

# Central Baltic Area in the EU Baltic Sea Strategy

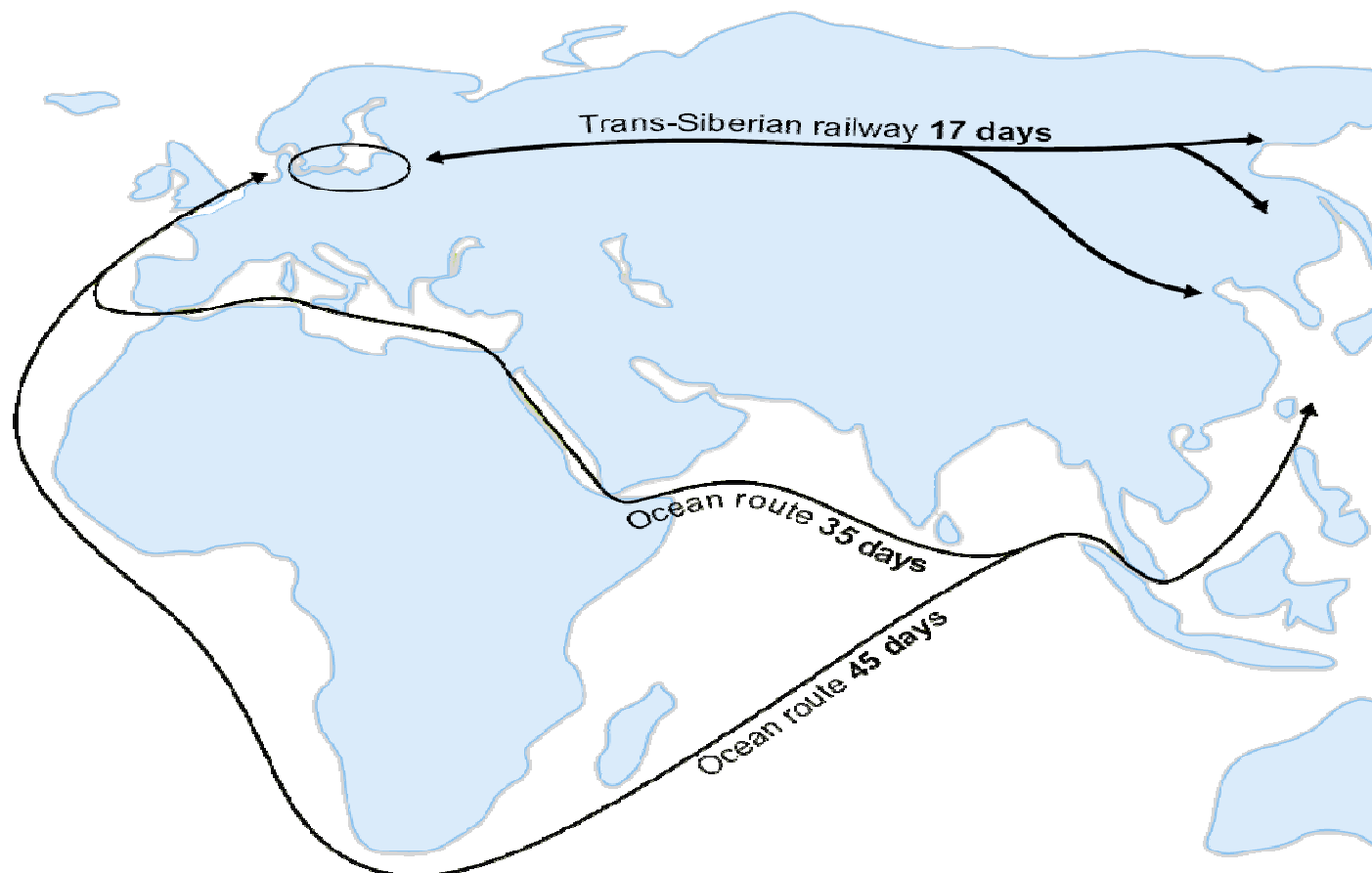
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# Why an EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region?

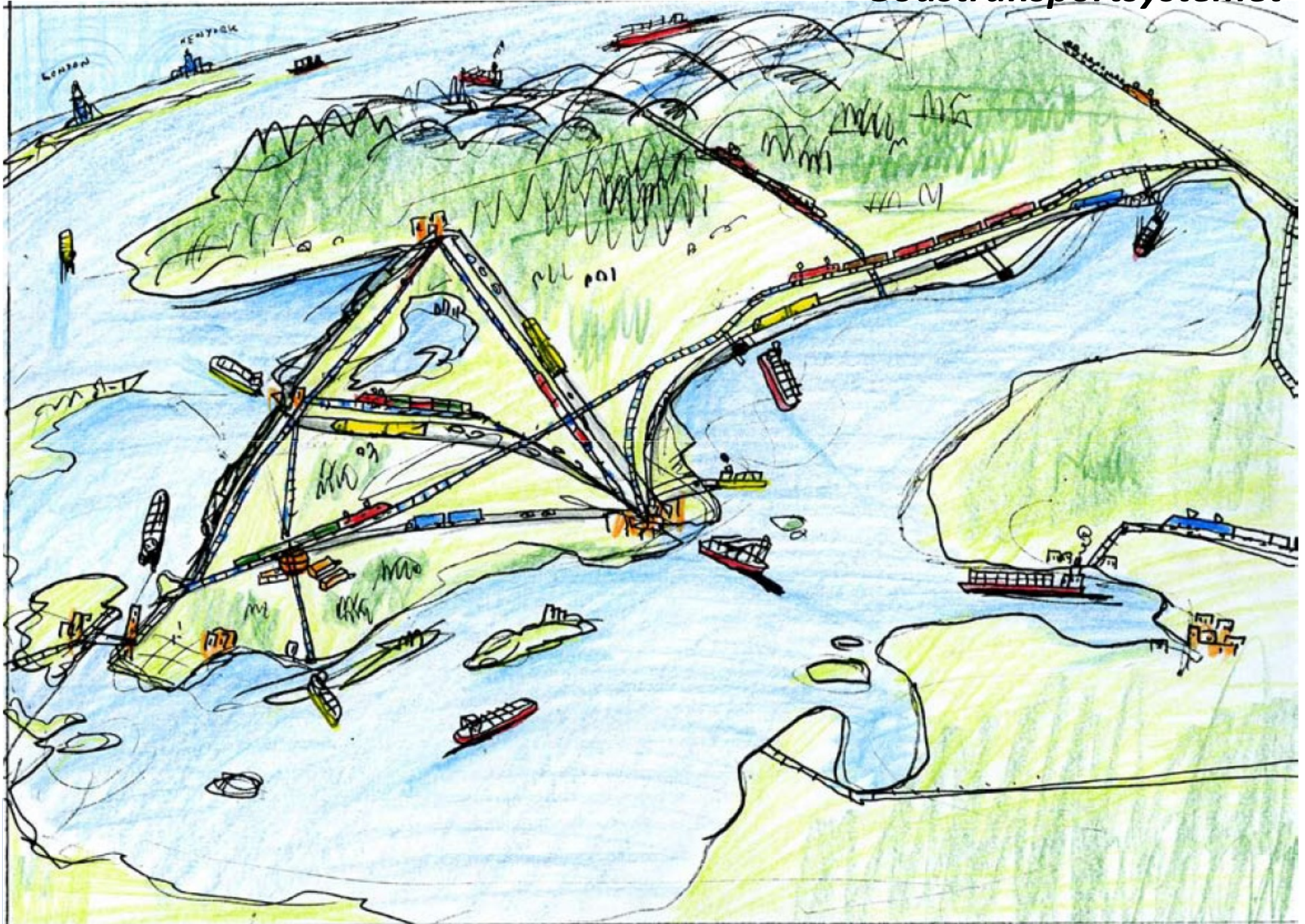
- Requested by the European Council: environmental challenges
- An EU internal strategy: 8 MS
- Integrated approach: needs - solutions - resources
- 4 pillars
  - Environment
  - Economy
  - Energy and Transport
  - Safety and security

# The Baltic Sea Region is a global growth area

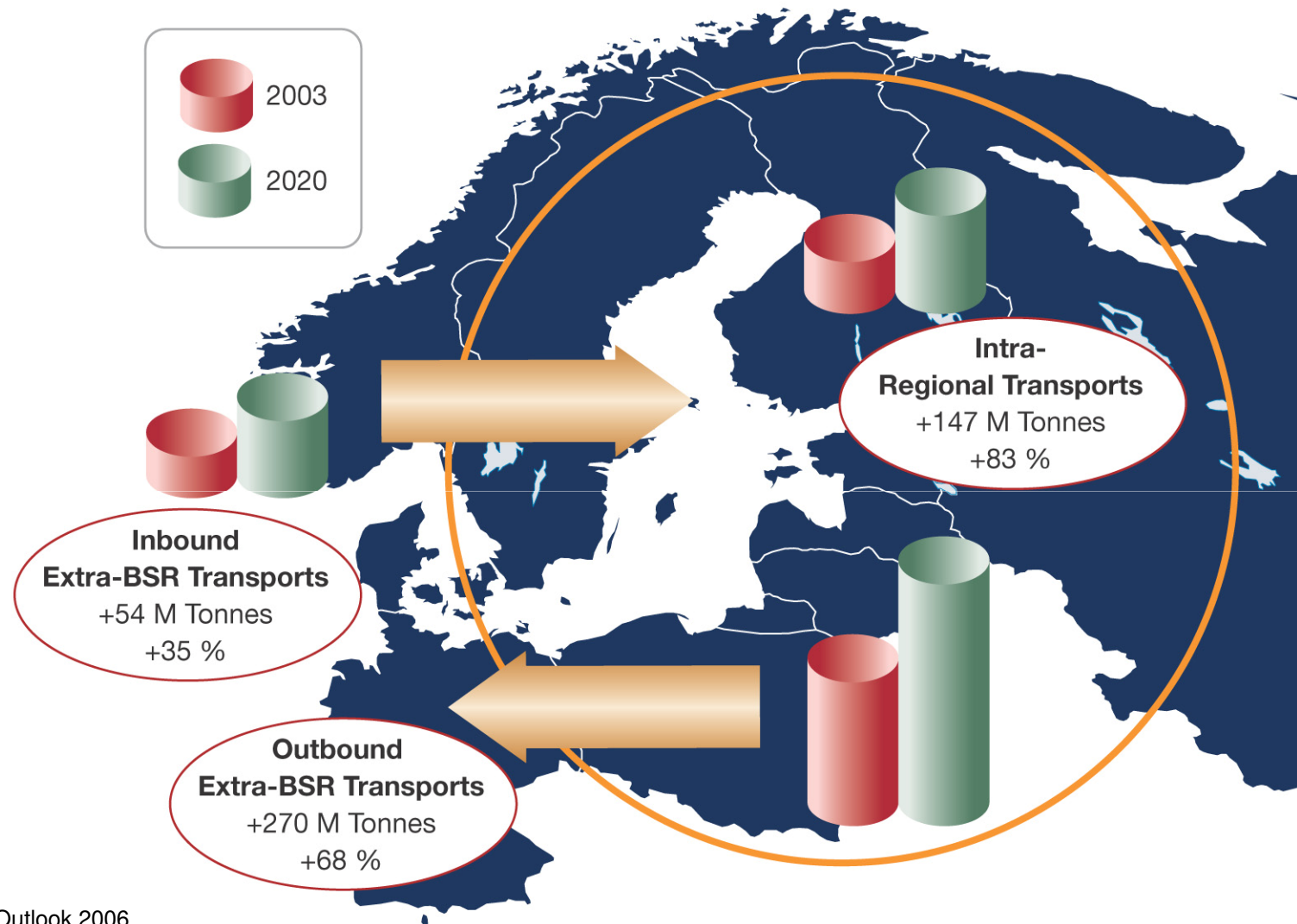
Source: East West Transport Corridor



# Godstransportsystemet



# 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

Fehmarnbelt 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: EWTClI, 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

# Thank you for the attention!

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