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EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION
POLICY AREA 'SHIP'

EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
Policy Area on Clean Shipping

5th international Steering Committee meeting
26 November 2015, 9 AM-4 PM
Venue: Klaipeda Science and Technology Park, Vilhelmo Berbomo str. 10, LT- 92221 (University Campus) Meeting room no 101.
Lunch will be served during the meeting which also includes a coffee break in the afternoon.

Steering Committee members are invited for a harbour excursion with a light dinner **25 November 2015 3-5 PM** to see the Floating Regasification Unit INDEPENDENCE in the port of Klaipeda (the ship VENUS departs from **Quay 27** in the Klaipeda Cruise Terminal). Participants of the HELCOM Maritime Meeting which takes place 23-25 November 2015 at Aurora Hotel are also invited to participate in the harbour excursion.

Annotated agenda

1) **Welcome remarks**
   Welcome by Director of Klaipeda Science and Technology Park, Roma Stubriene, as host and by the Danish Maritime Authority as Policy Area Coordinator.

2) **Approval of the agenda and confirmation of the final minutes from the most recent Steering Committee meeting**
   Minutes from the latest Steering Committee meeting held 7 May 2015 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

3) **Activities of the Policy Area Coordinator**
   Update on initiatives taken by the PAC since the latest meeting. Steering Committee members are invited to comment.

4) **Briefing from HELCOM Maritime meeting 23-25 November 2015**
   Update on the relevant issues and discussions at the meeting.

5) **Discussion on the role of PA Ship in alignment of funding and project endorsement**
   Follow up from PAC's presentation of the discussion paper *Internal Guidance on General principles of alignment of funding, project selection and endorsement of project* and the subsequent discussions at the latest meeting. The background is the PAC's task to contribute to alignment of funding according to the policy objectives of EUSBSR and the fact that the EU funding programmes increasingly are seeking the advice of the PAC in their selection processes. On this basis, the PAC have prepared a first draft paper on how we would like to proceed in this process and possibly feed this input into the discussion of the EUSBSR work.

6) **News from the European Commission**
DG REGIO will inform about the recently adopted revised Action Plan of the EUSBSR and other recent developments of relevance to EUSBSR stakeholders, including the progress of creating a Masterplan for Blue Growth in the Baltic Sea Region.

7) **Update on EU Funds and the EUSBSR Seed Money Facility call in October 2015**
Among other announced calls this autumn, the EUSBSR Seed Money Facility has had their latest call in September 2015. For this call, the PAC has received two Seed Money applications which have been under strategic assessment. Further, the PAC sent draft letters of support in silent procedure for approval in the Steering Committee. As nobody broke the silent procedure, the Seed Money projects have received a letter of support from PA Ship. The submission deadline for Seed Money project applications to the Seed Money Facility was 30 October 2015. The EUSBSR Seed Money Committee will decide on project approvals in January 2016.

8) **LNG projects in PA Ship**
Development of LNG and other alternative fuels has been an important part of the Policy Area on Clean Shipping in the Action Plan of EUSBSR since the first Action Plan was adopted in 2010. Various Flagship Projects of PA Ship have been working within the field of LNG and thus contributed to initiating the present infrastructure for LNG bunkering. The PAC would like to take the opportunity of being in Klaipeda to discuss the future development of LNG projects within the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the role of PA Ship in this regard.

Steering Committee members are asked to give input on specific topics they consider to be the most relevant for PA Ship to focus on in the future in the field of LNG development.

9) **Status of ongoing Flagship Projects and Seed Money Projects**
Ongoing Flagship Projects are invited to inform about their progress since the latest meeting and the Steering Committee members are invited to ask questions:

1. 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

2. To facilitate 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

3. Compliance Monitoring for Marpol Annex VI (CompMon) led by the Finnish Transport Safety Agency

4. Environmental Impact of Low Emission Shipping: Measurements and Modelling Strategies (EnviSuM) led by University of Turku

5. 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

Ongoing Seed Money Projects are invited to inform about their progress since most recent meeting and the Steering Committee members are invited to ask questions:

1. Improving risk assessment of invasive alien species and cost-efficiency analysis of ballast water treatment methods - IRIS

10) Potential new Flagship and Seed Money Projects

The potential new Flagship Project "Sustainable Shipping and Environment of the Baltic Sea region" (SHEBA) is invited to present the project's scope and objectives. Other potential projects are invited to do similar presentations.

11) A third module of the Baltic Leadership Programme in 2016

The PAC together with PA Safe and the Swedish Coast Guard have been granted support from the Swedish Institute for a third module of Baltic Leadership Programme on Maritime Safety and Security & Clean Shipping. It will be a follow-up activity to the Baltic Leadership Programme on Maritime Safety and Security taking place in 2014-15 and the Baltic Leadership Programme on Clean Shipping taking place in 2015. The third module of Baltic Leadership Programme is expected to take place on 27-29 January 2016.

12) Any other business

Next meeting: Tentatively 14 April 2016 in Copenhagen, Denmark