# Motorways of the Sea in the Baltic – will it work?

**Experiences with former projects and future challenges** 



Baltic Motorways of the Sea – barriers and challenges, 11 May Sopot

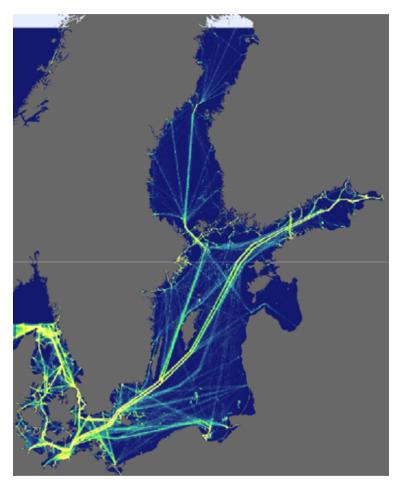
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#### Where are we now?

- What makes Baltic Sea special compared to other MoS corridors?
- Experiences with past projects
- Why so little interest with MoS?
- Future & conclusions

### **Baltic Sea: special characteristics**



- Safety & environmental aspects: Sea area with some of the heaviest traffic in the world!
- Oil & chemical tankers
- Shallow, sensitive environment. Climatic conditions

Source: HELCOM/AIS 2008

#### MoS situation in the Baltic: past experiences

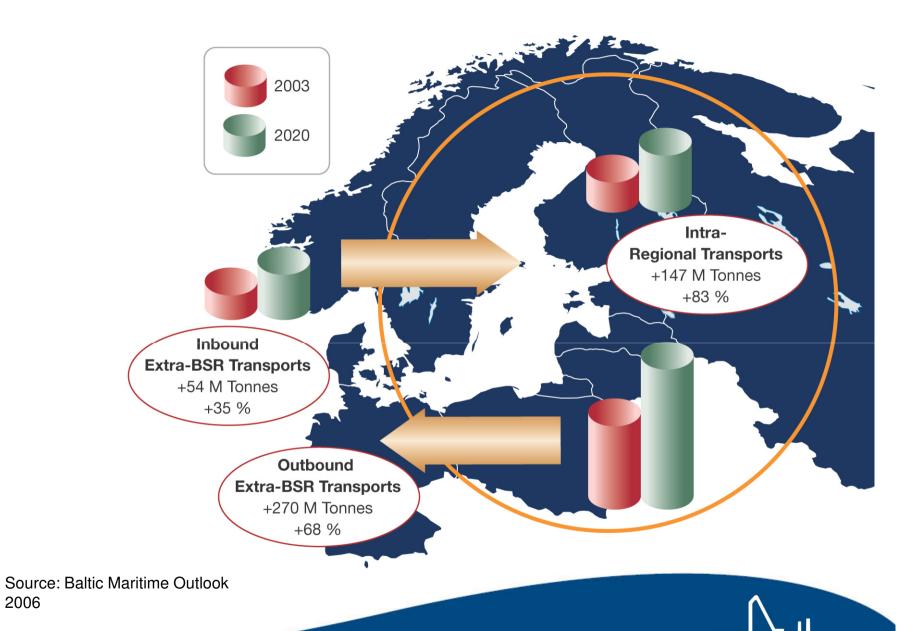
- TEN-T: Several call for proposals since 2006
  - FI-DE 2/2006: 4 project proposals
  - Baltic states joint call 14.9/2006-8.1.2007: 13 proposals
  - An open call 2009-2013: ?
- In addition, horizontal projects
- First projects funded by TEN-T 2009, starting 2010
- In comparison: Marco Polo (2009) SSS & MoS 16 proposals, 1 MoS, 4 SSS selected

#### **Problems and challenges**

- Progress has been slow, why?
  - Application process
  - More communications and marketing needed?
  - National interests are involved
  - Emphasis on feasibility studies & consultancy work now it's time for practical actions!
- Funded projects located in the Southern Baltic
   Sea. MoS not needed elsewhere in the Baltic?!

#### Future challenges & opportunities

- Cargo volumes are expected to continue growing
- Climate change, other environmental problems
- Competitiveness of the shipping compared to other modes
- Cost efficiency, reliability of delivery!
- Opportunities: development of ICT systems



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## Thank you for your attention!

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