

5 December 2016

Final Agenda

Meeting of the international Steering Committee for the Policy Area on Maritime Safety and Security of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) in Copenhagen 7-8 December 2016

The meeting will take place on 7-8 December 2016. The meeting starts on 7 December at 12.30 at the premises of the Danish Maritime Authority (Carl Jacobsens Vej 31, 2500 Valby), meeting room Echo-Foxtrot, and ends on 8 December 2016 at 13.00. The meeting includes a visit on 7 December 2016 at 16.00 to BIRKHOLM – one of the Danish Navy's ships assisting the Danish Geodata Agency in the re-surveying of shipping routes. After the visit a dinner will be hosted at the restaurant RAVELINEN in central Copenhagen.

Draft Agenda:

Wednesday 7 December

11.30-12.00: Sandwiches and registration

1) Welcome remarks

By the Danish and Finnish Policy Area Coordinators (PACs).

2) Approval of the agenda and confirmation of approved final minutes

Minutes from the most recent Steering Committee meeting held 17-18 May 2016 in Turku, Finland.

3) Activities of the Policy Area Coordinators

Update on initiatives taken by the PACs since the latest meeting.

4) PA Safe communication activities

The PACs are making efforts to communicate the objectives and results of PA Safe to a wider public. In the fall of 2016, the website is going through a thorough update and a business oriented stakeholder seminar was organised in Helsinki where the Flagship Projects of PA Safe had the chance to promote themselves to primarily private sector stakeholders.

The PACs would like to continue this focus in 2017 and possibly further if it becomes a success.

The Steering Committee is invited to ask questions and make suggestions to the PACs for further consideration.

5) News from the European Commission

DG REGIO will inform about the most recent developments of relevance to stakeholders within the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR), including an update from the EUSBSR Annual Forum and a recently published report on “Monitoring indicators and targets in the EUSBSR”. DG REGIO will also inform about other relevant initiatives by the European Commission including e.g. the work to develop a Sustainable Blue Growth agenda for the Baltic Sea Region led by DG MARE.

The Steering Committee is invited to ask questions.

6) Update on EU Funds and Seed Money

The PACs will give an update on relevant calls coming up.

7) Progress of ongoing Flagship Projects

Flagship Projects are requested to brief on their respective progress since the recent meeting, and Steering Committee members are requested to familiarize themselves with possible progress updates distributed in advance of the meeting and are also invited to ask questions.

1. Vessel Triage
2. MIRG
3. Efficient, Safe and Sustainable Traffic at Sea II (Efficiensea 2.0)
4. Speed up re-surveying of major shipping routes and ports
5. Final Surveys for the Baltic Motorways of the Sea (FAMOS)
6. Sea Traffic Management Validation Project (STM)
7. Diving with State Maritime Resources Together in the Baltic (DiveSmart Baltic)
8. STORMWINDS
9. ChemSAR

8) Demonstration of Baltic Web – a web-based platform for Maritime Cloud services

On 9 November the Baltic Web - a web-based platform for end user services was launched in Copenhagen. The Baltic Web has the potential to show how the Baltic Sea region can become a role model for the global roll-out of e-Navigation.

Thursday 8 December

9) Progress of ongoing Flagship Projects - continued

10) Seed Money Projects

The EUSBSR Seed Money Facility funded the initiation of three new projects in the field of PA Safe. These projects are invited to present their progress.

- o Baltic SEA inteGrated unmanned aerial vehicLE multifunctional monitoring system for resurveying of shipping routes (SEAGLE)
- o Holistic Management of Maritime Transportation based on integrated Safety and Environmental Indicators (MARSEILLE)
- o ICEULTIMATE

The Steering Committee is invited to ask questions.

11) Potential new Flagship Projects

The project Winter Navigation Motorways of the Sea II - WINMOS II has applied for Flagship Project status in PA Safe and after a silent procedure which ended on 25 November 2016, the project has been accepted by the Steering Committee to be recommended for Flagship status in the EUSBSR. The recommendation of the project will be sent to the European Commission before the next meeting of the National Coordinators and the project is invited to present itself to the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is invited to ask questions.

11.30-12.00 - Sandwiches

12) Update of the chapter on maritime safety in the EUSBSR Action Plan

During the summer, DG Regio offered an opportunity to PACs and HACs to provide suggestions for a technical update of the respective chapters in the EUSBSR Action Plan. As the Action Plan is not often updated, the PACs decided to update the wording of the chapter on maritime safety and security in order to make it more “future-proof”, as the PACs believe it is important that the chapter of PA Safe does not lose its relevance. Ideally, such an update should have been consulted with the Steering Committee beforehand. However, unfortunately, time did not allow such a consultation process this time.

The Steering Committee is invited to discuss the issue and provide input to the PACs for further consideration.

13) Policy discussion on autonomous vessels – challenges and opportunities

The autonomous vessel is one of the topics which were included in the new “future-proof” chapter on PA Safe in the EUSBSR Action Plan. It is a topic which is on everyone’s lips at the moment and maritime nations in the Baltic Sea region are taking a great interest in the topic. The PAC’s would like to initiate a discussion on this topic and invites Troels Blicher Danielsen, Deputy Director General at the Danish Maritime Authority to lead the discussion.

14) Discussion on internal procedures and strategy of PA Safe

The PACs will give an update on the ongoing discussion among the implementing stakeholders in the EUSBSR on development of more common guidelines for endorsement of projects contributing to the objectives of the EUSBSR.

Furthermore, the PACs would like to discuss the internal decision making procedures in PA Safe and the how to keep attracting Steering Committee members of PA Safe to attend the meetings.

The Steering Committee is invited to discuss the issue and provide input to the PAC for further consideration.

15) Any other business

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is tentatively scheduled to take place on 30-31 May 2017 in Brussels.