

## **Minutes; meeting between NSC and Interreg North Sea Programme, Billund 11.11.08.**

### **Theme for the meeting; Cooperation between NSC – Interreg**

#### **Participants;**

Interreg – Christian Byrith

NSC - Gunn Marit Helgesen, Jon Halvard Eide, Martin Brebner and Lars Haukvik

The background for the meeting was the invitation from Christian Byrith at the Annual Business Meeting 13 June for closer cooperation between NSC and Interreg North Sea Programme. The ExCom welcomed this invitation and gave the President and the Secretariat the task to follow up the invitation.

The meeting was divided in to two parts; the first part was a general discussion on cooperation and issues for cooperation with the President present. The second part of the meeting discussed more detailed issues and opportunities for cooperation.

During the first part of the meeting it was identified several issues for cooperation using the existing structure and meeting points in the two organisations, in addition was the idea of a possible North Sea Pilot Project discussed.

The meeting agreed to follow up these issues;

	Responsible Interreg	Responsible NSC
Practical cooperation between Interreg and NSC; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interreg is invited to all ExCom meetings</li> <li>• Interreg will designate one contact person for each NSC Thematic Group</li> <li>• Cooperation on preparing seminar during Open Days 09</li> <li>• Continue cooperation on future GA's</li> <li>• NSC thematic Chairs/Advisers will be invited to the relevant Interreg thematic seminars.</li> <li>• Seek the possibility for holding NSC thematic group meeting in connection to the Interreg thematic meetings.</li> </ul>		LH
Interreg plans a maritime event spring 09 and NSC participates in a Maritime Event 18-19 May in Aberdeen. We will investigate the possibilities for cooperation.		MB
Event in European Parliament late 09 or early 10, to make the MEP's aware of the work done in the North Sea. NSC agreed to help to plan such an event and to use our political contacts to make this event a reality.		LH
Maritime Policy Pilot Project; NSC was challenged by DG Mare at our GA in June to launch a Maritime Policy Pilot Project. Such a project is interesting for Interreg as well and		LH/ Ann Bell

<p>NSC was challenged to divide this project in two parts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pilot project under the priority Accessibility.</li> <li>• Take on the role as a umbrella for all Maritime Projects in the North Sea Programme.</li> </ul> <p>The NSC can not be a partner in the programme; the project must have partners from regions/county councils. NSC can have a role in the project for implementation and dissemination of results.</p> <p>In the umbrella part the ExCom can have the role as a “political reference group” and the thematic groups a role for dissemination and identifying common issues between the projects under the umbrella.</p> <p>It must be a goal to include governmental and private organisations in the Pilot Project. The Marine Resources group will prepare a first proposal for a Pilot Project and will start this at their meeting 1-2 December</p>		
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