Nomination for the vice-chair of the BSC Energy & Climate Working Group

Region Skåne has decided to submit a nomination for the position of Vice-Chair for the Baltic Sea Commission Energy and Climate Working Group 2023-2024.

Name of the regional elected Politician:

Pontus Lindberg (M)
Current position: Commissioner, Region Skåne Parliament
2012-2022: Chairman, Region Skåne Staff Committee
2014-2018: Deputy Governor, Regional Development Committee
2011-2014: Chairman, Regional Development Committee
1998-2010: Senior Analyst, Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Southern Sweden
1996-1998: Manager, Göinge Export Group, SME in export - import

Education: Lund University, Master of Science in Business Administration, foreign language German
Motivation of Region to take on this mandate:
We would like to contribute to progressing key issues in sectors Energy and Climate and forming the Working Group agenda in close collaboration with the Finnish Chairmanship and the BSC Secretary General.

Skåne has the ambition to take lead in the transition to a society with a high quality of life and minimal climate impact. Region Skåne adopted a new climate and energy strategy 2018 with ambitious targets for greenhouse gas emission reduction, both from territorial activities and consumption. In 2030 the emissions of greenhouse gases shall be cut by 80% compared to 1990.

The transport sector plays a particularly important role in Skåne. As a transit region for goods, with well-integrated labour market and a growing population there is an urgent need to tackle transport emissions.

Pontus Lindberg has a long engagement and deep knowledge in transport infrastructure, renewable fuels and zero-emission transport. Through his work in the CEF-project GREAT (BEV-infrastructure, liquid LNG) and board member of the network HyER (hydrogen and e-mobility) he has a large international network and valuable insights that can be incorporated in the CPMR BSC and possibly placed on the updated agenda of EUSBSR and Action Plan 2020+.

It is possible to reach large emission reductions through resource efficiency and increased production and use of renewable energy, changed consumption patterns for reduced climate impact, and increased carbon uptake. A strong dialogue and collaboration between different stakeholders, in and between regions, is crucial to make it easy for people to be climate-smart with a high-quality everyday life.

We hope that the working group can put climate high on the CPMR BSC agenda making sure that we, together with other regions that share our sense of urgency and high ambition, can help influence EU climate policy.

Name of the Senior Official:
Mrs. Britt Karlsson Green, Mrs. Carin Peters

Resources the Region plans to put in order to help organize the working group:

The region will ensure that sufficient resources are available to accommodate a professional support for the working group.

Requested support from the CPMR BSC Secretariat:

A close dialogue with the Secretary General of the Baltic Sea Commission is much appreciated.