

Cooperation between Eastern Norway County Network (ENCN) and Schleswig-Holstein

Cooperation perspectives 2012/2013 – adopted (07.11.12)

1. BALTIC SEA AND NORTH SEA COOPERATION

The partners have used each other's network and representations in the Baltic Sea Region and in the North Sea Region and have co-operated within the frame of BSSSC and NSC over the past years.

Proposal for actions in 2012/2013:

- Take part in follow-up of the North Sea Region 2020 strategy and in the programme work towards an Interreg B North Sea Programme 2014 - 2020. Exchange views and ideas – prepare for new projects of common interest.
- Take part in the follow up of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and connect the work to the cooperation within BSSSC. Exchange views and ideas in the programme work towards the new Interreg B Baltic Sea Region programme 2014 – 2020 and prepare for new projects of common interest.

2. MARITIME POLICY

Maritime policy is one of the focus topics for cooperation between Schleswig-Holstein and Eastern Norway County Network (ENCN). The partner regions work together within the BSSSC Working Group on Maritime Policy (chaired by Schleswig-Holstein) aiming at contributing to the development of the Baltic Sea Region into a European maritime best practise region by 2015.

Proposal for actions in 2012/2013:

- Follow and support the work in the Interreg IV B projects Clean Baltic Shipping and Clean North Sea Shipping.
- Cooperate within the BSSSC WG Maritime Policy
- Inform each other about large arrangements and activities of interest for the other partner region – open up for and stimulate participation from each other's organisations and business environments. Maintain and develop the existing networks.

3. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Sustainable Energy and Climate Change are high on everyone's agenda and should continue to be an area of common concern. During the CC meeting 2010 and 2011 there was a special focus on sustainable energy and this discussion will be continued also in the 2012 meeting.

Proposal for actions in 2012/2013

- Within our individual capacities at home, we will further promote the promising prospects and benefits of the project NORD-LINK with a view to speedy authorization and realization
- Further investigate possible cooperation projects based on best practises and exchange of experience and information within wind power and bio-energy.
 - To investigate possible cooperation within the area transport and climate
- To exchange information and inform each other about large arrangements and activities of interest for the other partner region.

4. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

Transport Corridors are an important topic for Schleswig-Holstein as well as ENCN – and binds our regions together. The Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link will open new perspectives for the whole Western Baltic Sea Region and will serve as a catalyst to create mental bridges and intensified cooperation in various sectors between the regions. The Scandinavian 8 Million City (CoInCo North) project is of importance for the corridor from Eastern Norway to Copenhagen – and further on to Germany.

Proposal for actions in 2012/2013:

- Keep an eye on the development and look for synergies from the projects and cooperating structures to be fed into our bilateral cooperation.

5. CULTURAL COOPERATION

Art

The cooperation in the area of contemporary art continues, and our aim is to have regular exchange of exhibitions on modern art in our two regions.

The common exhibition on crafts “Connecting 2011” has been successfully carried out during 2011 and 2012. The exhibition consists of works by 40 artists from 5 regions and countries and is defined as an Ars Baltica project. A catalogue is made and an internet page is established. The project got a broad presentation in the magazine Kunsthandwerk & Design, which is a magazine for German speaking Europe. The exhibition opened in Flensburg 13 February 2011 and was shown in Eastern Norway from June 2011. Later Connecting has been to Finland, Denmark and ended up in Sweden in August 2012. See also <http://www.connecting-artsandcrafts.com/>

Proposal for actions in 2012/2013:

- Carry out the joint exhibition of Landesschau by the National Association of Fine Artists - State Association of Schleswig-Holstein (Bundesverband Bildende Künstler, Landesverband Schleswig-Holstein) and Östlandsutstillinger “STEREO NOT MONO”. It was opened at Galleri F15 in Moss, Eastern Norway 15 September 2012 and will be presented in Brunsbüttel, Schleswig-Holstein on the 26 of January 2013. It is the first combined exhibition under a common theme and the first application communicated by the world wide web. A common Norwegian-German catalogue is produced. Efforts are taken from Schleswig-Holstein side to show parts of the exhibition in Berlin in spring 2013.

- To carry out the jewellery exhibition “LightSpot” as a spin-off project of Connecting – to be shown in Oslo from mid January to early February 2013 and in Kiel in March 2013. The project will be a part of the bigger Nordic project “From The Coolest Corner” and gives Schleswig-Holstein artists a possibility to join the Nordic project using the cooperation agreement with ENCN. 5 artists from each region will take part.

Taking care of the Viking heritage

In the context of the international nomination project of Viking monuments and sites for the UNESCO World Heritage list, the national level on Norwegian side (Riksantikvaren) works together with the federal level in Schleswig-Holstein (Archäologisches Landesamt). From Norwegian side the Viking sites in Vestfold as well as Hyllestad in Sogn & Fjordane county will be included into the application for the UNESCO list. Vestfold supports the nomination of Viking Age burial mounds in their domain. Sweden has withdrawn from the cooperation.

Proposal for actions in 2012/2013:

- Continue the cooperation on developing the transnational serial nomination on Viking heritage in Northern Europe for the UNESCO World Heritage list- including Thingvellir in Iceland, Jelling and the Trelleborgene in Denmark, Grobina in Latvia, Hedeby and the Danevirke in Schleswig-Holstein and Viking areas in Vestfold (Eastern Norway) and in Sogn og Fjordane county (West Norway). Application will be sent by end of January 2014.

Film

After some years of dialog and preparation the “Landesverband Jugend & Film” (LJF) and Östnorsk Film Centre have started cooperation in the field of youth and film.

Proposal for actions in 2012/2013:

- Ten youth from Schleswig-Holstein will take part at the “Amandus Filmfestival 2013” in Lillehammer. Participants are young people from Schleswig-Holstein and Eastern Norway from 14 to 16 years.
- The LJF invites to a common filmcamp in Schleswig-Holstein in November 2013 to produce bilingual or subtitled films together.
- The two events will continue the exchange in 2013 and 2014

Music

- Investigate the interest and options of cooperation between folkBaltica and institutions related to folk’s music in Eastern Norway.

6. YOUTH COOPERATION

Youth involvement is high on the priority list in the international work of ENCN and a focused area in the Norwegian Government’s Strategy for Germany. Both ENCN and Schleswig-Holstein are active within the BSSSC WG Youth Policy.

This years’ youth event in connection to the BSSSC annual conference GREEN is financed through a common application in the “EU youth in action programme (YIA)”

from ENCN, Landesjugendring Schleswig-Holstein and other partners from the Baltic Sea.

A YIA project was successfully carried out in September/October 2012 in Schleswig-Holstein with partners from Buskerud and Oppland (8 young people + two from the regional administration).

Proposal for actions in 2012/2013:

- Continue to support the BSSSC youth work through the WG youth policy and the youth network under the Helsinki-Uusimaa Region Chairmanship (2013-2014).
- To develop and carry out a joint Youth in Action project on “Youth and Sport” from 4 - 11 October 2013 in cooperate with regions in Estonia, Finland and Turkey. The Regional Youth Council of Schleswig-Holstein (Landesjugendring) will act as lead partner.
- Carry out a project to exchange competence in youth work and involvement of young people. A group of 7 experts from ENCN will visit Schleswig-Holstein in April in 2013 and a re-visit from Schleswig-Holstein will be planned for 2014.

7. TOURISM COOPERATION

Tourism is a major economic sector for Schleswig-Holstein as well as for the counties in Eastern Norway. German tourists are the largest group of foreign visitor to Norway. Our two cooperating areas are well connected by direct ferry between Oslo and Kiel and via Fredrikshavn, Denmark to Larvik (Color Line).

Proposal for actions in 2012/2013:

- To explore the cooperation possibilities and exchange of knowledge and competence within the area such as “season extension” and “restructuring of hotels and accommodation facilities”.

8. 200-YEARS CELEBRATION OF THE TREATY OF KIEL/PEACE OF KIEL

In connection with the 200 Jubilee of the Norwegian Constitution in 2014 a special event is planned to celebrate the Treaty of Kiel. The main event will be on 14 January 2014 – as the first of several main events under the Constitutional jubilee programme. Schleswig-Holstein and ENCN are approached by the Norwegian Embassy in Berlin to be a part of the event and programme in Kiel.

Proposal for actions in 2012/2013:

- To discuss and concretizes the participation of our partnership in the celebration of the Treaty of Kiel in 2014. Use this opportunity to inform about our partnership and profile our regions in each other’s countries. Cooperate closely with the Norwegian Embassy in Berlin.

Responsible units for coordination of the cooperation:

From Schleswig-Holstein: Division for European Affairs in the Ministry of Justice, Culture and European Affairs

From ENCN: Eastern Norway County Network Secretariat

