

**Meeting of the EUSBSR Priority Area Culture Steering Group.
Warsaw, 13th January 2020**

Minutes
by M. Hagemann/ARS BALTICA

Venue: Fryderyk Chopin Museum in Warsaw

Address: 1 Okólnik Street, 00-368 Warsaw

Time: 13 January 2020. 12.00-16.00.

Participants:

- see list

Joint Networking-Lunch

Opening (Opening by Agnieszka Grunwald, Deputy Director, Department of International Relations, Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage/PA Culture coordinator)

- Hello from polish partners
- Structure meeting / topics
- Schedule for both days / SG-Meeting / Workshop

First Part of SG Meeting

Introduction Round

- who is who

Revision of EUSBSR Action Plan

- Opening Revision Plan (Joanna Wojtkowska / add ons by Rafał Jewdokimow)
- New revision was not completed as such due to time issues
- not enough time in the National Coordinators Meeting to fundamentally change strategy
- Passages will stay as they are
- Shorten Strategy/action plan to make it more understandable
- Closer to the people/more down to earth
- The core changes are mainly on governance: f.e. rename national coordinator groups
- SDGs will be a substantial part of the new Action plan

PA Culture description in the revised version of Action Plan Revision Proposal

- The 3-pager proposal was presented by (Rafał Jewdokimow)
- Reduction of the text on to 3 pages
- adding the focus on youth as well as CBSS as potential new
- Kaarina Williams proposes the adding of Youth action via CBSS as well as CBSS as new Coordinator

- Joanna remarks that this needs some formal justification s.a. side-mark or mentioning of the reasons etc. including concept-note with explications etc.
- National coordinators meet 4/5 February 2020 in case of personal consultancy
- National Coordinators meeting in Brussels also 18 February
- agreement s not formally necessary but might help to convince
- Rafal presents adjusted text to be approved by the SG-Committee members. The text was agreed upon.

Seed Money applications

- decision of possible seed-money applications and letters of recommendations
- there have been 8 applications handed in
- two of the projects were presented by SG-members ARS BALTICA and NDPC
- the two representatives Marcus Hagemann (AB) and Dace Resele (NDPC) fav their general input upon proposals and left the room to assure a fair objective decision by the other members
- PA Culture SG has selected 4 projects for further recommendations:
 1. CCI, Circular Economy and Place
 2. CULTURE4CLIMATE
 3. CCI, HansaLink
 4. Architectural & Landscape Heritage as a Driver for Economic, Cultural and Community Development in Peripheral Regions Place

Second Part of SG Meeting

Prolongation of programme 2021

- Rafal introduces the possibility for prolongation of call three, which will be running for nine more months (X 2020 until VI 2021)
- Updates on procedures will be given until March 2020

PA Culture Steering Group–composition

- lack of participation expressed by Agnieszka Grunwald
- proposal from Joanna Wojtkowska to re-adjust and re-contact/update addresses and double-check with National Coordinators

EUSBSR Annual Forum Turku

- mix PA-Culture Tourism and Innovation
- joint event is requested in this constellation
- Rafal stretches that an extra event might be too much, or doing something back-to-back could be too much
- Kaarina explains the role of CBSS as co-organiser and the possibility to feed in action via CBSS, but this needs a bit more time nd things are under discussion

topics short/overview

1. Text revised EUSBSR action plan
2. Seed Money applications / 4 projects are chosen
3. Future PA-Culture / Prolongation agreed / integrate CBSS

4. Composition PA-Culture Steering Group / sort out countries / order / engage new actors
5. Turku Annual Forum / wait for details / inform each-other / propose something, a format etc.
6. Organise another workshop in May in Krakow on handy-craft Cultural Heritage
7. Baltic Sea Cultural Cities accepted as flagship status

Conclusions/Any Other Business

- workshop outlook
- logistics about upcoming events and joint activities