 2005:	Hanna Waluszewski	Secretariat	Yes
Invited:	Hache Jean-Didier	CPMR	Yes
Invited:	Andreas Backfolk	Åland Brussels Representative	No

§1 Chairmanship Report (Claes Kullberg)

Gotland reports on 2005. The Gotland presentation, **Annex 3**.

- **Decision: Accepted by the Steering Committee**

§2 Draft Accounts 2005 (Claes Kullberg)

Accounts attached as **Annex 4** (Updated version to be sent out later)

- **Decision: Approved by the Steering Committee**

§3 Workgroup Reports 2005

- **WG Environment and Baltic Master Project** (Jörgen Jespersen)
The workgroup presented what it had achieved during 2005 and presented its programme for 2006. The programme for 2006 was met very positively
Decision: Workgroup report accepted and programme approved by Steering Committee
- **Feedback on Baltic Master conference in Gdansk** (Bjarne Kristianssen)
The Baltic Master Work Package and WG are most interesting. Issues discussed where what concrete action plans we have incase of an accident, what we lack and how can we improve. Bjarne Kristianssen stresses the importance to move on to real action plans.
- **WG People to People** (Martina Schwinkendorf)
The report highlighted perceived poor communication and considerable problems, which are to be followed up by the B7 Board. The Baltic Light project will not go ahead now.
Decision: Programme 2006 approved by Steering Committee

§4 Åland Chairmanship Programme 2006 (Olof Erland)

- **Decision: The dates of the Åland Programme were discussed. The programme was approved with the following changes and additions:**

Islands of the B7 Baltic Islands Network: Bornholm (Denmark), Gotland (Sweden), Hiiumaa (Estonia), Rügen (Germany), Saaremaa (Estonia), Åland (Finland) and Öland (Sweden).



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29–31 March Lobbying in Brussels

26-27 September Seminar: Evaluation and Strategy

Revised Åland Chairmanship Programme Calendar attached **Annex 5**

WGE stated that the theme for the June conference should be either Energy or Environment but not both. WGE wanted the topic to be Energy as BSSSC was developing a major environment conference for October 2006. Olof Erland will discuss with representatives from Åland as their intention was to have a conference on Energy and Environment. Proposed that the matter to be decided at the Board meeting in January. Jørgen Jespersen will present a suggestion and speakers list at the B7 Board Meeting in Helsinki in January

- **Decision: The Board will decide on the theme for the conference be finalised at the Board meeting in January.**

§5 Åland Draft Budget 2006 (Olof Erland)

Jorgen Jespersen informed the SC that WGE is to send a proposal of 25 000 SEK for the Natura 2000 Project to the Board.

Martina Schwinkendorf asked the Åland Chairmanship if a yearly Youth Camp would be part of their programme. If so, will there be money in the budget?

- **Decision: The Board will discuss possible solutions for a youth camp with the Åland Chairmanship at the January Board Meeting.**

Uwe Ahlers asks about the possibility of travel subsidies for Rügen travels.

- **Decision: Travel subsidies will be kept up according to the B7 Charter and Annexes.**
- **Decision: The SC approved the Åland Draft Budget**

NOTE:

The following contain the references to travel costs for Rügen. There is no reference in the B7 Charter to travel costs for Rügen. There are two references in the annexes:

Charter Annex: Guidelines for the Chairmanship and Secretariat

Paragraph 7: Costs that can be covered by "Travel" budget line in B7 Budget

- 40% of travel and accommodation costs for B7 Board Member from Hiiumaa, Rügen, Saaremaa. (These costs are to be paid for by the islands and claimed back from the B7 Accountant. The support. for travel is to reduced by 5% per year)

Charter Annex: B7 BUDGET and ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

Paragraph 8: SPECIAL RULES ADDED BY B7 BOARD & STEERING COMMITTEE

- A travel and accommodation costs subsidy can be paid to Rügen, Hiiumaa and Saaremaa of 40% (as in year 2004) reducing by 5% each year. (Decision of Öland Conference 2002)



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- §6 The Commission Proposal on State Aid** (Mr. Jean-Didier Hache, CPMR, Islands Commission)
Presentation attached as **Annex 6**
- §7 Future Interreg Programme, EGTC** (Jörgen Kvist)
Information
Presentation attached **Annex 7**
- §8 B7 Future** (David Hunt and Claes Kullberg)
There was no time for an overall discussion on the issue. David Hunt will send out a more comprehensive paper based on the survey and including issues that were intended to be raised at the meeting. Each island is therefore to read the report of the survey to be distributed.
- **Decision: David to continue the work**
- §9 Gotland hands over Chairmanship to Åland**
Jan Lundgren hands over the chairmanship hammer to Olof Erland.
- §10 Any Other Business**
Jan Lundgren expresses his gratitude of the work from the Board and Secretariat during the year.

List of Annexes to the minutes:

No.	Title	Date sent
3	Gotland Chairmanship Report 2005	<i>6 December 2005</i>
4	Draft Accounts 2005	<i>Updated version to be sent out later.</i>
5	Åland Chairmanship Programme Calendar (revised)	<i>6 December 2005</i>
6	Commission Proposal on State Aid	<i>6 December 2005</i>
7	Future Interreg Programme, EGTC	<i>6 December 2005</i>

2005-11-29 09:36

Dear Hanna,

Additional point on agenda: B7 Website

1. For the website to work effectively it needs a combination of someone who knows what is happening in B7, can write English, has good communication within and without B7 and has strong technical backup.

The website contains:

- News of what is happening (updated at least twice a month)
- The Chairmanship year
- Key documents. e.g. position papers, minutes, agendas etc
- A history of the B7

2. I understand from Öland and Seppo that he is stopping as webmaster from 31 December 2005. (I have since received a mail yesterday that said he could consider continuing in some other way)

3. When I visited Åland, the person had not looked at the website before my arrival. There was no plan for him to participate in any other way with the B7 and he himself was not a technical computer person and he had no technical backup. The improvements that Olof had talked about, he could not show me.

I propose that as of 1 January that I take over the task of webmaster using technical backup from our IT department. Some of what is required follows:

- Updating of the sitemap and adding links since 2003
- Automating movement around the site and making it more logical.
- Revising the current front page. It has become static and lost the active regular news and updates part
- Adding pages for the BEN and Baltic Master projects
- Updating members area and archives
- Introducing applets such as scroll news
- Re-introduce B7 in the world page with notes on meetings with the BSO organisations
- Putting photos of events on the site in a more user friendly way.

Currently the practice is that the responsibility for the website rotates with the Chairmanship and Secretariat. I do not think that the longer-term needs of the website, which is a key part of the communications policy, goes well with the shorter time perspective of a Chairmanship Year

Best regards, david



B7 Gotland Chairmanship Programme 2005



Chairmanship program 2005

Themes for Chairmanship Year 2005

- Developing strengths through education
- Regional Development in the Baltic Sea Region
- Promoting youth and culture
- Benefiting from political strengths and partnerships



Political Focus

- **Meeting the new MEP's**
Brussels, March 15 - 16
Promoting the islands and island issues to the **Baltic Intergroup** and **CoR Position Papers** on Structural Funds, State Aid and Territorial Cooperation



Political Focus

- **anchors Aweigh – Growth and Development in the BSR**
Gotland, Dec 1-2
Development of the BSR



Meetings with other BSO

Malmö
Turku (Åbo)

- CBSS Special Participants
- CPMR – BSC
- BSSSC
- UBC



Conferences and events

- **Estonia developing as an EU member**
Tallinn, Jan 21
Estonia's progress as a member of the EU





Conferences and events

- **Education Conference**
Gotland, June 9-10
Peripheral regions and education clusters and job development



Conferences and events

- **Youth Camp**
Gotland, Aug week 32
During the medieval week, bringing together the youth of the islands



Conferences and events

- **Gdansk**
Poland, Sept 8-9
The B7 meets with UBC



The Projects

- **Interreg**
 - BEN
 - Baltic Master
 - GEDERI
 - Medieval Islands



Gotland's Hopes for a B7 Future

- Continue Cooperation with BSO
- Maintain network and contacts with Brussels
- Strengthen the Baltic Sea Region
- Strategy leads to focus and efficiency



Åland B7 Chairmanship 2006

Programme



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|---------------|---|-------|
| 18 - 19 Jan | Board Meeting, Helsingfors (<u>Åland Delegation</u>): HELCOM, MARPOL, Islands in Finland... | |
| 29 - 31 March | Lobbying in Brussels: MP (Baltic Sea), COM, CoR, NGOs, CPMR, Maritime Policy, Environment | |
| 27 - 28 April | BEN Conference, Board Meeting in Hiiumaa | |
| 07 - 08 June | Conference: Environment and Energy | (WGE) |
| June (wk 24) | Alandia Cup | |
| 26 - 29 July | B7 Games | |
| 18 - 23 July | Maritime Event: Traditional Boats & Culture | |
| 26 - 27 Sept | Seminar: Evaluation and Strategy | |
| 29 - 30 Nov | AC: "Maritime Policies & Sustainable Islands" | |



THE BALTIC ISLANDS and the changing EU State Aids Regime

Jean-Didier Hache
CPMR Islands Commission
December 2005

- 1° - The legal and political context
- 2° - Regional aids 2007-2013: a degree of recognition for islands.
- 3° - Aids granted to Services of general economic interest. Specific provisions for small island sea or air routes.
- 4° - Horizontal aids

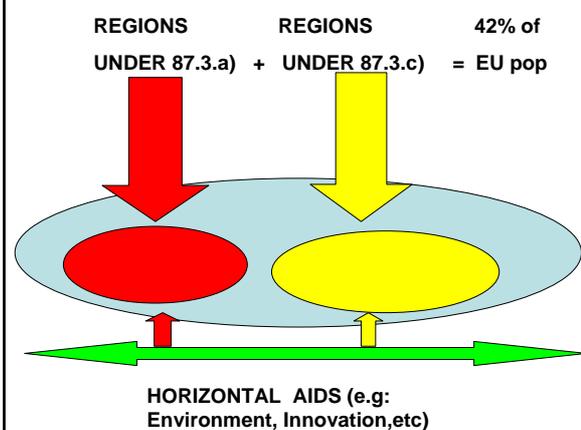
1° - The legal and political context

- Competition policy is a **cornerstone** of EU construction
- The Treaty grants European Commission **exclusive competence** in that field
- « State aids » means aids coming from public funds, be it at **national, regional or local level**.
- The Commission is progressively **reviewing** all State aids regimes and setting-up new guidelines:
 - regime for compensating services of public economic interest,
 - Regional aids for 2007-2013
 - « Horizontal » aids (innovation, environment, etc.)

- On one hand, the EU clearly stated policy is to have less and better-targeted aids.
- On the other hand, Member States are under pressure because of the social and economic consequences of enlargement or globalisation, and want to retain the possibility to apply aids.
- For islands, the issue is how EU legislation will paid heed to the principle of **territorial cohesion**, and to the **recognition of territories with permanent geographical handicaps**, which were asserted in the proposed Constitutional Treaty.

It is important for islands to monitor the evolution of all aids regimes

- Different regimes may apply at the same time, e.g.:
 - An island resident gets a rebate on its ferry fares: **Social aid**
 - A shipping operator gets a subsidy for performing a Public Service Obligation to an island: **Transport aid** (Sectoral)
 - A business located in a sparsely populated area gets a direct subsidy to cover some of its transport overcosts: « **Operating aid** » under the **Regional aids** regime.
- Classification under the Regional aids regime is likely to affect status under other forms of aids



2° - Regional aids 2007-2013: a degree of recognition for Islands

87.3.a) Abnormally low standard of living or serious unemployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUTSII regions with GDP/head <75% EU25 • All Outermost Regions • « Statistical effect » regions (GDP/h>75%EU25 but <75% EU15) till end of 2009. Situation then reviewed. If <75%EU25, still in a), otherwise in c)
87.3.c) Development of certain areas when does not affect trading conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatically, « Statistical effect » regions as from 2010 (see above) • Subject to designation by Member State and within a varying national ceilings of population: • « Economic Development » regions (ex 87.3.a) regions with GDP>75% EU15), islands with <5000h and various other areas, including islands, provided their GHP/h <EU25 average OR their unemployment >115% of national average).

Specific provisions for Islands

- Islands with a GDP/h <EU25 average OR unemployment > 115% of national average can be made eligible to 87.3.c)
 - Small islands and territories under « similar isolation » with a population <5000h can be classified under 87.3.c), **irrespective of statistics**
- However, this is subject to selection by the Member State within the national quota of population** (Sweden: 15,3%, Denmark: 8,6%; Finland:33%).

 **Baltic Islands will have to ensure that their Member State is listing them in that category!**

- Small islands will also get a +5% bonus in the ceiling of aids granted to small « start-up » businesses

What is going to happen to Baltic Sea Islands?

	UNDER 87.3.a	UNDER 87.3.c (*)	NOT Classified
Regions	Saaremaa Hiiumaa	If GDP/h<EU25 average OR unemployment > 115% national average Götland ? Bornholm ?	Åland ? (main island)
Small Islands <5000		Irrespective of statistics All small islands (for those not already under 87.3.a)	

(*) SUBJECT TO NATIONAL QUOTAS OF POPULATION UNDER 87.3.c

What are the consequences?

	UNDER 87.3.a	UNDER 87.3.c	NOT Classified
Investment Aids ceilings	Large:50% Medium:60% Small:70%	Large:10/15%* Medium:20/25%* Small:30/35%*	Large: none Medium: 10% Small: 20%
Working aids	Provisionnal and degressive only	Not allowed	Not allowed
Aids for start-ups for small businesses (5 years max., and degressive)	2m€ max.; 35% to 25% ceiling rate +5% small islands	1m€ max; 25% to 15% ceiling rate +5% small islands	Not allowed

*If GDP/h>EU25 average AND unemployment <EU25 average, then lower rate applies

...What we did not get

- Access to 87.3.c irrespective of statistics is allowed for sparsely populated areas and to small islands, not for other islands which must meet criteria of GDP and unemployment
- The Commission has not modified its position regarding working aids on transport overcosts (still only allowed in sparsely-populated areas and outermost regions)

3° - Aids granted to Services of general economic interest. Specific provisions for small island sea or air routes

Aids to SGEI are regarded as compatible under 4 conditions:

- Public Service Obligation must be clearly defined
- Basis of compensation must be established in advance in an objective and transparent manner
- Compensation cannot exceed what is necessary
- If no public procurement procedure, then compensation must be determined on the basis of costs of a « typical undertaking »

Field of application:

- Undertakings with turnover < 100m€ which receive compensation <30m€
- Hospitals and social housing undertakings
- Airports with < 1m pax. and ports with <300.000 pax
- **Air or maritime links to islands with <300.000 pax**

A number of uncertainties...

- However, the provision for small island routes is « *without prejudice to the application of stricter rules in sectoral transport legislation* »
- Sectoral legislation clearly mentions tendering if financial compensation is given to an operator.
- **So, is a tendering procedure still required, or should a simple notification be enough?**
- What about islands which are « stepping stones » to other islands, and thus go over the 300.000 pax limit?
- “*Idem*” about integrated sea or air services in an archipelago?

4° - Horizontal aids need to be monitored.

- « Horizontal aids » are also of great importance to islands, since they deal with areas where islands are affected by higher costs (e.g.: environmental aids)
- « Horizontal aids » tend to apply higher ceiling to areas under 87.3.a) and 87.3.c)
- However, legislation regarding 87.3.a) and 87.3.c) may not cover all islands (e.g: Åland's mainland, Balearics...). Or islands may need extra support on specific issues.

The issue of islands must be also raised within the framework of horizontal aids.

A Future INTERREG Programme, An EGTC

(European Grouping of Territorial Co-operation)

Jørgen Kvist

Executive Director

Growth, Development, Leisure and Culture

A future B7 - key words

- Visibility & purpose
- Professionalism
- Focus on Chairmanship programmes
- Network , lobby, & exchange experiences
- Large Projects - using LIFE / INTERREG / YOUTH /.....

Current Status for Future Structural Funds Programme

- Awaits agreement on EU Budget -
.....December 15?
- British rebate -
.....more than high drama and a good speech?
- What kind of Objective 2 programme -
.....half the budget, over the whole country?
- Objective 3 - international co-operation -
.....How can the B7 take advantage?

An INTERREG future for B7

- B7 part of a cross-border ("A" programme.)
- doubtful
- B7 inter-regional projects ("B" Programme.)
- yes: but more limited in focus
- All islands can get 75% support - yes
- Write "Territorial Co-operation"
into objective 1 & 3 programmes. - !

How to participate in EU projects as a legal entity - B7?

- Problems with BEN and Baltic Master
- EGTC (European Grouping of Territorial Co-operation)
.....Or one island representing B7?