

EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION
NATIONAL COORDINATORS GROUP
3rd MEETING UNDER THE LITHUANIAN PRESIDENCY

16 December 2021

Minutes

§1 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as suggested by the Presidency.

§2 RoP of PA Education

The lead PAC Education presented the draft Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the PA Education Steering Group.

The NCG discussed its Communication to the SG of PA Education on the SG RoP providing recommendations to improvement of the document. The work with the draft Communication will continue.

§ 3 RoP of PA Secure

The lead PAC Secure presented the draft Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the PA Secure Steering Group.

The NCG discussed its Communication to the SG of PA Secure on the SG RoP providing recommendations to improvement of the document. The work with the draft Communication will continue.

§ 4 RoP of PA Bioeconomy

The representative of “Let’s Communicate” project presented the draft Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the PA Bioeconomy Steering Group.

The NCG discussed its Communication to the SG of PA Bioeconomy on the SG RoP providing recommendations to improvement of the document. The work with the draft Communication will continue.

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§ 5 AOB

- Draft Calendar of NCG meetings (January - June 2022)

The Presidency informed about the main events planned for January - June 2022 (2nd half of the Lithuanian Presidency), including dates for the NCG meetings, meeting between NCG and PAC.

- The NCG's decision regarding its support for the organisation responsible for organising the EUSBSR 2022 Annual Forum in Finland

The NCG was informed about the intention of Finland, City of Lappeenranta, to host the 13th Annual Forum of the EUSBSR in 2022 and expressed its support. The Lithuanian Presidency will prepare a respective letter of support on behalf of the NCG for the submission to the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Joint Secretariat.

- Capacity building programme for capacity builders in the EU macro-regional strategies. Debrief

Representative of the LC debriefed the NCG on their participation in the INTERACT Capacity Building training programme for MRS Support Structures (Module 2).

- PAC of PA Tourism

The Presidency informed about the letter inviting the Member States to apply for the position of Policy Area Coordinator of Policy Area Tourism and invited the NCs to share it within the national administrations and asked "Let's Communicate" to share this information among the stakeholders of the EUSBSR, including uploading it on the website of the EUSBSR.

- Change of PAC of PA Nutri

Finish delegation informed that Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment of Southwest Finland will take forward the function of co-PAC of PA Nutri and will replace the Finish Ministry of Environment as of 1 January 2022.

Polish delegation informed that the State Water Holding Polish Waters (Wody Polskie) will take forward the function of co-PAC of PA Nutri and will replace Polish Ministry of Infrastructure as of 1 January 2022.

- Change of PAC of PA Hazards

Representative of "Let's Communicate" informed that current coordinator of PA Hazards in Sweden will not continue this role and, therefore, a new PAC organisation should be nominated.

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Participants:

Lithuania, Robertas Bružilas (Chair), NC, MFA

Lithuania, Laura Čeponytė, MFA

Lithuania, Paulius Ratkevičius, MFA

Germany, Maurice Gajan, Federal Foreign Office

Germany, Winfried Maier, Federal Foreign Office

Sweden, Anna Hagström, Prime Minister's Office

Estonia, Karin Rannu, NC, MFA

Estonia, Raul Mälk, MFA

Estonia, Kaisa Hanna Parel, MFA

Denmark, Anders Henriksson, NC, MFA

Finland, Helena Tuuri, NC, MFA

Finland, Henrik Veikanmaa, MFA

Latvia, Ita Klekere, NC, MFA

Poland, Joanna Wojtkowska, NC, MFA

Poland, Kamila Wojsznis, MFA

Poland, Ewa Dębska, MFA

European Commission, Petri Koistinen, DG Regio

European Commission, Blagovestka Riiser, DG Regio

Let's Communicate, Kirsi Ahlman (Centrum Balticum)

Let's Communicate, Juhani Ailio (Centrum Balticum)

Other invited participants:

Anders Bergström, Norden Association (Item 2)

Andriy Martinenko, CBSS (Item 3)

Julia Fredriksson, Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) (Item 3)

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