



B7 Baltic Islands Network

B7 Åland Chairmanship 2006

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PROGRAMME FOR B7 BOARD Helsinki, 18 - 19 January 2006

Hotel: Sokos Torn Hotel Helsinki
http://www.hotelclub.net/hotel.reservations/Sokos_Torni_Hotel_Helsinki.htm
 Price €120 per night
 Rooms to be confirmed to secretariat by 4 January. Please pay your own accounts.

Participants:

Island	Name	Participate	Room booked at Sokos Torn Hotel	Arrive time	Depart time
Bornholm:	Jörgen Kvist	No	No	NA	NA
Gotland:	Ulla Pettersson	Yes	Yes	18 Jan 12.00	19 Jan 18.10
Hiiumaa	Reet Kokovkin	Yes	No	18 Jan 16.45	19 Jan 18.00
Rügen:	Christian Theel	Yes	Yes	18 Jan 11.45	19 Jan 21.00
Saaremaa	Anu Vares	Yes	No	18 Jan 16.45	19 Jan 18.00
Åland:	Olof Erland	Yes	Yes	??	
Öland:	Jörgen Samuelsson	Yes	Yes	18 Jan 12.00	19 Jan 18.10
Invited	Jørgen Jespersen	Yes	Yes	18 Jan 12.30	19 Jan flight 12.30
Facilitator:	David Hunt	Yes	Yes	18 Jan 12.30	19 Jan flight 18.15
B7 Secretariat 2006	????	???	Yes	??	

January 18 at hotel.

David Hunt and Jørgen Jespersen arrive 18 January +/- 12.30
 Hold bilateral meetings with islands on strategy. Board members to be contacted before meeting in January.

- 17.30 - 19.00: B7 Meeting on new strategy:
Discussion document to be sent out by 05 January 2006
- 16.00 - 17.30 Meeting with Helcom. Meet at hotel 16.00
- 19.30: Dinner Restaurant Strinberg

January 19 at "Ålandskontoret" (Åland office) at Yrjönkatu 9, second floor.

- 08.30 - 12.30: B7 Board Meeting
Includes: +/- one hour presentation by Maritime Policy work group in Finland on Finnish approach to the Maritime Policy
(B7 is preparing a position paper on maritime policy for the B7 islands.)
- 12.30 - 13.45: Lunch
- 14.00 - 15.00: Meeting with representatives of BONUS programme
- 15.00 - 16.00: Summary

Programme concludes: 16.15



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AGENDA FOR B7 BOARD MEETING Helsinki, 19 January 2006

§1. Minutes of previous meeting:

1.1. Board meeting minutes:

- The B7 Board to review and accept, with any required changes, the minutes of the meeting of the B7 Board meeting held 1 December 2005, as a record of the meeting.
- Review and follow-up to decisions made, if not included in agenda.

1.2. Plenary/SC meeting minutes

- The B7 Board to review and accept, with any required changes, the minutes of the meeting of the Steering Committee meeting and Plenary Session held 2 December 2005, as a record of the meeting in the view of the B7 Board
- Review and follow-up to decisions made, if not included in agenda.

§2. Approval of Agenda:

2.1. Additions to agenda:

- Normally for points outside the main agenda or issues which have come up at the last minute.

§3. Chairmanship report: (Olof Erland)

3.1. Presentation of Åland B7 Chairmanship and Secretariat 2006.

- Presentation of secretariat staff.
- Key people supporting the Åland chairmanship, their roles and contact info.
- Handover issues from Gotland Chairmanship.

3.2. Updates and revisions to Åland Chairmanship programme.

- Attached is an updated version of the Chairmanship Programme including issues raised at the annual conference. **(See additional material)**

3.3. Proposal for June conference (with Jørgen Jespersen)

- Refer §4 of the Minutes of B7 Steering Committee and Plenary Session, 02 Dec 2005. **(See additional material)**

3.4. B7 and Baltic Event Calendar 2006. (All Board members and B7 Secretariat)

- Board members are requested to provide dates that should be included in the B7 calendar for 2006. To include: **(See additional material)**
 - BSO - CPMR, BSSSC, ERB, CBSS, UBC, SydSam (David Hunt)
 - Baltic Master and WGE meetings (Jørgen Jespersen)
 - BEN Project, B7 Games (Reet Kokovkin)
 - WG PtP events
 - Island events such as elections etc.

3.5. Maritime Policy position paper (Olof Erland)

- Continuation of the work on maritime policy position paper for the B7. (See minutes of December meeting §4) The proposal approved at the meeting was: **(See additional material)**
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.



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3.6. B7 Website (Åland Chairmanship)

- Currently no one is managing the website.
- Seppo Ekelund advised the Board that he would terminate the management of the website on 31 December 2005. At the December meeting, the facilitator presented a proposal to manage the B7 website. The Åland Chairmanship stated that they will make a proposal for managing the website at this meeting. The decision of the Board was that the Chairmanship has the responsibility for the website.
- In the guidelines for the Chairmanship and Secretariat §8 Communication, last sentence it states that: "The duties and responsibilities of a webmaster are set out by the B7 facilitator and approved by the B7 Board." The facilitator regards his proposal to manage the B7 website as the minimum requirements for the webmaster.

3.7. Programme for the Brussels Political Event 29-31 March

- Åland Chairmanship to present the programme for the political meeting in Brussels which the Board should approve. The agreed programme is to be sent out to the politicians on Friday 20 January. **(See additional material)**
- Bjarne Kristiansen has requested that time (+/- 90 minutes) be made in the programme for a meeting of the B7 politicians without civil servants. He will propose an agenda for the meeting to the B7 President.

3.8. Annual Report (with Ulla Pettersen)

- Status of the annual report being prepared by the Gotland Chairmanship 2005

§4. WG Environment: (Jørgen Jespersen)

4.1. Update and additions to WGE programme presentation made at Annual Conference

4.2. Mussel Project (with Jörgen Samuelsson)

- Feedback from what is happening on Öland **(See additional material)**

4.3. Status of proposal for Natura 2000 project

- Refer §4 of the Minutes of B7 Steering Committee and Plenary Session, 02 Dec 2005.

§5. Facilitators Report: (David Hunt)

5.1. Update on the accounts 2005

- The final accounts are normally ready by the beginning of March. The accounts presented should be an accurate presentation of the final situation. **(accounts presented at meeting)**

5.2. Budget status 2006

- The budget will be presented in a revised format that will include additional plans and proposals from the annual conference. It will include a status of B7 reserves and items brought forward. **(budget presented at meeting)**

5.3. B7 Charter & Annexes

- Updates and status. The chairmanship has the responsibility to monitor the B7 Charter and ensure that the annexes are kept up-to-date.

5.4. B7 Strategy status

- Status of the strategy work. At the annual conference there was no time to discuss the progress of the strategy and gain input from the politicians. A paper that updates the one sent out before the conference will be distributed to board members before the meeting and will form the basis for discussions on 18 January. **(See additional material)**

5.5. Evaluation



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- Olof Erland has raised the issue of an independent evaluation of the B7 as part of the new strategy. Hopefully there will be a proposal and costing together with a summary of the benefits for carrying out this exercise. Cost estimates have been as high as SEK165,000. This sum is not included in the approved budget for 2006.

5.6. Education Conference follow-up.

- Christian Theel distributed proposals at the Annual Conference under AOB. This paper is attached with notes from the facilitator. **(See additional material)**

5.7. WG PtP:

- Discussion on the situation with WG PtP based on the points raised at the annual conference, feedback from the islands, and the future perceived needs and capabilities of the B7.

§6. B7 Games, Chess and BEN: (Reet Kokovkin)

6.1. B7 Games

- Status for preparations. (See website for a list of island representatives and contact details)
- Proposed communication plan
- Proposed budget for Games
- Participation from B7 islands and others. Each island is requested to state the level of participation giving as many details as possible if not already sent to Hiiumaa and included in their status report.

6.2. Chess

6.3. BEN Project

- Project update and preparations for meeting on Hiiumaa.

6.4. Baltic Sea Gas Pipeline.

- Background information. Hiiumaa wishes this to be part of the discussions with Helcom.

(See additional material)

§7. Presentation: Finnish approach to Maritime Policy - Maritime Policy work group, Finland.

- Input to the position paper B7 is preparing on common issues for the maritime islands (see annex to previous Board meeting).
- NOTE: Timing of this presentation unsure at present.

§8. Any Other Business

- Normally for points outside the main agenda or issues which have come up at the last minute. Items for the agenda should be forwarded to the Secretariat at least 8 days before the meeting

- Project proposal from Öland

NOTE: Items marked "see additional material" will be sent out by 16 January or distributed at the meeting