



## The European Small Islands Federation

**Board meeting 07.02.2013, 14.00 GMT, on Skype**

### Participants:

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| Bengt Almkvist           | National Association for the Swedish Archipelago. |
| Camille Dressler         | Scottish Island federation                        |
| Sandy Brunton            | Scottish Island federation                        |
| Anetté Johansson         | National Association for the Swedish Archipelago  |
| John Walsh               | Irish Island Association                          |
| Rhoda Twombly            | Irish Island Association                          |
| Elle Puurmann            | Association of Estonian Islands                   |
| Pia Prost                | National Association of Finish Islands            |
| Christian Pleijel        | Företagsam Skärgård                               |
| Dorthe Winther           | Association of Danish Small Islands               |
| Lise Thillemann Sørensen | Secretary, (Association of Danish Small Islands)  |

Host and Secretary for the meeting was Denmark

### **Agenda**

1. Opening
2. Approval of minutes from board meeting Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 2012
3. Treasury report by Anetté
4. ESIN working group 174: Status. (List of examples attached.)
5. AGM 2013, Aaland. Discussion of proposed programme:
6. SMILEGOV "Enhancing effective implementation of sustainable energy action plans in European islands through reinforcement of smart multilevel governance": Status.
7. Other issues
8. Meeting calendar
  - **March 7<sup>th</sup> at 14.00 GMT**

# Minutes

1. The meeting was opened by Bengt Almkvist,

It was requested that all members sort out the technical stuff before the meeting starts.

2. Minutes from board meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 was approved.

3. Treasure report, Anetté Johansson.

Invoices have been sent out for the year 2013.

The invoice from AIP has been paid. AIP wants to be paid for the hosting of the webpage for 2012 (about 90 Euros ).

It was decided to ask AIP to close the webpage down before they will be compensated for the cost of the hosting I 2012.

Everything from the old website has been copied to the new webpage.

[www.europeansmallislands.com](http://www.europeansmallislands.com)

4. ESIN working group 174: Status. (List of examples attached, updated.)

John Walsh requested a meeting with the Irish minister of islands, but it was denied.

In two weeks time John will have a meeting with the Irish officials from the Agricultural department in Galway to see if there is an opportunity for a meeting through them.

ESIN will request a meeting with Alyn Smith, intergroup 174, in Brussels. (Camille will contact Alyn Smith through his secretary). We await the feedback from A. Smith.

Next ESIN working group meeting will be Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 15.00 GMT.

5. AGM 2013, Aaland. Discussion of proposed programme:

- Monday 2.9: AGM day on Kökar
- Tuesday 3.9: Working day on Kökar
- Wednesday 4.9: Dissemination day on Aaland with politicians and media

Do we want to participate in a Fisheries Conference in Mariehamn? There is a possibility to arrange a joint conference on fishing issues. Nordic counselling ministries will attend. New fishing rules were voted through 6.2. in EU. ESIN would then present the issues from the small islands regarding fishery.

Theme: Transportation. EU commission attending?

Dates are set on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> (arriving Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, AGM ends Sept 4<sup>th</sup> in the evening).

See <http://europeansmallislands.com/annual-general-meetings/>

6. SMILEGOV : Status.

Christian: – we can expect the final answer from EU in one or two weeks. [subsequent to this ESIN meeting, Smilegov was approved on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> ].

Kick-off meeting will be held 29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> April in Greece.

ESIN will bring in to the SMILEGOV project the countries that are not already represented by a national cluster in the projects. (i.e. Ireland, Finland, France, Aaland, Italy). At the moment it is unclear whether Estonia and Greece are attached to their national clusters or to the ESIN cluster.

The financial issues should be clarified, and a model for financing has to be described. Working group has to be established.

At the next ESIN board meeting, March 7<sup>th</sup>, SMILEGOV will be a big priority. We need a briefing from Christian beforehand in writing.

#### 7. Other issues

- Registration with EU. Bengt will look into it and mail the missing information to Lise.
- CPMR: Invitation to arrange or take part in at transport seminar. It is taking place every second year. The theme this year is Air Transportation to islands. Bengt has forwarded the mail.
- There is an initiative in the EU to try and protect the food products from mountain areas (geographically protected terms). "The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration" has contacted the Danish "Small island Food Network" and asked them to formulate a similar protection term (and ideology) for island food products, so far called "products from island agriculture". "The Association of Danish Small Islands" will follow the process and inform ESIN members along the way.

More info, see:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:343:0001:0029:en:PDF>

*Article (32): Protection of designations of origin and geographical indications should be extended to the misuse, imitation and evocation of the registered names on goods as well as on services in order to ensure a high level of protection and to align that protection with that which applies to the wine sector.*

*When protected designations of origin or protected geographical indications are used as ingredients, the Commission Communication entitled 'Guidelines on the labelling of foodstuffs using protected designations of origin (PDOs) or protected geographical indications (PGIs) as ingredients' should be taken into account.*

Find Guidelines .... Here: [http://eur-](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:341:0003:0004:en:PDF)

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#### 8. Meeting calendar

- **March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 14.00 GMT
- **April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 14.00 GMT

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