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Dear members and friends of the North Sea Commission,

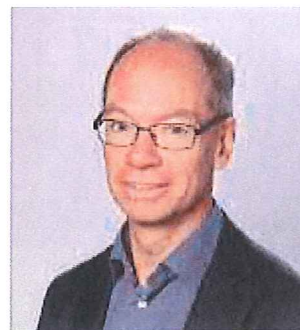
Big thanks to Østfold County Council for hosting our Annual Business Meeting and North Sea conference, to our colleagues in the Interreg North Sea Joint Secretariat for co-organizing the conference, to the speakers and all participants for contributing, and to the advisors and my colleagues in the secretariat of the North Sea Commission for all their efforts.

Around 80 representatives from 25 member regions attended the ABM in Fredrikstad on the 13th of June and more than 200 attended the conference on the 14th. The two days indicated which topics are high on the agenda for policymakers in the North Sea Region these days – Brexit, marine litter, future EU programmes and trans-European networks.

We got a lot of valuable input for the new North Sea Region strategy, which we will start preparing after the summer break.

But before doing that, I wish us all an excellent summer on the shores of the North Sea or elsewhere.

Magnus Engelbrektsson
Executive Secretary





Digital economy, hydrogen, future CEF and beach cleaning...

On the morning before the ABM, NSC's four thematic groups had separate meetings. The [Energy and Climate Change Group \(ECCG\)](#) focused on hydrogen and offshore wind with presentations from Aberdeen City, Hordaland County Council and Østfold County Council.

The [Smart Regions Group \(SRG\)](#) had presentations on digital economy and innovation from Halden Municipality, Smart Innovation Norway and The Slåtfland Group. The [Transport Group \(TG\)](#) discussed clean transport and shipping as well as the European Commission's proposal for Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) 2021-2027.

The [Marine Resources Group \(MRG\)](#) made an excursion to the Isle of Saueholmen where they cleaned the beach from marine litter. They were joined by the Cathedral of Hope, Interreg project "Clean Coastline", Oslofjord friluftsråd and KIMO International.



The members of the Marine Resources Group during the beach cleaning activity in Østfold.

Elections of key positions in the NSC

Kerstin Brunnström (Region Västra Götaland) was re-elected as President for the period June 2018 – June 2020 and Andreas Lervik (Østfold County Council) was re-elected as Vice President for the same period. John Lamb holds the position as Vice President during the period June 2017 – June 2019.



Vice Presidents Andreas Lervik and John Lamb and President Kerstin Brunnström

During the Executive Committee meeting that followed right after the ABM, the following Vice Chairs of the thematic groups were re-elected for the period of June 2018 - 2020:

Tjisse Stelpstra, Noord-Nederland (NL), for the Energy and Climate Change Group

Jon-Olav Strand, Vest-Agder (NO), for the Energy and Climate Change Group

Åshild Kjelsnes, Sogn og Fjordane (NO), for the Marine Resources Group

Henk Staghouwer, Noord-Nederland (NL), for the Marine Resources Group

Birgitta Adolfsson, Västra Götaland (SE), for the Smart Regions Group

Otto Kjær Larsen, Nordjylland (DK), for the Smart Regions Group

Kåre Pettersen, Vestfold (NO), for the Transport Group

One of the Vice Chairs for the Transport Group, Cllr John Reynolds, Aberdeen City (UK), was elected at the ExCom meeting in March 2018 for the period until 2020, since the position was vacant.

Congratulations to all our elected representatives!

Adopted resolutions on marine litter and transport

The ABM adopted four political resolutions that will set the course for the NSC in our future policy lobbying work.

[The Fredrikstad Declaration](#)

[Resolution on Marine Litter](#) (proposed by the Marine Resources Group)

[Resolution on prolongation of the Scan-Med Corridor](#) (proposed by Aust-Agder and Vest-Agder County Councils and North Denmark Region)

[Resolution on strenghtening the Comprehensive Transport Network](#) (proposed by Northern Netherlands)

Let's #BeatPlasticPollution!

Following the active engagement in marine litter issues, the North Sea Commission has started cooperation with KIMO, an environmental organisation of municipalities in the North Sea area.



The ABM approved a formal agreement on cooperation, which will enter into force when it is approved also by KIMO's annual meeting in October.

Read more: [KIMO International](#)

More from the ABM

For more information about the 27th ABM such as agenda, adopted strategic documents and resolutions, presentations and contact information, click here: ["Recap from the ABM 2018"](#)

North Sea Conference - setting the course for the future

In the North Sea conference, the NSC President and Vice Presidents as well as group Chairs, advisors and secretariat played an active role. The conference addressed topics relevant for the future NSR strategy and for a future Interreg programme.

Read more: [Kerstin Brunnström's key note speech](#)



First panel of the North Sea Conference 2018

Read more: [The North Sea Conference 2018](#)

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Calendar

20 September: [NSC Brexit Task Force, Brussels \(BE\)](#)

21 September: [NSR Strategy Task Force, Brussels \(BE\)](#)

2-4 October: [Joint meeting Marine Resources Group, Energy and Climate Change Group and NorthSEE project, Peterhead/Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire \(UK\)](#)

8-11 October: [European Week of Regions and Cities, Brussels \(BE\)](#)

11 October: [NSC Executive Committee meeting, Brussels \(BE\)](#)

17-19 October: [CPMR General Assembly, Madeira \(PT\)](#)

22-23 October: [Transport Group meeting, Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein \(DE\)](#)

1-2 November: [Smart Regions Group meeting, Sandnes, Rogaland \(NO\)](#)

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