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Paper for the
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NSC ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES

Item 5.1; Promoting the Success of NSC

At the Executive Committee meeting in 2 November 2007 it was decided to make an investigation to find the successes of the North Sea Commission. At the meeting Andrew Llanwarne will present the findings of the investigation.

Item 5.2; NSC preliminary response to the future of CPMR

The CPMR Political Bureau wants a thorough process and aims to involve the member regions, the Geographical Commission and external key persons to give their view of CPMR today and what CPMR should focus on for the future.

This issue will be presented and discussed with Jean-Didier Hache at the political seminar 11 June 2008. Jean-Didier Hache is responsible in the CPMR Secretariat for preparing the final paper on the future of CPMR.

In July all members will be sent a questionnaire asking for their opinion, with a deadline for response in end of August.

Enclosed are the papers prepared for the process;

- ❖ **FUTURE OF CPMR ENQUIRY**, Paper prepared by Jean-Didier Hache in cooperation with the Geographical Commissions' Executive Secretaries. (Note; the list of persons to be interviewed is not complete in the paper).

The activities for the process are planned as follows;

January 2008	CPMR Political Bureau, Séville. Decision to undertake an enquire into the future of CPMR.
February 2008	5th - Drafting of enquiry procedure by Executive-Secretaries Validation of procedure by email by Political Bureau Members.
STAGE 1	
March 2008	Start of interviews process Start of analytical study & background paper.
April 2008	3-4 th NSC ExCom, Vastra Gotaland 7 th – Meeting with CPMR Administrative Council 10-11 th IC annual Conference, Mallorca.
Mai 2008	
June 2008	12-13 th BSC-NSC Joint annual conference 12-13 th AA Annual Conference 23-24 th IMC annual meeting, Marseille 26 th BBSC annual Conference, Rhodes 27 th CPMR Political Bureau Rhodes. Presentation of paper and report of debates and interviews to PB. Validation of Stage 1



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STAGE 2	
July 2008	Drafting of scenarios and questionnaire.
July – August 2008	Consultation sent to members by email
September 2008	Mid –September: end of consultation
October 2008	1-3rd CPMR General Assembly, Aquitaine. Presentation of enquiry conclusions. General debate.
November	Drafting of a synthesis position paper, or of different options. Circulation of these papers to members.
December 2008	
January 2009	
February 2009	Decision by CPMR Political Bureau. Start of recruiting procedure for future Secretary-General

Item 5.3; Renewal of the NSC website

As informed at earlier meetings there is a need for updating and re-organising the NSC website, and there is set of some money for this in the budget for 2008. There has been a discussion to have all geographical commissions' websites under the CPMR website, but this is not happening. As a result of this have the Executive Secretaries of the NSC and BSC decided to look for a joint solution and inviting the other commissions to join our solution to save costs.

The Executive Secretary of BSC, Anne Ståhl Mousa, has IT-expertise and is investigating different technical solutions.

The new website is planned to have the same functionalities as today, but with possibilities for easier charring documents, direct comments to papers under preparations, blogging etc. Parts of the website (the working area) will be closed for public access.

The cost for the new website is not clarified yet and must be discussed with the Executive committee later. There was set aside money for updating the website in 2007 that is not used (part of the surplus for 2007).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. The NSC Annual Business Meeting of June 13th 2008 adopts the information on the NSC organisational issues.***