

4<sup>th</sup> international Steering Committee meeting

**7 May 2015, 9.00-16.00**

*Venue: Copenhagen-Malmö Port, Containervej 9 (meeting rooms at Levantkaj 1, 2150 Nordhavn)*

### **Annotated agenda**

Study visit to see and learn about the sewage facilities at the new cruise quay in Copenhagen-Malmö Port

**1) Opening**

*by the Danish Maritime Authority in its capacity as Priority Area Coordinator and Gert Nørgaard, Manager Strategy & Planning, Copenhagen-Malmö Port.*

**2) Approval of agenda and confirmation of final minutes**

*from the 3<sup>rd</sup> international Steering Committee meeting of PA Ship held on 7 October 2014.*

**3) Activities of the Priority Area**

*Update on initiatives taken by the Priority Area Coordinator since the most recent meeting and plans for the rest of 2015. Steering Committee members are invited to comment.*

**4) Review of chapter on PA Ship in the EUSBSR Action Plan**

*Briefing on the reviewed EUSBSR Action Plan focussing on the foreseen activities in the field of clean shipping. Steering Committee members are requested to familiarise themselves with the revised chapter on clean shipping and be prepared for a discussion of how to implement PA Ship's share of the Action Plan.*

**5) Discussion on the role of PA Ship in alignment of funding and project endorsement**

*In recent years, the PAC has increasingly experienced projects asking for letters of endorsements (also entitled letters of commitment or support) to support their applications for funding from the EU system. The PAC's task to contribute to the alignment of funding with the policy objectives of the strategy is described in the Roles and Responsibilities of the EUSBSR stakeholders endorsed by the member states. Funding programmes are increasingly seeking the advice of the PACs in their selection processes. To a large extent this is considered a positive development. However, the exact role of the PAC in this process is not clearly defined – especially not as a mechanism of endorsement for the funding programmes. Therefore, the PAC would like to discuss PA Ship's role in this process and possibly feed this input into the discussion of the EUSBSR work.*

*A discussion paper outlining this discussion has been distributed.*

**6) Update from the European Commission**

- a) Information about the new procedure for obtaining flagship project status in the EUSBSR and overall updates of the EUSBSR by DG Regio
- b) Information about the plans for a Masterplan for Blue Growth in the Baltic Sea Region and the anticipated role of the maritime areas of the EUSBSR in this by DG Mare.

*The Steering Committee is invited to ask questions.*

## **7) Status of ongoing Flagship Projects and final reporting of Seed Money Projects**

*During the review process the Flagship Projects of the Priority Area were assessed, which resulted in two Flagship Projects being considered completed already (“Promote measures to collect ship generated waste” and “To facilitate LNG (liquefied natural gas) infrastructure in Baltic Sea Ports - LNG in Baltic Sea Ports), one will be completed when the review enters into force (“Marine competence, technology and knowledge transfer for Liquefied Natural Gas in the South Baltic Sea Region - MarTech LNG)” and one was taken out of the Action Plan (“Introduce differentiated port dues depending on the environmental impact of ships”) due to a prolonged political process.*

*Two ongoing Flagship Projects remained and an updated description of them was included in the Action Plan. The ongoing and completing Flagship Projects are invited to brief on their results achieved and possibly difficulties encountered, since the most recent Steering Committee meeting. Projects may ask for the advice of the committee if need be.*

- a) “Build competences on Liquefied Natural Gas installations in the region (MarTech LNG – Marine Competence, Technology and Knowledge Transfer for Liquid Natural Gas in the South Baltic Region)”.
- b) “Indexing the environmental impact of vessels (Clean Shipping Index – real time quantified insight into the environmental performance of ships)” led by the Clean Shipping Network Association.
- c) “To facilitate LNG (liquefied natural gas) infrastructure in Baltic Sea Ports (LNG in Baltic Sea Ports II – continuation of LNG in Baltic Sea Ports)” led by the Port of Helsingborg.

*Two Seed Money Projects have been finalised since the last meeting and one is still ongoing. EnviSuM and IRIS have applied for Flagship Project status and will present their projects as such. SMILE is invited to report on the results of the project.*

## **8) New Flagship Projects**

*Three new Flagship Projects were proposed to the Priority Area’s chapter in the Action Plan. The new Flagship Projects are invited to present their project concepts.*

- a) “Environmental Impact of Low Emission Shipping: Measurements and Modelling Strategies (EnviSuM)” led by University of Turku.
- b) “Managing the invasive alien species risks at the Baltic Sea: novel tools to support the ratification of the Ballast Water Management Convention (BallastRISK)” led by Kotka Maritime Research Association.
- c) “Compliance Monitoring for Marpol Annex IV (CompMon), led by the Finnish Transport Safety Agency”.

## **9) Updates from other clean shipping initiatives**

- a) Update on developments within GREEN – new HELCOM Subgroup on alternative fuels and green technology.

## **10) Any other business**

*Committee members who are aware of new project initiatives in the field of clean shipping are encouraged to brief. Also other topics may be raised.*