

NB8 wise men report recommendations

NB8 report recommendations	Implementation
FAST TRACK	Co-ordinating partner (in 2011)
1. More joint political statements should be issued after ministerial meetings	FI
2. One month ahead of each NB8 meeting the host nation should circulate a draft agenda, inviting the other NB8 nations to make additional suggestions for the final agenda. The organizers should aim at having even more focused agendas	FI
3. NB8 dialogue should be improved by increasing the use of VTCs at the level of ministers and officials	FI
5. More active participation within the NB8 group at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund	FI
6. More exchange of positions prior to EU meetings	FI
7. An informal Clearing House regarding diplomatic representations should be set up among the foreign ministries	FI
9. Possibilities and practical aspects of exchanging diplomats among the MFAs should be examined	FI
24. More instructors and students from the Nordic countries should be sent to BALTDEFCOL	SE
26. Enhance cooperation with NATO and the EU regarding courses to be held at BALTDEFCOL	SE
29. Each NB8 country should select a national representative for a working group, which should present specific suggestions for events to take place during the jubilee year	FI
30. A regional conference should be held, focusing on Nordic-Baltic cooperation	FI
31. A joint article by all NB8 foreign ministers should be made prior to the ministers meeting	FI
32. A stocktaking session regarding the wise men recommendations should be part of the annual NB8 foreign ministers meeting	FI
33. All NB8 countries should have at least a generic NB8 website on their foreign ministry's website	Individual responsibility of each partner country
34. Sector ministries – such as the ministries of education – should be encouraged to include information on mobility schemes and funding opportunities for collaborative activities	Individual responsibility of each partner country
38. Larger NB8 cities should be encouraged to have at least one twin-city in one of the other NB8 countries	Individual responsibility of each partner country

SLOW TRACK	
4. More NB8 coordination and cooperation within the UN regarding promotion of candidacies	FI
12. The Baltic countries should be given observer status in Nordred	LV
13. The Baltic SAREX exercise could be hosted by a different country every year	LV
15. Useful information, experience and knowledge could be exchanged by having observers from other NB8 countries participate within the framework cooperation of the Haga Declaration	LV
16. Observers from the NB8 countries should be invited to major national emergency exercises	LV
21. Capacity building of Computer Emergency Response Teams in relevant NB8 countries should be implemented.	DK
22. All NB8 countries should be encouraged to contribute to the EU Nordic Battle Group 2011	SE
25. Short seminars should be organized at BALTDEFCOL, inviting high ranking speakers	SE
28. Including the Baltic countries in the Nordic Top Research program could be considered.	SE

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8. Each NB8 country should identify at least one diplomatic representation which should be able to host diplomats from other NB8 countries	
10. All NB8 countries should have a Marine Environmental Watcher program	
11. The legislation in the NB8 countries should be harmonized with the aim of fighting pollution in the Baltic Sea	
14. An informal information network should be established, listing the capabilities of each nation and contact information for relevant people and institutions in case of an emergency	
17. An annual NB8 emergency exercise could be held, the first one, if possible, in August 2011	
18. All NB8 countries should be encouraged to apply for membership of the IHP	
19. An NB8 pool of civilian resources should be established	
20. More courses should be held at BALTDEFCOL with the aim of further strengthening the NB8 pool of resources	
23. Including the Baltic countries in the Nordic cooperation in Africa should be considered	
27. Each NB8 country should select a national representative for a high level working group. Six months after its establishment, the working group should present an action plan with specific recommendations for the expansion of renewable energy sources and improved energy efficiency in the NB8 countries.	SE (exploring implementation possibilities)
35. Nordic reviews of the Baltic higher education systems should be carried out	
36. Specific NB8-scholarships should be offered	
37. The Baltic countries should be included in the NUS and NUAS cooperation	