



Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea States

09 December 2009

Monitoring Group Meeting in Gdansk, Poland Monday 26th - Tuesday 27th October 2009

Meeting venue: Polish Maritime Museum in Gdansk

Minutes

1. **The Chair Alfredas Jomantas** thanked the host, Director Jerzy Litwin for his kind invitation to have the Monitoring Group meeting at the Polish Maritime Museum.

The Chair introduced the Chair of the Working Group on sustainable historic towns, **Dag Arne Reinar** from the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage and the Chair of the network on cultural heritage education **Marju Reismaa** from the Estonian Ministry of Culture. He welcomed also **Bartosz Skaldawski**, who participated of behalf of the National Heritage Board of Poland, and student **Sandra Petie Einen**, who practices at the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage and took part as an observer.

2. **Director Jerzy Litwin and PhD Dardina Mackowska introduced the Maritime Culture Centre-project at the Polish Maritime Museum.** The project will expand museum premises to the other side of the Motlava riverbank and enable more comprehensive exhibitions like "People Ships Ports" and "Boats from all over the world". Youngsters and schoolchildren are among prioritized target groups of the project. The project budget is 12 M € and the EEA grant covers 8,5 M € of them.
3. **The Agenda was adopted** as it was approved.

4. MG-Desk reporting since the previous meeting

- Alfredas Jomantas summarized MG-correspondence with Mr Colin Wolf, Head of Unit Territorial Cooperation in the European Commission regarding the role of cultural heritage in the Baltic Sea Strategy. As the next step, after the ongoing reorganisation of the Commission, MG Desk will search an opportunity to meet topical key persons at the Commission to discuss the role of our regional cooperation in the Commission' context. The aim is to integrate our targets to large scale issues like climate change, energy efficiency and other challenges whose management policies have also notable impacts on sustainable management of cultural heritage.

- **CBSS and the Northern Dimension Cultural Partnership (NDCP) – *updated information added***

In October 2008, the first Ministerial Meeting of the Renewed Northern Dimension instructed the ND Steering Group to set up an ad-hoc expert group to assess the feasibility of establishing a NDPC. The group has collected relevant information about the regional activities in the field of cultural cooperation. This material, including a review of activities as well as topical priorities and targets of the Monitoring group, is attached as appendix to the report of the ND ad-hoc expert group. The summary is incorporated in the report "Examining the desirability of a Northern Dimension Partnership on Culture" that was delivered to the ND Steering Group September 2009. NCM, who contributes by offering technical support, publishes the final report and all the appendices at the webpage www.norden.org.

The ND Steering Group discussed the report at their meeting in Moscow in September. *The report was handed over to the Northern Dimension Senior Officials Meeting in November, who took the final decision to establish the partnership. Partners of the Northern Dimension are looking forward to cooperate with all the Regional Councils within the ND region.*

- The Coordinator participated to **the Nordic Cultural Forum on NDPC** that was arranged in September in Finland. It was titled "Creative Economy in Northern Europe, Nordic Cultural Forum: Northern Dimension Partnership on Culture". A review of the Forum proceedings was attached to the draft Minutes.

Russia will arrange a Forum on competence on Northern Dimension Partnership in St Petersburg in spring 2010.

- **CBSS and SOM – *updated information added***

CBSS SOM of Foreign Ministries took place on the 1-3 of December 2009 in Kaliningrad. *The Monitoring Group was asked to present its regional activities at the SOM meeting with the Kaliningrad authorities. At the ordinary SOM meeting the MG Desk concluded how our regional activities implement the CBSS priorities on culture. The other bodies for regional cooperation that were invited with same tasks*

are BSR Border Control Cooperation (collaboration between police forces) and CBSS Expert Group on Customs Cooperation and Border Crossing Aspects.

The MG-Desk met the CBSS Secretary in Stockholm before the CBSS SOM meeting. *The CBSS Secretary expressed their will assist with our cooperation, especially regarding questions of political support to topical requests, of Russian membership and of linking neighbouring countries like Belarus as observes to our cooperation.*

5. IV Forum September 2010 in Riga; program, resolution and invitations

The distributed Forum draft program, the 1st call and session descriptions were discussed in order to finalise the 1st call by the beginning of December. Regarding the draft resolution, MG contributes with its regional experiences the Forum Task Force to elaborate it to the next stage.

The role of the MG in the Forum preparations is to assist the Latvian arrangers to create a professional and interesting regional approach. The respective MG-members and Chairs in those countries that are in charge of a session arrangements should advice their Task Force members with their experience on regional collaboration, previous forum-events and target groups. We need fluent communication for a convenient process and successful result.

The last Forum Task Force meeting took place in September 2010 in Riga with representatives from Norway, Sweden and MG-Desk as well as Latvian experts and stakeholders. The Finnish moderator Mikko Mälkki took part in preparations of the meeting documents by e-mails.

Kristina Kukaine presented the actual stage of preparations. Following additions were made to the draft Forum program;

- The WG on underwater heritage prepares a pre-Forum seminar on 8th and has their internal meeting parallel to the afternoon sessions on 9th since these sessions do not deal underwater-heritage. A movie on showing the most important objects of underwater cultural heritage in the Baltic Sea States could be elaborated for the Forum (10-15 min). It could run nonstop for example in the lobby. *The Chair, Ralf Bleile, confirms that the WG members agree his ad-hoc proposal by February 2010.*
- The WG on coastal and maritime heritage will have a pre-Forum seminar in Jurmala museum on 8th. The WG prepares an exhibition "Preservation of Historic Ships" that will be opened by the Chair at the Forum (10min). A film "10 years with Norwegian Ship Preservation Centres" (in Engl.) will be shown at the Forum premises.
- The contribution of the WG on maintenance etc to the pre-Forum deals with "Moist and temperature in churches" in view of the "global warming aspect", in collaboration with the informal sub-group on churches. Tor Broström is the contact person for more detailed information. Karin Arvistson will discuss financing of his

participation at the RAA. In addition to these subjects the WG will have an ordinary internal planning session.

- Association of Castles around the Baltic Sea would like to have an option for a meeting 8.9.2010.
- Examples of bilateral cooperation on cultural heritage between Poland and Norway could be presented in one corner of the Forum premises by a movie.
- Seminar of the WG on sustainable historic towns is under discussions yet.
- Children and heritage education will have a closed network meeting. They will be more involved perhaps at the 5th Forum.

The updated documents are sent for further improvements on week 45 to the Members and Chairs to be commented by 18 of November. A list of the structure for the list of stakeholders to whom the 1st call should be sent by members in respective countries is distributed. The Forum will have max 300 participants.

The 1st call should raise regional interest to participate to the Forum. The Swedish moderators have prepared already a description with sentences that try to "sell" their theme. It is forwarded to the members as an example to the other countries. Resolution is only in an early stage but all the comments are needed to elaborate it further for Task Force members. The finalization of the resolution will be on our agenda at the Visby meeting.

The Chair recalled his experiences from arranging the previous Forum and stressed the importance of preparing a detailed timetable for Forum duties and to list persons in charge of those tasks.

It was agreed that if it needed, a skype or an ordinary meeting will be arranged on the first week of February 2010. In that case, Riga will host one day's meeting.

The Monitoring Group meeting should be after the main Forum, eventually during the excursion on 11th.

6. Thematic working groups, calendar 2010

Maintenance WG will have their next meeting in Visby, Gotland in February 2010. The meeting will share information on "Registers and other systematic information on buildings of cultural heritage". The meeting will also discuss their contribution to the pre-Forum in Riga (ref. issue 5).

Underwater heritage WG will have their next meeting in April 2010 probably at Åland Island, the next in connection of the 4th Forum in Riga. The Task Force preparing a movie will meet in Roskilde in December 2009. Normally at least two days are needed for the regular working group meeting.

The Chair of the **Coastal WG** presented the general idea of our regional work and their thematic approach at the European Museum Forum fall 2009. The WG works with the theme 100 most important ships. They have elected an editorial group for the exhibition work. The WG will have a meeting in Gdansk before the Riga Forum. Ref. issue 5.

Sustainable historic towns WG has got reappointed members from Sweden, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Estonia. Iceland considers appointment. Danish membership is open. The Norwegian delegation discussed a new project initiative with Latvian and Lithuanian participants in Vilnius in September. The Nordic SuHiTo WG-meeting takes place in Oslo in November. The first SuHiTo WG-meeting will be held *in Stockholm* February 2010.

The Chair of the WG, Dag Arne Reinart presented shortly the Norwegian project idea on energy savings. An elaborated project description is attached to these Minutes (Att 1).

7. New themes

The cultural heritage education project applied financing from the Long-term Network Funding that was decided in the middle of November. It did not get the expected support. The Chair of the WG and Coordinator will try to browse other financing opportunities and get better feedback from the Nordic Cultural Point. The minimum option for 2010 could be one meeting back-to-back to the 4th Cultural Heritage Forum 8. September 2010.

Digitalization seminar with 11 participants and hosts was held in Oslo 9-10. November as planned in the application.

8. HERITY approach presented by Maurizio Quagliuolo, HERITY Secretariat

HERITY approach (heritage + quality) focuses on enhancing the quality of visitor experience, management of sites and quality of conservation. It aims at helping visitors to experience a conscious way to discover cultural heritage and itineraries and involving them in supporting the quality of conservation, communication and services of the places they go to in. It started 1994 when delegates from 27 countries agreed to collect information on quality factors regarding cultural heritage management; issues for valorisation, value of place and of messages the site transmits and quality of communication. The topics deal with the balance between conservation and use. It is normally understood as a rule of "the more conservation, less use and vice versa", but a proper balance and tolerance should be estimated case by case.

Every national commission of HERITY maintains an updated database of certified monuments, archaeological sites, libraries, archives and museums as well as

itineraries (as long as they are partners) in the related country. The HERITY targets are 1) perceived value, 2) conservation and preservation capability, 3) communication and transmitted information, and 4) provided services. Assessors, managers (most important) and the public (and stakeholders) combine the HERITY target groups, who are interviewed to get an assessment of the value of management. Their opinion is considered in relation of their weight on different targets. For example the public opinion has less to do with conservation and preservation capability and more on transmitted information and provided services. Each monument can be excellent in one or more target areas. A sign that contains concluded information on HERITY assessment should be placed in a visible place for visitor's use. – Thus it increases the touristic signing of a heritage site. –

At the moment, 35 countries are involved in this approach. More information online www.herity.it and www.herity.org.

9. **The EEA Grant publication *Culture and continuity*** was introduced by Noëlle Poppe. The book illustrates to public how EEA Grants contribute to protect cultural heritage and thereby to sustainable development by safeguarding Europe's cultural properties and enhancing developing tourism as a local resource. Heritage conservation efforts account for one quarter of the EEA and Norway Grants.

10. New homepage mg.kpd.it

The structure for the new homepage was agreed in the previous MG-meeting as well as how to create and maintain contents to them. The MG-Desk is in charge of the main page and those pages named in the horizontal menu. The Chairs of the working groups are in charge of their respective pages in the vertical, left menu. The address for editing material is <http://mg.kpd.it/valdymas>. Each Chair has got an own password and is obliged to sign a contract of the proper use of these since our pages are located within state web site.

It was agreed that the main page of each WG should answer with 1-2 sentences (the order can be selected according what seems most relevant);

Why WG?

Who are we?

What do we do?

How?

Photos add interest! The techniques to load material, add photos and pdf's is easy, comparable to making a word document. The Chairs should draft their input during November directly to the site. Language checking will take place after that. Then we'll start to advertise the site.

11. National reviews on

- cultural heritage priorities and approaches
- topical management issues and policies
- financial situation and management resources in general
- seminars and publications

Norway: Jørn Holme is appointed as the new Director General for the Directorate for Cultural Heritage. He is a lawyer by education and has worked as a head at the Norwegian Police Security Service (PST). At the Ministry of Environment, the same Minister continues also in the new Government.

2009 was appointed as the year of cultural heritage. Preliminary conclusion is that the theme was very visible on local level, especially in new media like in internet. The EEA negotiations are taken place now. An open call for projects regarding cultural exchange fund with Poland is going on. The new database of the Directorate could be demonstrated in the next MG-meeting.

The budget of the RA has increased. 14th International Course on Wood Conservation Technology will be arranged together with ICCROM 24 May - 2 July 2010.

The Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority is under the Ministry of Culture that has again an increased budget for 2010. The new Minister prioritizes children and young. A new report on museum sector proposes focus on content: research and knowledge.

Estonia is recently included in the UNESCO WH Committee. The main representative will be professor of contemporary architecture Mart Kalm. Year 2009 has been the Year of Museum in Estonia. So called "40 county museum reform" will create a joint state museum. The 1st step is to arrange joint services for administration and technologies, beginning in the July 2010.

Recent budget cuts for their Ministry of Culture are 20 %. Since 2008, altogether 50 % of the budget is decreased, mostly cutting down investments. A national project "Talking buildings" dealing with heritage protection and architecture is launched. Based on a seminar held in 2008, a report on protection of cultural heritage in relation to armed conflict is published. The members of the Association of the Manor Schools are invited to a study meeting in Norway.

In Germany, Schleswig-Holstein, a new government is elected with some changes. The issues of culture are taken away from the Cabin of the Prime Minister and placed under the Ministry of Education. The project to include the Hedeby

Viking Site to the UNESCO World Heritage List has started where also Denmark is involved. The aim is to send the initiative to the UNESCO by February 2011.

In Iceland the new bill on the structure of the heritage institutions has not yet been laid before parliament and now it is not clear when this will be. This would mean a fusion of the Archeological Institution, the Architectural Heritage Board and the Museums Board. A central digitalized database is now well on its way and will be launched in 2010. Because of a considerable increase in break-ins in Iceland, where for example a valuable collection of precious stones was stolen from a museum in the Eastfjords, talks are under way on how objects in small remote Icelandic churches can be secured. Publications number 13 and 14 in the book-series about the listed churches in Iceland were published recently. The Architectural Heritage Board is a co-publisher with the National museum and the Bishop of Iceland. Current plan expects that the last books, number 23 and 24 will come out in the year 2015.

Finland, a new General Director of the National Board of Antiquities will be appointed during November (*Juhani Kostet, Director at the Museum Centre of Turku*) and will start his work in the beginning of 2010. NBA will be reorganized under the new leadership. Even delocalization is under consideration and should be decided yet this year.

The process of defining the cultural environments of national interests should be finalized in the beginning of 2010. Digitalized databases for inventory systems are also under work. NBA has cooperation with Sweden on modern architecture and it aims at preparing a new strategy on theme. Risk preparedness and the Nordic project focusing on effects of climate change to the cultural heritage and environment (*Effekter av klimaendringer på kulturminner og kulturmiljøer, www.riksantikvaren.no*) are topical at the moment. NBA is also involved in a Nordic project, part-financed by the NCM, where heritage is perceived as a resource in regional development.

Two policies are under elaboration at the Ministry of Education and Culture; one that deals with the future of culture and the other focusing on how culture is a part of welfare in our society. Privatization of the state buildings has not turned out to be successful regarding their preservation, and this is one of the aspects to be reconsidered when updating the Strategy for state buildings.

In Poland, at the National Heritage Board, the digitalization of archives and collections is under work. This includes verifying and updating register of collections. National program on archaeological sites is launched and will continue to 2012. Budget cuts are around 10%. The board's homepage will include a portal for the heritage issues, and will be launched in 2010.

Polish Maritime Museum; a Forum in Krakow was arranged dealing with the social impact of on culture. Target groups were high political key persons, and cultural and cultural heritage sectors.

In Latvia an actual economic crisis has arrived. Budget cuts are 40 %, in personal 15 %. Compared with state budget in 2008 cuts are 60%. An act on Public-Private-Partnership is adopted that may affect property owners to finance their conservation projects. The Inspection has launched online discussion with public on cultural heritage. Riga will be one of the Cultural Capitals in 2014.

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany: regarding the financial crisis there are more funding than ever for cultural heritage. Many small projects are going on, but there is no more personal. The conference “Improve of climate contra preserve of cultural heritage” of the Ministries of Culture in Germany was arranged with a resolution how these two goals could be integrated. The resolution with its cover paper in German is attached to the Minutes (Att 2). An initiative under preparation and searching for partners aims at including the town of Schwerin with its parks and landscapes to the World Heritage List as an example of cultural landscape of the 19th century.

In **Sweden**, a new policy is launched that includes rearrangements at the National Heritage Board increases collaboration on local, regional and state levels and enhances coordination. A change of political objectives includes for the NHB four main new subjects. It is responsible as the national coordinator for maintenance and conservation of artifacts and buildings. Cooperation within cultural heritage area (museums, churches, and authorities) should be increased, as well as cooperation with researches focusing on sustainable cities and public environment. The NHB has national responsibility for digitalization of the cultural heritage for the public. The target is to create and develop digital infrastructure. The NHB should increase collaboration with creative companies and regional development.

The cuts of the NHB budget for 2010 will be 15 % and 25 persons. The regional archeological offices have to cut down 50 %. The relocation affected increased costs and deficit of personal.

In Lithuania, the cut has been 15 % for personal, 30% for investments. In 2010, another 15 % is probably. What happens to programs is still open. Essential structural changes in the heritage administration are to be expected.

A conference on wooden heritage will be arranged on 26-28th of May 2010. An invitation and call of papers; http://www.kpd.lt/failai/u1/Call_for_papers-2.pdf.

12. Coming meetings

Karin Arvastson welcomed the MG-Members and Chairs to the next MG-meeting in Visby 26-27. April 2010 with arrivals on Sunday, 25th of April.

13. Any other business

An updated list of addresses was attached to the draft Minutes.

14. The meeting was closed at 15.00.

Monitoring Group Meeting in Gdansk, Poland 26.-27.10.2009

Host: Director **Jerzy Litwin**, Polish Maritime Museum in Gdansk

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Underwater Heritage: Ralf Bleile, Archäologisches Landesmuseum at Schloß Gottorf in Schleswig-Holstein;

Sustainable Historic Towns: Dag Arne Reinart, Directorate for Cultural Heritage;

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