

EU Baltic Sea Strategy – Action Plan
**Chapter 11. To improve internal
and external transport links**

Coordinated by Lithuania and Sweden

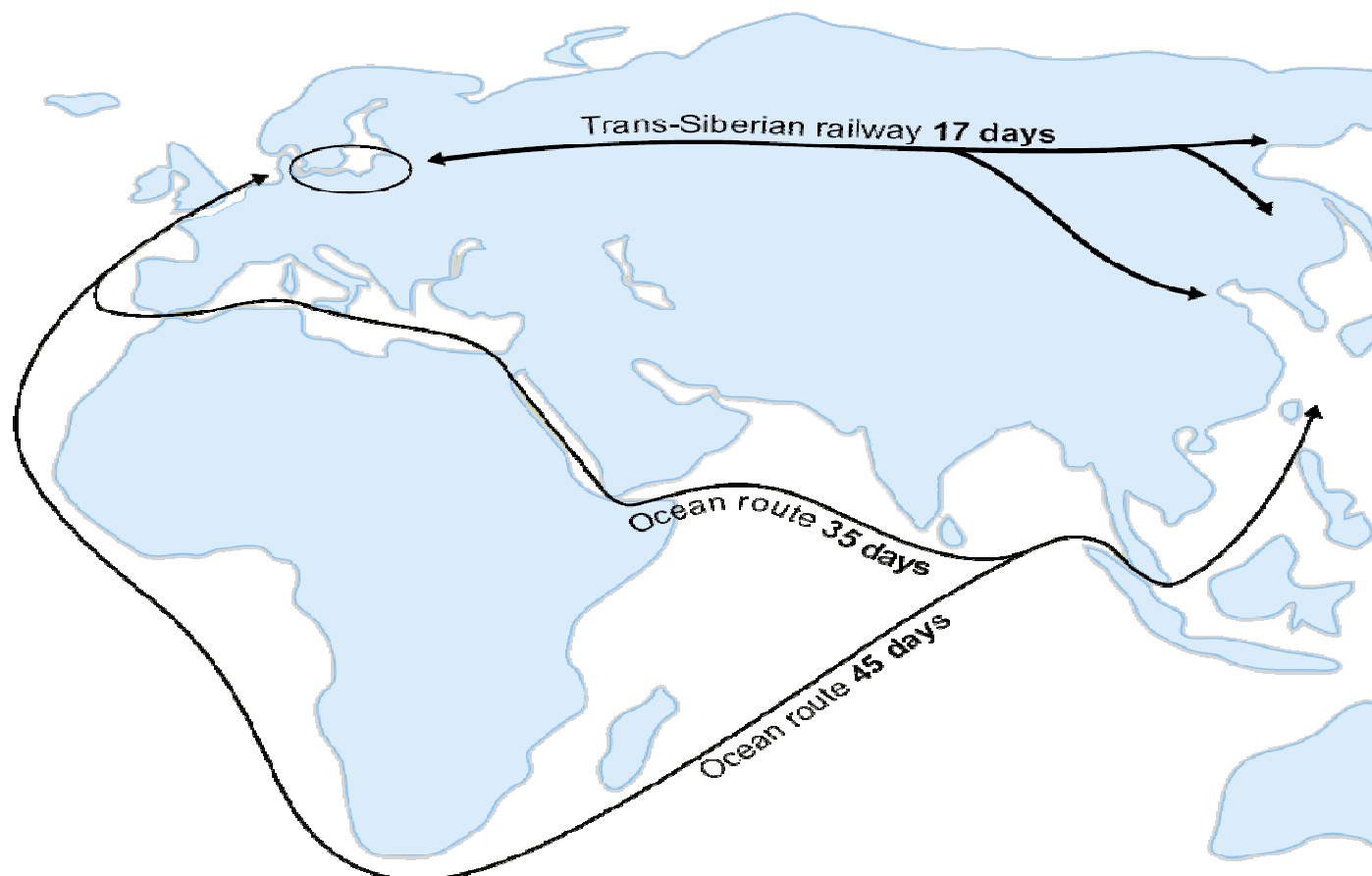
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Why an EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region?

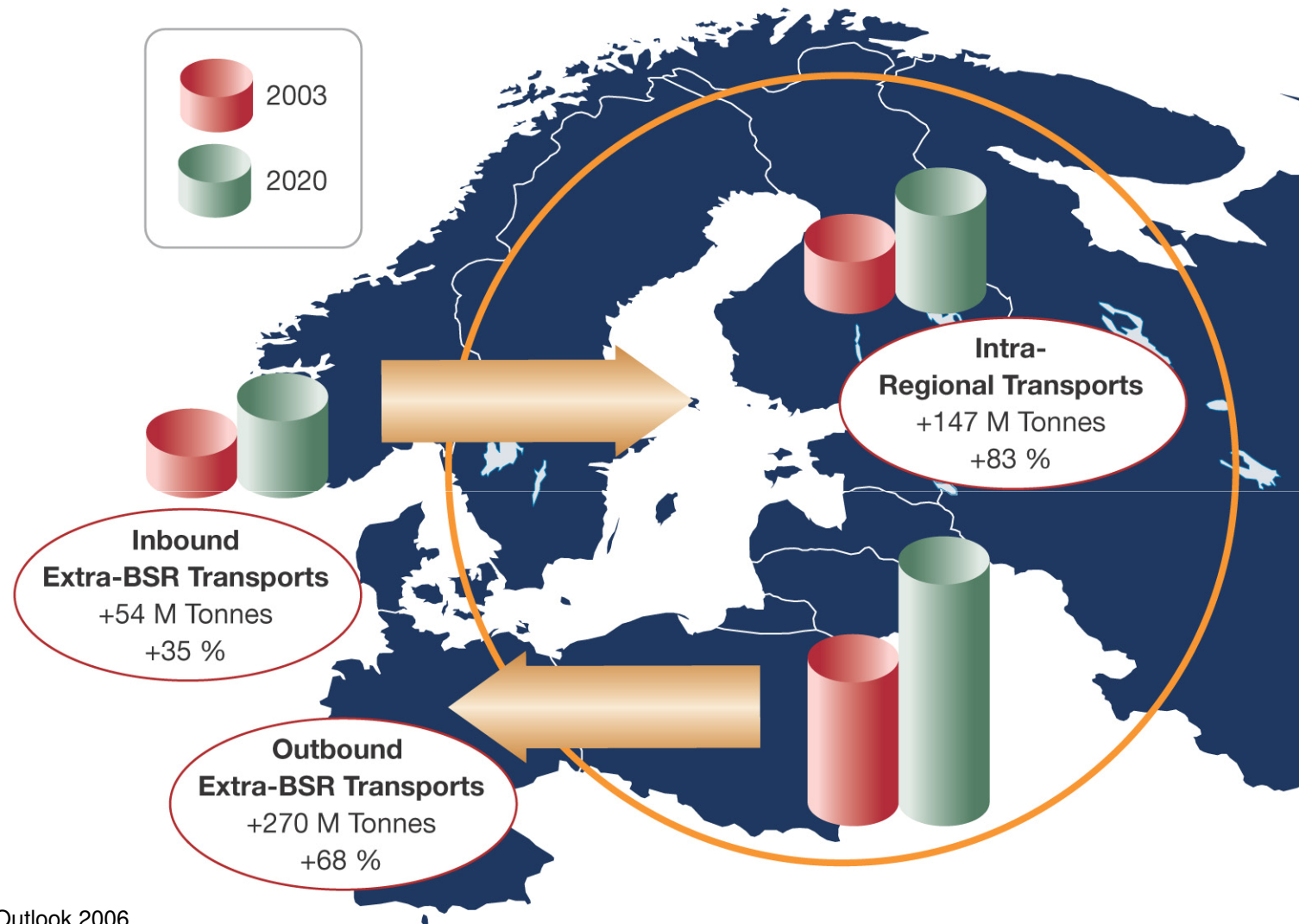
- **Requested by the European Council: environmental challenges**
- **An EU internal strategy: 8 MS**
- **Integrated approach: needs – solutions – resources**
- **4 pillars**
 - Environment
 - Economy
 - Energy and Transport
 - Safety and security

The Baltic Sea Region is a global growth area

Source: East West Transport Corridor



Substantial growth of freight flows expected



Källa: Baltic Maritime Outlook 2006

Chapter 11 Transport: Strategic actions, cooperative actions and flagships

Strategic actions:

- ***“Coordinate national transport policies and infrastructure investments”***
 - Regional cooperation should increase on transport issues
 - TEN-T priority projects should be implemented on time
 - Agree on a joint position of the region regarding the revision of the TEN-T guidelines
 - The inland waterway and estuary navigation should be promoted
 - The stakeholders should jointly identify the infrastructure gaps which are important for the whole region (e.g. on North-South and East-West axes)

Cooperative actions

- **“Improve the connections with Russia and other neighbouring countries”**
 - Northern Dimension Partnership
- **“Facilitate efficient overall Baltic freight transport and logistic solutions”**
 - Developing the Green Corridor concept
- **“Increase the role of the Baltic Sea in the transport systems of the region”**
 - Implementing MoS and Marco Polo actions
- **“Promote sustainable passenger and freight transport and facilitate the shift to intermodality”**

Flagship projects 1-5

1. *“Complete the agreed priority transport infrastructures”*

TEN-T priority projects

Nordic Triangle

Rail Baltica

Fehmarn belt Fixed Link

Other important projects

Bothnian Corridor

Northern Axis

Via Baltica

Flagship projects (cont.)

2. **“Implement the Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics”**

(Lead: Northern Dimension Partners)

3. **“Develop the Baltic Motorways of the Seas network”** – linking the Baltic Sea Member States with Member States in Central and Western Europe through sustainable transport links.

Three Motorways of the Sea projects have been approved by the Commission– Trelleborg-Sassnitz, Karlshamn-Klaipeda and Karlskrona-Gdynia. (Lead: The Baltic Motorways of the Sea Task Force)

Flagship projects (cont.)

4. “**Shorter plane routes**” through the establishment of ‘Functional Airspace Blocks’ (FAB) in the Baltic Sea Region (**Lead**: Poland, Lithuania)

5. “**Cooperate for smarter transport**”

Green Corridors: EWTCII, Scandria, TransBaltic

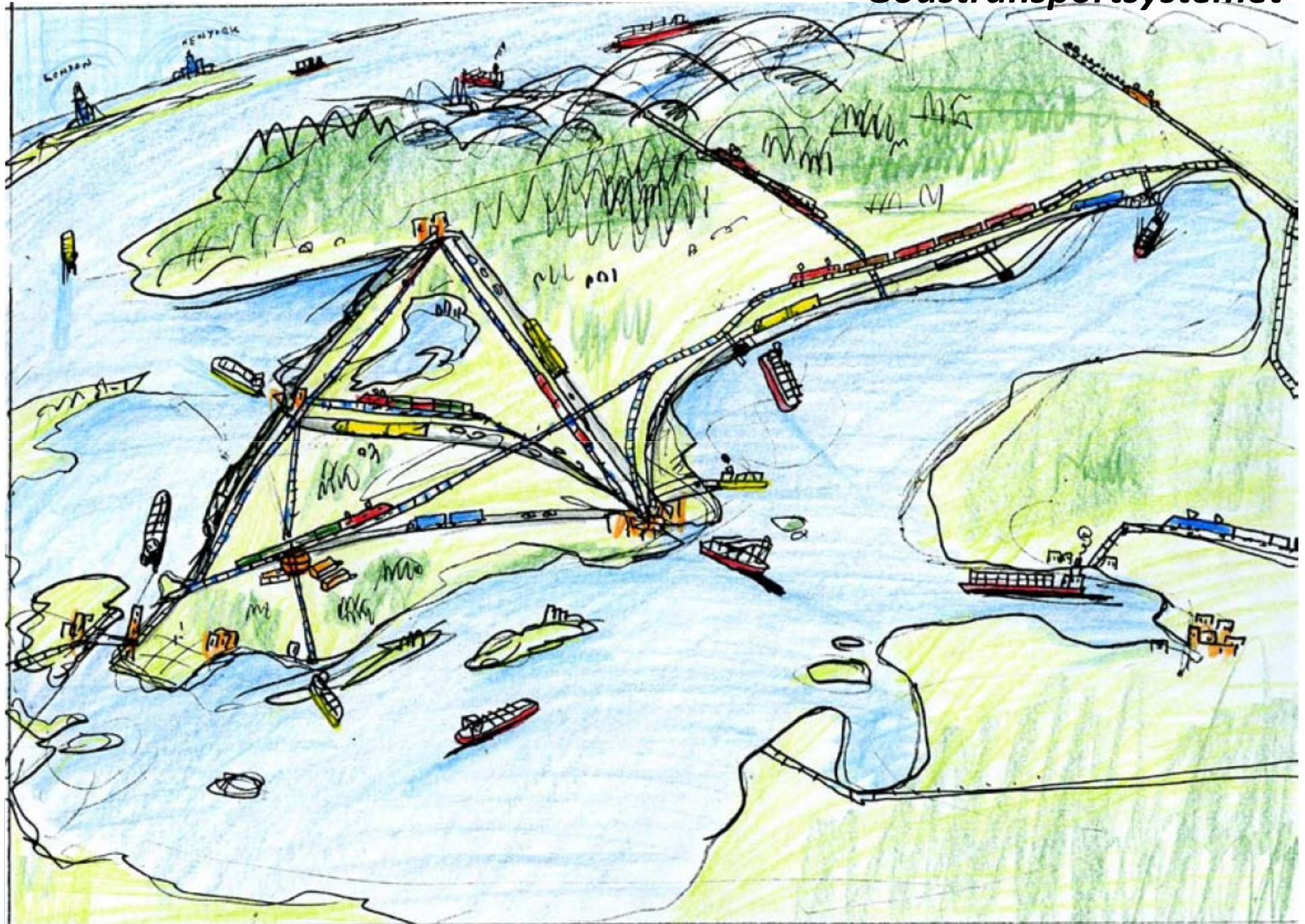
Agreement on cooperation and support:
Stakeholders Forum

(**Lead**: Lithuania and Sweden)

Baltic Transport Outlook

- **Current transport flows, infrastructure status, bottlenecks etc. in the Baltic Sea Region**
- **All modes**
- **Forecast 2016 and 2030**
- **Recommending measures short and long term; infrastructure planning etc.**
- **Starts before summer – final report end of 2011**

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Thank you for the attention!

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