## Baltic Palette projects revisited

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Viewpoints from Helsinki on the Future of Transport in the Central Baltic Sea Region

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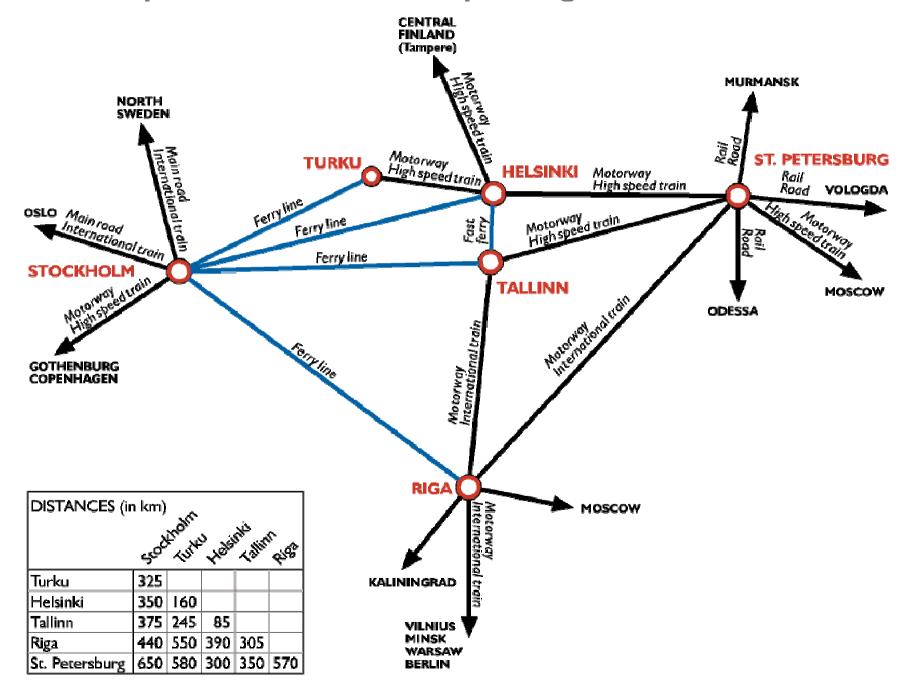
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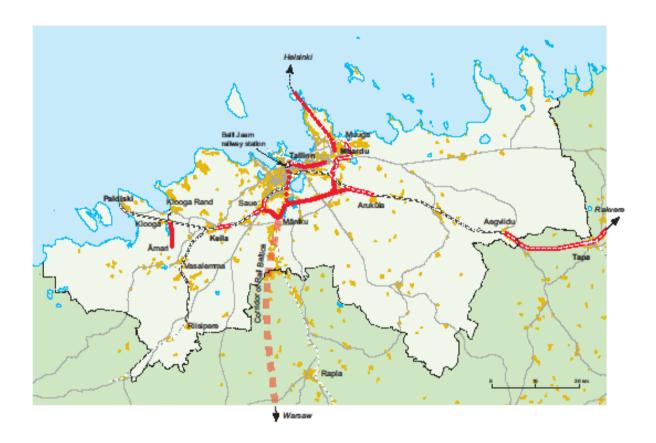


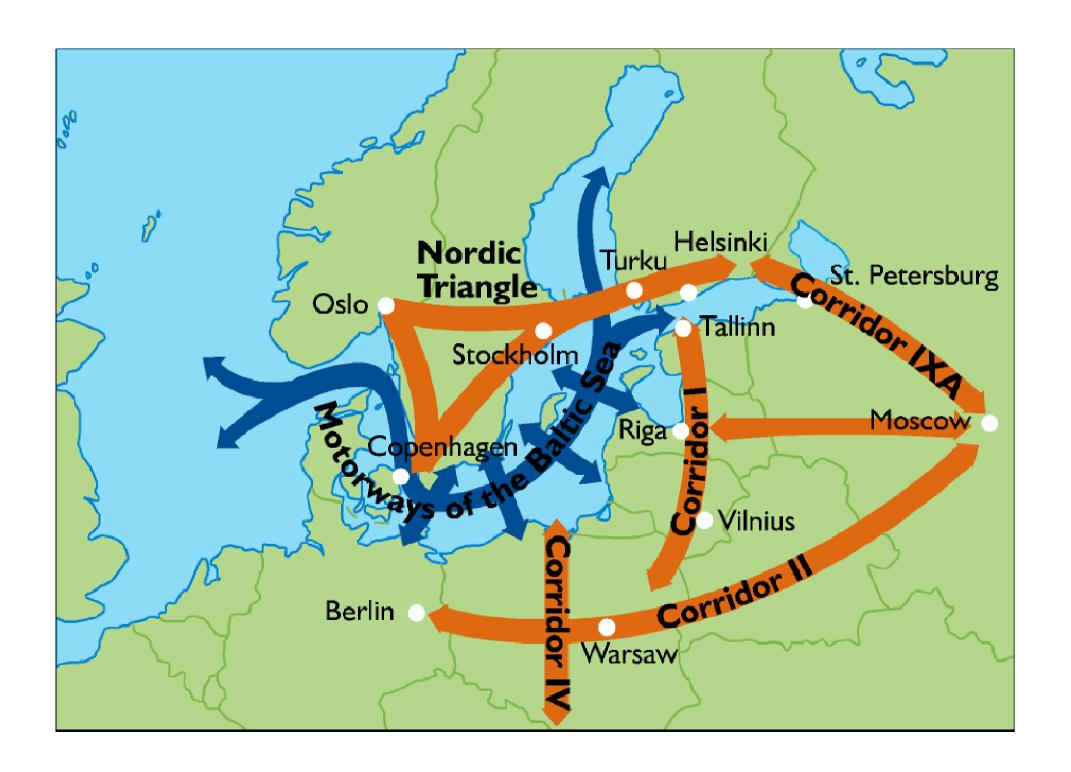
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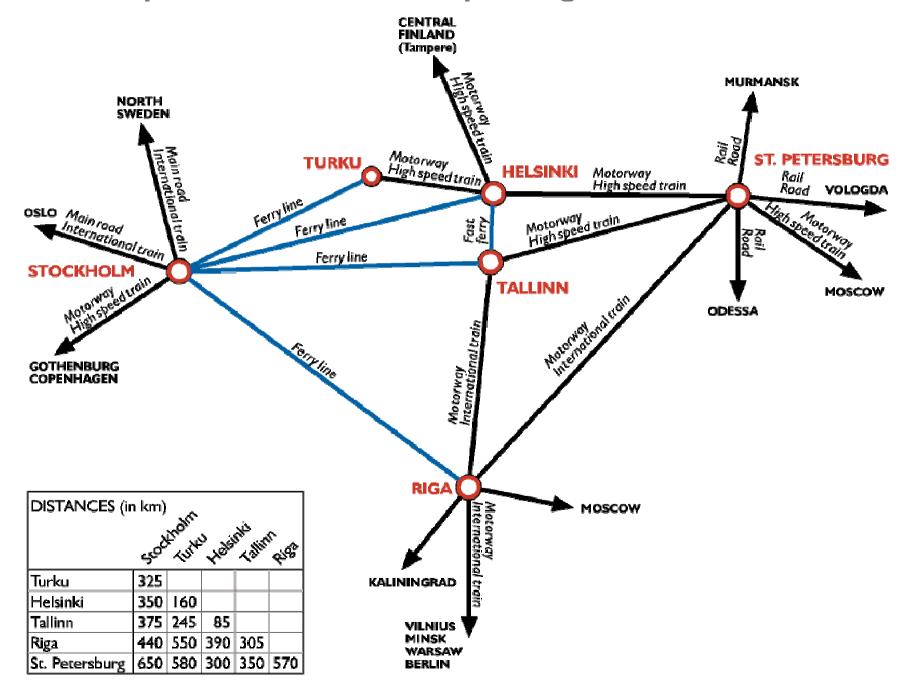
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Fig. 6.2. Railway Network Development Objects in Harju County



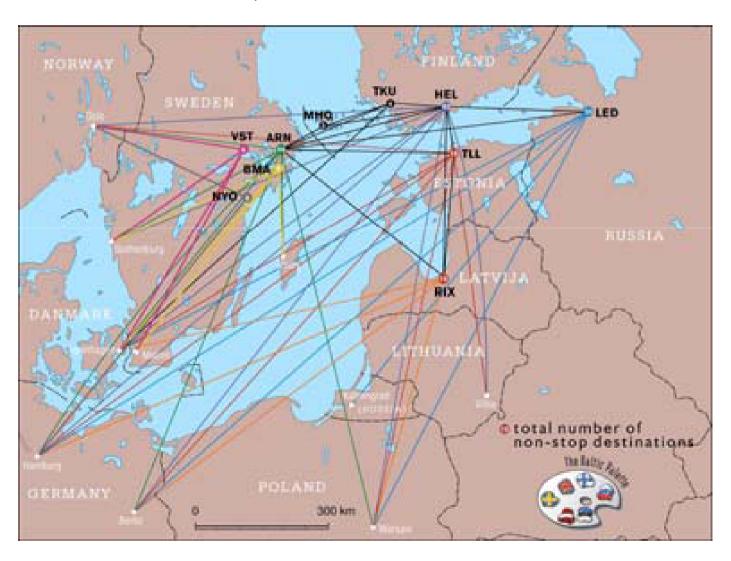


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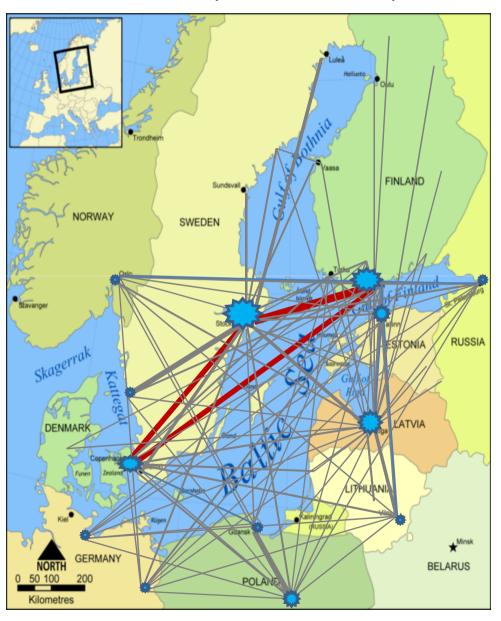
### Flight connections in the Baltic Sea area

number of connections, 2004



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weekly connections in April 2010



From:

Stockholm 603

Helsinki 476

Riga 390

Copenhagen 305

Tallinn 180

Warsaw 178

Vilnius 129

Oslo 114

Berlin 104

Gothenburg 99

Gdansk 98

St. Petersburg 93

Hamburg 61



The Baltic Palette region is commonly known as the "Baltic C"—referring to the shape of the unified region, its location around the Baltic Sea, and its reputation as a region of connectivity, creativity, contacts, and competence.

#### **Baltic Palette future work**

#### **Agreement of cooperation**

- Dynamic relationship
- Permanent joint committee and secretariat

#### **Annual action plan**

- Externel marketing
- Internal marketing
- Promotion of further integration

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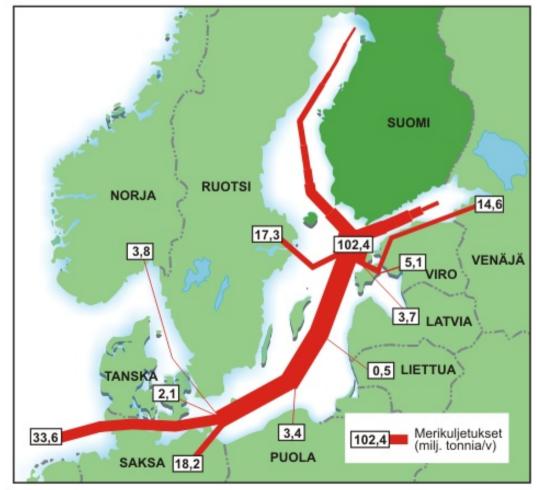
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• Finland's major trade partners are Germany, Sweden and Russia



Suomen tuonnin, viennin ja transiton määrä ja kohdemaat vuonna 2008 (milj. tonnia). Transitoa oli 8,4 milj. tonnia.

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