

NORTH SEA COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WORK PLAN 2006-2007

NSC Executive Committee Key Activity	Action	Responsibility	Timescale	Resources	Outcome
Political lobbying on behalf of the NSC	Influence future Territorial Co-operation Fund	President, Vice-Presidents External	GA June 2006, Ongoing		Territorial Co-operation Fund for the North Sea
	Promote the Northern Dimension of the CPMR	President and Vice-President Internal	Ongoing		Greater focus on the northern issues. Cooperation with BSC
	Ensure NSC influence on Maritime Policy green paper	Chair of Fisheries Group, President and Vice-Presidents	Ongoing		Recognise the NSC view in the hearing. Meeting with Marine Policy task force

Promotion and Public Relations both internally with member regions and externally	Website	Secretariat and Co-ordinators	Ongoing	Staff time	Update website with events and relevant documents
	Press releases	Secretariat	Ongoing	Staff time	Disseminate the work of the NSC to a wider audience
	Meeting with EU Commissioners	President, Vice-Presidents	Annually		Commissioners briefed on NSC work
	Meeting with MEPs	President, Vice-Presidents	Annually		EU Politicians briefed on NSC work
	Recruiting new members	Vice-President Internal	Ongoing		Potential new member regions briefed on NSC work

Approval and Monitoring of Thematic Group Action Plans	Investigate new opportunities for groups to work together	Executive Committee	Each Executive Committee meeting.		More cross-sectoral work within NSC
	Implementation of new structure of NSC	Executive Committee	Each Executive Committee meeting	Staff time	Start implementing after decision in June 06, start from 2007
	Annual approval of Action Plans	Executive Committee	Each June meeting		Political endorsement of the work done in the technical groups.
	Monitoring of Action Plans	Executive Committee	Each Executive Committee meeting		Keep the Executive Committee updated on the work within NSC

Corporate issues arising from the Thematic Group Work Plan proposals	Lisbon Strategy	Strategic Committee	Ongoing		NSC Implementation of the Trollhättan Declaration
	Promotion of sustainable development within the North Sea Area	Executive Committee	Ongoing		Strengthened development of the North Sea Region
	Invest in opportunities offered by development of the North Sea Cycle Route	Strategic Committee/ Executive Committee	If approved, implementation by Dec 2006.		Project moves from EU funded to mainstream financial sustainability

	Porsgrunn Challenge Implementation	Environment Group	Ongoing		Monitor the sustainable development among NSC members
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Liaison and cooperation with BSC, CPMR and CoR	Annual meetings NSC-BSC cooperation group	Chair NSC-BSC cooperation	Next meeting Feb/March 2007		Areas of joint working established with the BSC
	Meetings with CPMR	President and Vice-President Internal	At CPMR Political Bureau meetings		Areas of joint working established with the CPMR
	Update on COR meetings and activities	Vice-President External	Executive Committee meeting		COR briefed on NSC work

Organisation of General Assembly and Annual NSC Conference	Internal update; charter, membership fee, resolutions	President, Vice-Presidents and Secretariat	Every Annual Business Meeting	Staff time	Endorsement of NSC decisions made by the Executive Committee.
	External contact on Conferences	Thematic Group Chairs and Co-ordinators	Ongoing		Promotion of the NSC