

**Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference
Working Group on Integrated Maritime Policy**



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Parliamentary Assemblies, Institutions
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of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

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Abstract of the inaugural session of the “Working Group on Integrated Maritime Policy, especially infrastructure and logistics”

The inaugural meeting of the “Working Group on Integrated Maritime Policy, especially infrastructure and logistics” was held under the chairmanship of Mr Jochen Schulte (MP, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania) in the premises of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency in Rostock, Germany, on 21st and 22nd January 2010. 32 participants, experts, representatives of parliaments and parliamentary assemblies and from the administration as well attended the meeting.

Main topics of the agenda had been the objectives and main topics of the working group, the scope of its mandate, the working group methods employed as well as time frames, scheduling, and additional matters.

The initial thematic introduction took place by experts for providing the participants with important aspects of the range of issues the working group will deal with in future:

Ms Monika Breuch-Moritz, President of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency welcomed the participants and introduced them to the responsibilities of the federal agency and informed the participants of important aspects of infrastructure and logistic from the point of view of Maritime Spatial Planning as well.

Mr Helmuth von Nicolai, Ministry for Transport, Building and Rural development, immersed the theme Maritime Spatial Planning with view to the current status and key aspects in the Baltic Sea Region.

Mr Dr. Ulrich Bauermeister from the Harbour-Development-Company-Rostock briefed the participants on the port infrastructure and its interfaces with other means of transport (water, rail, road), the upgrading of the hinterland-connections, and logistics optimization with a view to speeding up good traffic.

Mr Christer Pursiainen, CBSS-Secretariat, illustrated the activities of the CBSS Expert Group on Maritime Policy for permitting the use of synergies and strengthening the co-operation between the BSPC and the CBSS in accordance with corresponding intentions of the BSPC.

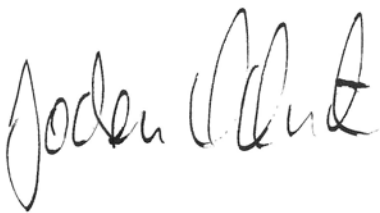
Ms Sylvia Westland, Network for Maritime Applications at the Rostock Research Port, dealt with the area of research and its links with the maritime economy. The latter absolute depends on an efficient and safe infrastructure and the modernization of technical applications for the improvement of maritime safety and security.

Mr Professor Dr. Knut Benedict, Wismar University of Technology, Business and Design, informed of maritime training opportunities, as well as with the connections between maritime training and other relevant areas.

The meeting agreed upon to handle with the subject areas of transport, environment and nature protection, maritime spatial planning, infrastructure and hinterland-connections in order to stabilize the BSR and its competitiveness. Further on the meeting decided to consult national and international experts and parliamentarians as well in the framework of hearings on different political levels and to co-operate with relevant expert-groups from the CBSS, HELCOM and other institutions/organisations for the elaboration of political recommendations.

On Friday, 22nd January 2010 the participants visited the Maritime Simulation Center Warnemünde (MSCW) in order to inform oneself to the basic and follow-on training of seafaring personnel with the aid of the Vessel traffic Service Simulator, the Ship Handling Simulator and the Ship Engine Simulator.

The next sessions will be held in Brussels on 19th/20th April 2010 and 14th/15th June 2010 in Copenhagen.



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