



Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea States

20th May 2013

FINAL MINUTES MONITORING GROUP MEETING IN TALLINN, ESTONIA

Monday 8th – Tuesday 9th April 2013

1. The meeting was opened by MG Chair v. Carnap-Bornheim.

Director of the National Heritage Board, Mr Kalev Uustalu welcomed the participants by the hosting institution presenting shortly his institution.

2. Agenda was approved as it was sent.

The sequence of issues was modified during the meeting, and this order is followed in these minutes.

3. The MG troika-system chairmanship and financial arrangements starting from 1 July 2013 was agreed and the MG decided to launch a two-year pilot phase of the MG troika arrangement.

The MG troika Chair and MG Desk arrangement was proposed by the SOGC in Greifswald May 2012. Referring to the MG correspondence concerning respective national statements between the Vilnius MG-meeting October 2012 and this Tallinn MG meeting, the MG has agreed the principle. The arrangement can be implemented until Iceland will enter the CBSS Presidency in July 2015 - the MG looks forward to have an Icelandic MG member appointed before that.

- The MG Chair undertook the task for contacting stakeholders in order to get a new appointed member from Iceland. The previous appointed Icelandic MG member Mr Nikulas Ulfar Masson left his position as the Director of the National Architectural Heritage Board of Iceland at the end of 2012.

Norway, Denmark and Russia shall inform of a statement of their respective organisation in charge of future MG fee of the MG troika system asap.

For the processes in respective organisation in charge of the MG fee, a legal document is needed. **The base for it was formulated in as an attachment of the draft MG Minutes. It included also “Terms of reference of the MG desk services of the MG” and a framework budget of the MG that secures the basic desk services for**

MG networking. This document is attached here as the final one (attachment 1). It acts now as the base document for planning the practical arrangements with the CBSS Secretariat.

4. The MG Chair reported on the process of achieving an optional MG flagship project to the current European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Action Plan, February 2013 version¹, and the MG agreed of principles of its content.

The work name of the project I “The Virtual Academy of Baltic Cultural Heritage Management”, and shall be led by Stiftung Schleswig-Holsteinische Landesmuseen / CBSS Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea States. Content and elaboration of the project application was settled:

- The project will implement the Strategy’s goal to “*give a higher profile to BSR culture (/cultural heritage) and to promote the BSR as a common cultural region.*” During the 15 years of the MG collaboration, the MG has identified the “selling points” of regional portfolio of cultural heritage assets that are representative and unique on international level, such as underwater heritage, coastal heritage, wooden heritage and the 20th c. architecture. The MG together with the WGs has gathered a kind of database of these assets and of respective expertise to manage them. Now is the time to disseminate gathered information with linked good practices to the region. When appropriate, these show cases will be used as target areas for the project.

- The project focuses on methodologies and practices of integrated heritage management and related issues on professional level. The goal to act effectively for cultural heritage among other sectors, and to put pressure to get cultural heritage integrated to a cross-sector regional agenda and decision making processes. Strategic tools of heritage management should be improved, as well as ways of integrating heritage aims with other sectors, for example in connection with physical planning.

- It was decided that the MG Chair and MG Coordinator have prepared a draft application for the CBSS Project support facility that will send separately for the mG comments during week 21. Financing from the CBSS would enable to map actors and processes for a project application for the Interreg-program in late autumn.²

Two other potential BSR Strategy flagship projects on cultural heritage:

Baltic Heritage Atlas by Central Maritime Museum in Gdańsk and Baltic Sea Maritime Museums’ Network by Polish Maritime Museum, Gdansk, were presented shortly by Director Jerzy Litwin.

Reporting:

MG Chair participated to the 50th anniversary of the National Heritage Board of Poland on 12-13 December 2012. The conference was held in Warsaw, where MG Chair gave an overview of recent MG activities.

Invitations to the MG:

The MG has participated to the first meeting of a Steering Group for the Priority Area Culture (ref. to Baltic Sea Strategy) 17-18 April in Berlin, where the MG Coordinator presented AcaBa ideas on behalf of the MG Chair, who is unable to attend the meeting.

An invitation to the SEBA Conference 7-8. June 2013 in Kaliningrad is received. The MG Chair and MG Coordinator will attend the event. The aim of the participation is to valorise MG activities and to discuss also on further cooperation.

¹ SEC(2009) 712/2{COM(2009) 248}{SEC(2009) 702}{SEC(2009) 703}.

² Existing programmes for expert exchange were discussed, too, such as “Government officials’ exchange scheme” (EU), the ERASMUS Programme and Grundtvigprogram.

5. The Sustainable Historic Towns (SuHiTo), Underwater and Coastal Culture Working Groups (WG) presented their recent activities and informed of the expected changes of the WG Chairs.

WG-Chair Dag Arne Reinart summarized the outcome SuHiTo project: *Urban Heritage - Good for the Climate!* The final publication is online:

http://www.academia.edu/3154077/Sustainable_Historic_Towns_Urban_Heritage_-_Good_for_the_Climate_
NHB of Poland will check out if they can chair the next stage of the WG.

Pål Anders Stensson from the Swedish National Heritage Board has been asked to take the chair of the WG on Building preservation and maintenance in practice, and the MG waits for final decisions to be taken in the Swedish NHB. It was discussed if this WG should shift its focus to the maintenance of 20th c buildings – the final decision shall be taken by the WG Chair and the hosting institution. The WG could have its first meeting in connection with the V Forum.

The WG on underwater heritage has been involved with the V Forum preparations. The WG Chair is invited to speak on UW legislation at the NGO Forum in Riga in June. A new WG chair will be selected by autumn. Near-term targets are to renew the WG's pages of the MG homepage and to update the database of the Rutilus-project. A common challenge is how to negotiate the cultural heritage interests with international enterprises that are planning and conducting of major areal projects dealing with economic waters, too. The WG would need more information on timetables and philosophies of different financial programs.

The WG on coastal culture and maritime heritage is content with the Forum program of its maritime view. History of herring fishing is one of the on-going projects, including a small booklet on history of fishing herring with some receipts. A poster exhibition on theme will be shown at the V Forum. A long-term goal is develop it to a real exhibition. Knowledge exchange on boats and boat-building will start in September 2013 with EEA funding as a one year project.

All WG Chairs will quit by the V Forum. **An informal meeting with the previous and in-coming WG Chairs together with the MG troika Chairs will be arranged in connection to the V Forum in order to discuss the next steps of the WGs.**

- 6. Measures to improve interactions with the MG and the WGs were discussed with following recommendations:**
- a) **Discussions on national bases should be arranged between all respective MG and WG members in order to agree of the targets and tasks and hereby increase knowledge and improve performance both on national and on regional levels. This was agreed as homework before the V Forum meeting.**
 - b) **The MG networking shall have a clear strategy. The WGs need more advice and support concerning of aims and goals of their activities, and what role they play in the MG context.**
 - c) **In order to have direct contacts with the MG and each WG, the MG Chair should participate now and then to a WG meeting.**

The MG starts strategic work by giving as homework to the MG Members to investigate national interest for this regional work. It was agreed to arrange a meeting devoted totally to brainstorming for the MG strategy in 2014. The MG Chair will come to Helsinki on 30th July to discuss with in-coming MG Chair Tiina Mertanen and MG Coordinator of the ways to proceed with brainstorming. – The previous brainstorming was arranged in Iceland 2008 in one remote, summer-empty boarding school in connection with the regular MG meeting.

One meeting á 1.5-2 h together with the MG and the WGs was proposed to be arranged in order to increase mutual acquaintance of the “MG family”. The first option could be during the V Forum in Tallinn.

7. Finalisation of the first call and preparations of the V Forum in Estonia, 18-20 September 2013 were discussed. Final Forum documents are sent by the Forum Coordinator to be forwarded to relevant stakeholders by the MG members on national bases.

The Forum Coordinator promised that a Forum publication shall be ready at least as a pdf at the end 2013 or at the beginning of 2014. A catalogue of abstracts will be published first. – Regarding the 4th Forum publication, 700 copies were printed.

Please, register yourself asap! Speakers and moderators will not be charged Forum entry fee.

In order to promote Forum registration, the Forum web-address, www.tallinnforum.eu, should be placed to the homepages of all MG institutions. The first call should be forwarded to relevant portals and sites, where information on heritage events are disseminated (national ICOMOS and ICOM committees, heritage portals, directly to relevant NGOs, municipalities, universities and education institutions).

In order to be able announce the place of the VI Forum at the V Tallinn BSR Cultural Heritage Forum, Schleswig-Holstein or Sweden in a partnership with Germany and together with the renewed WG Building Preservation etc. shall investigate possibilities and options to arrange the VI Forum in 2016 (or 2017).

8. Mr Sergeev and Ms Mertanen presented the current Russian and coming Finnish Presidencies of the CBSS related to the MG

In Russia, the priorities of the Riga Ministerial Declaration of the latest Ministerial meeting (2008) are valid:

- safeguarding cultural heritage, paying particular attention to the enhancement of accessibility to cultural heritage, especially for children and young people,
- promoting cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and exchange,
- enhancing the impact of cultural sectors on the development of the creative economy³

In general, the Russian priority for the MG cooperation is to promote creating conditions for sustainable use of cultural heritage for cultural and social development in the BSR, including the Kaliningrad enclave.

The Finnish CBSS Presidency Priorities (July 2013 – June 2014):

- To increase dialogue and coordination in the BSR cultural cooperation
- Networks of creative sectors should be developed
- Cultural heritage and research dealing with it should enhance collaboration between states of the BSR.

A conference on Eastern Viking Routes is under preparations. The V Forum (Issue 7) and the Lithuanian EU Conference (Issue 11) are included to the Finnish CBSS Presidency program.

9. The IV Forum publication is online http://ej.uz/vkpai_report should be promoted by the MG institutions.

In order to disseminate messages of this publication in the region, this link should be placed to a relevant homepage of all MG institutions, and forward to corresponding portals and sites.

³ (The Riga Declaration can be found on mg-homepage:
http://mg.kpd.lt/users/www/uploaded/2008_Riga_Declaration_M_of_C.pdf)

10. Cultural Heritage and the EU-2020 Strategy -conference was introduced by Mr Jomantas, and included to these draft Minutes as attachment 3. Best practices of integrated management of cultural heritage in the BSR should be promoted there.

The process started during the Belgian EU Presidency at the Brügge Conference in 2010, where a resolution was agreed, and a Reflection Group EU and Cultural Heritage Policies was established. The target is to discuss the impacts of EU measures to cultural heritage. These impacts should be pre-considered in policies of different sectors, which is not now the case.

The planned International Conference ‘Cultural Heritage and the EU-2020 Strategy – Towards an Integrated Approach’ will be a follow-up of this process, and take place 2013 November 13-14 in Vilnius as a part of Lithuanian EU-Presidency Program. The next EU Presidencies (Greece and Italy) will conclude the process. The aim is in long term to have an EU strategy or a policy paper regarding the issue.

At the Vilnius Conference, three themes, namely: 1) environment, 2) agriculture, 3) regional development and cohesion, will be targeted to show positive effects of cultural heritage if integrated in their policies. Lithuanian arrangers would like to promote here those BSR countries and cases, where these kinds of integrated approach are implemented. - It is to be expected that later on Italy and Greece will concentrate more on Mediterranean policies.

The MG was asked to send names of optional speakers and topics to a.jomantas@heritage.lt, and even addresses to whom to set information on this conference.

11. National reporting as the attachment 2 of these final minutes.

12. The next MG meeting will be held on 17th September 13.00 -18.00 at the National Heritage Board of Estonia, Pikk street 2 (in Old Town of Tallinn) in accordance of the V Forum in Tallinn 18-20 September 2013.

13. The meeting was closed on 9th April at 16.00.

Participants of the Monitoring Group Meeting in Tallinn, Estonia 08.-09.04.2013

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Mr Kalev Uustalu, National Heritage Board, Estonia

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Ms Katrine Kukaine, State Inspection of Protection of Monuments, Latvia

Mr Alfredas Jomantas, Department of Cultural Heritage Protection under the Ministry of Culture, Lithuania

Mr Jørgen Holten Jørgensen, Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Norway

Ms Liv Ramskjær, Department of Museum in Arts Council, Norway

Ms Paulina Florjanowicz, National Heritage Board of Poland

Mr Jerzy Litwin, Polish Maritime Museum in Gdansk

Mr Dmitry Leonidovich Sergeev, Ministry of Culture, The Russian Federation

Ms Karin Arvastson, National Heritage Board, Sweden

WG Chairs:

Mr Robert Domzal, Polish Maritime Museum, WG on coastal culture and maritime heritage

Mr Dag Arne Reinart, WG on sustainable historic towns

Mr Ralf Bleile, WG on underwater heritage

Guests:

Ms Marii Asmer, project manager for the V BSR Cultural Heritage Forum /NHB of Estonia

Ms Margit Pulk, National Heritage Board of Estonia

Information to:

Tor Brorström, Chair of the network on indoor climate in churches

Absent:

Ms Baiba Murniece, State Inspection of Protection of Monuments, Latvia

Mr Algimantas Degutis, Department of Cultural Heritage Protection under the Ministry of Culture, Lithuania

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Iceland: open