



# Trans Baltic

*Towards an integrated transport system in the Baltic Sea Region*

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# TransBaltic in a nutshell



- The only so far **strategic project** in accessibility priority of the BSR Programme 2007-2013, covering also Belarus, Norway and Russia
- Implementation period 42 months (2009-2012), total budget of 5.4 million euros
- A testing ground for future transport and cohesion policies (**business concepts, policy response**)
- Meeting arena for public and private stakeholders to deploy preparedness measures for the growing intercontinental flows (**gateway function of the BSR**)
- Platform for the **pan-Baltic organisations** to better harmonise transport and regional development actions
- Umbrella over transnational **corridor projects** (e.g. EWTC II and Scandria)

# TransBaltic partnership

## 20 partners from 9 countries

### regional authorities

SE - Skåne, Västerbotten, Blekinge, Västra Götaland

FI - Lahti

PL - Pomorskie, Warminsko-Mazurskie

DK - Sjaelland

NO - Vest Agder, Eastern Norway County Network

### specific partners

transport and logistics associations, NGOs, universities and research organisations

## 30 associated and supporting organisations

### 7 national transport ministries

Belarus, Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden + Finnish Maritime Administration

### 8 organisations from Russia

Kaliningrad Region, City of St. Petersburg, North-West Association of the Eleven Federal Subjects of the Russian Federation, City of Baltijsk, 4 universities and research organisations

### 7 macroregional networks

CPMR Baltic Sea Commission, CPMR North Sea Commission, Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation, Baltic Development Forum, Baltic Sea Chambers of Commerce Association, Baltic Sea Forum, Baltic Ports Organization

regions, regional networks, intermodal cooperation networks, private businesses

# The ambitions of TransBaltic

*To provide regional level incentives for the creation of a comprehensive multimodal transport system in the BSR, as stipulated by the EU Baltic Sea Strategy, by means of joint transport development measures and business concepts*

## MAIN RESULTS:

- **Transport flow forecasts and scenarios** at the corridor level as a decision support for public/private investments
- **Regional action plan** with measures needed to enhance the gateway function of the BSR
- **Business concepts** (modal interoperability, transport capacity, traffic reduction, competence raising and e-business applications in optimising supply chains)
- **Meeting place** for transport stakeholders (national, regional, local, private) to discuss challenges and solutions

# TransBaltic and the EU Baltic Sea Strategy

- **Regional level** contribution to transport harmonisation actions by the national governments
- Synergy maker between various transnational transport projects and pan-Baltic transport development concepts
- **Systemic and macro approach** to the integration of transport networks in the BSR (sustainable regional development perspective)
- Launched **transport foresight process** in the BSR (future geography of flows, 5 debates across the Region in March-April 2010)
- Regional action plan with preparedness measures for serving intercontinental flows (**BSR transport gateway function**)
- Tested business concepts to be generalised as **BSR transport blueprints**
- **Territorial dimension** of TEN-T revision process (combined concepts of TEN-T network, green corridors and Motorways of the Sea)

# Project components

**WP1: PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT AND  
ADMINISTRATION**

**WP2: COMMUNICATION AND  
INFORMATION**

**WP3: THE BSR AS A TRANSPORT  
GATEWAY AREA**

- Dry port development
- Empty container management
- Deployment of ICT toolbox for planning of intermodal supply chains
- Competence management system in harbour logistics
- Rail transport solutions for North-South and East-West flows

**WP4: HORIZONTAL MEASURES**

**WP5: KEY BUSINESS ACTIONS**

- **Challenges for Baltic ports**
- Human capacity building in transport operations
- Transport sustainability and green corridors

# Task 4.1 - Challenges for Baltic ports

- 4 debates to gather port stakeholders and set topics for consecutive reports & studies
- Inaugurating debate on the Baltic Motorways of the Sea in Sopot (11 May 2010)
- Purpose: critical review of the hitherto MoS policy application in the BSR
- Main features:
  - Success factors in the 3 delivered MoS projects in the BSR
  - Encountered implementation constraints
  - Why so few and only in the South Baltic area? Systemic policy failure or lack of local leaders?
  - Measures and steps to see a geographically balanced pattern of MoS links across the BSR
  - Dedicated studies?



**Thank you for your attention!**

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