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2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY & POLITICAL BUREAU MEETINGS

29 May 2015, Brussels (Committee of the Regions, BE)

MINUTES

Ms Eleni Marianou, CPMR Secretary General, moderated the 2015 BBSRC General Assembly meeting. After the approval of the draft agenda of the meeting, the General Assembly ratified the nomination of the Political Bureau Members (due to the coming elections in Turkey, the Turkish members had not nominated their full and substitute members. Moreover, since the 2015 BBSRC General Assembly meeting, the Governor of Odessa Oblast has changed, and during the CPMR Political Bureau in Crete, on 12 June 2015, the applications of the Union of County Councils of the Republic of Moldova and the Regional Council of Tirana to join the CPMR and its BBSRC were accepted.).

The General Assembly elected [Mr Mircea Stoian](#), Tuclea County Councilor, as the BBSRC President for the 2015-2017 period. Mr Stoian presented the [priorities](#) of his presidency.

The report on the 2014 and 2015 accounts of the Balkan and Black Sea Commission and an outlook for 2016 have been sent in advance to the members of the Commission. No observation being registered, they are approved by unanimity.

Mr Mircea Stoian stressed that analyzing financial data it was obvious that the CPMR team who was appointed to provide the General Secretary for the BBSRC had carefully managed the available resources and the negative balance remains an issue. Although the necessary funds for the BBSRC were provided from the total budget of CPMR, other Regional Commission could become dissatisfied in time. The possible solution for a positive balance could be raising awareness of all members on the obligation to pay the annual fee on time.

Ms Eleni Marianou reassured the support from the CPMR to the BBSRC and added that it is important that this Geographical Commission remains autonomous and invited the BBSRC members to raise awareness of the work this Commission does in order to attract new members as well, and fund its future activities.

Mr Patrick Anvroin, Director at the CPMR responsible for the follow-up of the BBSRC presented the [2014-2015 Activity Report](#).

Ms Eleni Marianou focused on the significance of projects in the Balkan and Black Sea area and called for a strategy proposal by the CPMR/BBSRC for the Black Sea area, for participation in the consultation for the European Neighbourhood Policy review, and for reinforcement of the partnership with the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC).

No organizational issues have been raised.

As regards extending the membership, Ms Eleni Marianou addressed to the Turkish member present and asked for identifying the importance of the CPMR for coastal Turkish provinces and metropolitan municipalities and proposed that a national meeting or seminar where the CPMR's added value for the Turkish coastal areas could be presented, would be very welcome. National events in every Black Sea country where the good word could be spread would contribute to supporting the work of the CPMR/BBSRC. From its end, the CPMR/BBSRC will continue bringing together the actors of the Balkan and Black Sea area through its political and practical work.

Mr Patrick Anvrouin welcomed the Region of North Aegean, new CPMR/BBSRC member since the CPMR Political Bureau in Nantes, on 27 February 2015.

Ms Christiana Kalogirou, Governor of North Aegean Region, presented the importance of the Region's participation in the CPMR and close collaboration with the other CPMR/BBSRC members. She also stressed the close collaboration with the CPMR through the North Aegean Region's Brussels office.

Mr Mircea Stoian thanked the participants and stressed that is important to give a concrete dimension of inter-regional cooperation within the BBSRC and the common project financed through the Black Sea Basin Joint Programme are important steps.

During the BBSRC Political Bureau meeting, the BBSRC President and Tulcea County Councillor, Mr Mircea Stoian, announced that the 1st Vice-President is Ms Christiana Kalogirou, Governor of North Aegean Region. The posts of the 2nd and the 3rd Vice-Presidents will be decided during the next Political Bureau meeting in Florence, following the Pre-Assembly meeting (*According to the ARTICLE 4 - "THE POLITICAL BUREAU" of the Rules of procedure of the BBSRC, the Vice-Presidents are elected by the Political Bureau. As the Political Bureau shall meet at least twice a year, the second and the third Vice-President will be elected during the next Political Bureau meeting on Thursday, 5 November 2015 in Florence*). President Stoian appointed 1st Vice-President, Ms Christiana Kalogirou, as the BBSRC alternate member of the CPMR Political Bureau. No organizational issues were raised during the meeting of the Political Bureau. As regards the 2016 BBSRC General Assembly, no decision has been made and both the date and place are open to discussion between the BBSRC members.