

Minutes from the PA Education, Science and Social Affairs Steering Group meeting on 9 December 2022

TIME 10.00 – 12.00 (CET)
VENUE Online

Welcome

Mr Anders Bergström, Policy Area Coordinator, Norden Association Sweden and Mr Markus Heilig, Executive Director for International Cooperation, Senate Chancellery, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg welcomed the participants to the Steering Group meeting.

1. Opening

The Chair of the Steering Group, Ms Åsa Bergqvist, Ministry of Employment, Sweden opened the meeting

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Tour the table

4. Baltic Sea Strategy Point

Mr Juhani Ailio, Centrum Balticum Foundation, informed about the new support structure. Please find the presentation attached.

5. Reports

FLAGSHIPS

- INVENTORY

The inventory was presented. The report has been sent beforehand.

Ms Merle Andraschko, Policy Area Coordinator, Senate Chancellery, Free And Hanseatic City of Hamburg

- School to Work

- Baltic Sea Labour Forum / Economy of Wellbeing of People

- Baltic Science Network

The group received reports from the three flagships. The presentations are attached together with two lists of members in the S2W Advisory Board and in BSLF.

Mr Anders Bergström, Policy Area Coordinator, Norden Association Sweden

EMERGING FLAGSHIP

- BSR Integrate NOW

Preparations continue in the team of PACs. At present a partnership is formed targeting next year's Erasmus+ call. The foreseen project will be similar to the one just finalized the "Coordinator Training Programme" in the flagship School to Work (S2W) targeting coordinators of Youth Guidance Centres. This project will focus on so called "Welcome Houses" and training institutions. This project is planned to be the start of what will

be a similar flagship as S2W.

Ms Merle Andraschko, Senate Chancellery, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND

- Baltic Sea Network – European Social Fund

The present Chair in the network gave a short status report. The network met, for the first time since the pandemic face-to-face in Lappeenranta on 30 September in connection with the EUSBSR Annual Forum

Ms Tereza Vilén, Swedish ESF-Council

6. Fostering sustainable cooperation between the Baltic Sea region and Ukraine

A report in brief from the conference held in Stockholm and online on 8 December. PA Education participated with two workshops on “Distance education” and the other on “Popular education for medical training”. The conference with its workshops was the first step towards setting up collaboration platforms with stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region and in Ukraine. Possibly also with other than Ukrainian stakeholders from the Danube region. Ms Charlotte Romlund Hansen, Ministry of Children and Education in Denmark asked whether other countries, besides Denmark have been invited to support one specific Ukrainian region in the reconstruction after the war? Members from Finland and Latvia replied that they also have been approached by the Ukrainian Government, invited to support one specific region. It was agreed that questions on cooperation with Ukraine should be raised to the National Coordinators' Group.

Mr Anders Bergström, Policy Area Coordinator, Norden Association Sweden

7. A.O.B.

No other issues were raised.

8. Next meeting

To be held in Brussels week in the end of April 2023. The Swedish Presidency will return with the date for the meeting shortly.

PARTICIPANTS

POLICY AREA FOCAL POINTS / MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP

Denmark

Ms Charlotte Romlund Hansen, Ministry of Children and Education

Finland

Ms Johanna Hulkko, Ministry of Education and Culture

Germany

Mr Markus Heilig, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

Latvia

Ms Aļona Babiča, Ministry of Education and Science

Lithuania

Mr Raimondas Paškevičius, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports

Poland

Ms Konstancja Piatkowska, Ministry of Family and Social Policy

Sweden

Ms Åsa Bergqvist, Ministry of Employment

Ms Cecilia Ragnarsson, Ministry of Education and Research

POLICY AREA COORDINATORS

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Mr Markus Heilig, Executive Director for International Cooperation,

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Ms Merle Andraschko, Policy Area Coordinator

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Mr Anders Bergström, Policy Area Coordinator

GUESTS

European Commission (Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy)

Ms Blagovestka Riiser

Baltic Sea Strategy Point

Mr Juhani Ailio, Project Manager, Centrum Balticum Foundation

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Ms Tereza Vilén, Swedish ESF-Council