

EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION
NATIONAL COORDINATORS GROUP
6th MEETING UNDER THE LITHUANIAN PRESIDENCY

9 June 2022

Minutes

§1 Adoption of the agenda

The European Commission suggested to include an item on the preparation of the 4th Macro-regional Strategies report while Sweden requested to include an item of the launching of the Swedish Presidency of the NCG. The agenda was adopted as amended.

§2 Lead PAC of PA Culture

On the basis of the decision of the Steering Group of PA Culture of 12 May 2022, the NCG appointed Germany (the Ministry of Justice, European Affairs and Consumer Protection) as lead PAC of PA Culture.

§ 3 Composition of the SG of PA Health (representation of non-EU neighbouring countries)

The NCG discussed the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the Steering Group of PA Health, dated on 29 April 2022.

On the basis of the decision of the Steering Group of PA Health on the adoption of the respective Rules of Procedure of 29 April 2022 and the Article 2 concerning the Composition of the Steering Group, involving Iceland and Norway as full Members of the Steering Group, the NCG endorsed the decision of the SG of PA Health concerning the membership of Iceland and Norway in the Steering Group of PA Health.

§ 4 RoP of the SG of PA Health

The NCG discussed the RoP of the Steering Group of the PA Health, dated on 29 April 2022 and adopted its Communication to the SG of PA Health on the SG RoP providing recommendations for the improvement of the document.

§ 5 Lead PAC of PA Education

On the basis of the decision of the Steering Group of PA Education of 15 March 2022, the NCG appointed Sweden (Norden Association in Sweden) as lead PAC of PA Education.

§ 6 RoP of the SG of PA Tourism

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The NCG discussed the RoP of the Steering Group of the PA Tourism, dated on 12 May 2022, and adopted its Communication to the SG of PA Tourism on the SG RoP. The NCG endorsed the SG RoP of PA Tourism and invited the PA to clarify certain provisions of the RoP.

§ 7 Results of the Lithuanian Presidency of the NCG

Lithuania presented the results of the Presidency of the NCG of the EUSBSR, that included progress achieved in implementation the EUSBSR Action Plan, strengthening of the cooperation with the actors of the EUSBSR, initiative to increase cooperation with other Macro-Regional Strategies, organisation of the EUSBSR Annual Forum 2021. The NCG was informed that the written Presidency report will be made available on the EUSBSR website in the end of June.

§ 8 AOB

- Germany informed about the new co-coordinator of the Policy Area Education at the Senate Chancellery, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, who started work as of 15 May 2022.
- The European Commission updated on the preparation of the 4th report of the implementation of the EU macro-regional strategies.
- Sweden informed about the 1st NCG meeting under the Swedish Presidency, to be held in early September 2022.

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