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Agreement
on joint green transport corridor activities -
between the Swedish Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and
Communications and transnational territorial cooperation projects:
East West Transport Corridor II, Scandria and TransBaltic

Background

East West Transport Corridor II, Scandria and TransBaltic are three transport and accessibility-related projects co-funded by the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013. In a letter of understanding, signed in spring 2009, the projects declared their willingness to cooperate and to coordinate thematic activities. This, in particular, applies to the testing and verification of the green corridor concept, promoted by the European Commission in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and in the EU Freight Transport Logistics Action Plan.

Pursuant to the Commission guidance, the Swedish government has taken an initiative to facilitate the establishing of 'green transport corridors for freight' in the Baltic Sea Region. This work has now come to the stage of deciding upon specific activities.

The purpose of this agreement is to specify the division of labour and harmonisation measures in tackling the green corridor concept by the undersigning parties for the period of upcoming three years (till the end of 2012).

The Swedish Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications declares to:

- Maintain and animate the meeting place for representatives of industry, academia and national/regional authorities within the framework of the Green Corridors Initiative, with an emphasis on enhancement of green corridor transport projects;
- Strive to create a Stakeholder's Forum for transport and logistics in the Baltic Sea Region as a free-will representation of high-level political and business actors from the BSR countries to discuss pan-Baltic transport development and harmonisation needs. The Forum shall be used by the East West TC II, Scandria and TransBaltic as an advisory body to provide guidance to these projects from the political and business perspective and to discuss project findings and possible follow-up actions;
- Arrange major seminars (on a half-year basis) to pave the way for developing an EU Green Corridors Action Plan. These seminars shall allow for participation and

presentation of findings and results by the East West TC II, Scandria and TransBaltic projects.

The East West Transport Corridor II (EWTC II) project declares to:

- Develop a green corridor manual with guidelines, key performance indicators and steering mechanisms for more environmentally friendly transport facilities and services as a showcase for the BSR and other European macroregions. In that work the EWTC II shall seek advice of various experts and the Stakeholder Forum as above. A special working group will be established for this purpose with e.g. representatives of EWTC II, Scandria and TransBaltic projects;
- Develop and test an information broker system. Solutions worked out by the EWTC II project will be presented and discussed with the other countersigning parties;
- Arrange four green corridor seminars and invite representatives from the other countersigning parties;
- Contribute to the arrangements of the Stakeholder Forum as above.

The TransBaltic project declares to:

- Make a study on implications of the EU transport policy on the development of sustainable transport in the BSR, with an inventory of the green corridor concept activities worldwide - as a macro-perspective guidance for specific corridor investigations by EWTC II and Scandria;
- Arrange two seminars with an aim to present, inter alia, the worldwide experiences so far in conceptualising the green corridors and the interim findings on the application of the green corridor concept in BSR conditions;
- Carry out green a complementary green corridor investigation in the parts of the BSR not covered by the EWTC II and Scandria projects;
- Generalise findings and results of the EWTC II and Scandria projects as well as own investigations on the green corridor concept at the pan-Baltic level as possible macroregional solutions (blueprints). Further, to insert them in the Regional Transport Action Plan, which will contain measures addressing connectivity, interoperability and co-modality challenges of the Baltic Sea Region from the sustainable regional development perspective;
- Contribute to the arrangements of the Stakeholder Forum as above.

The Scandria project declares to:

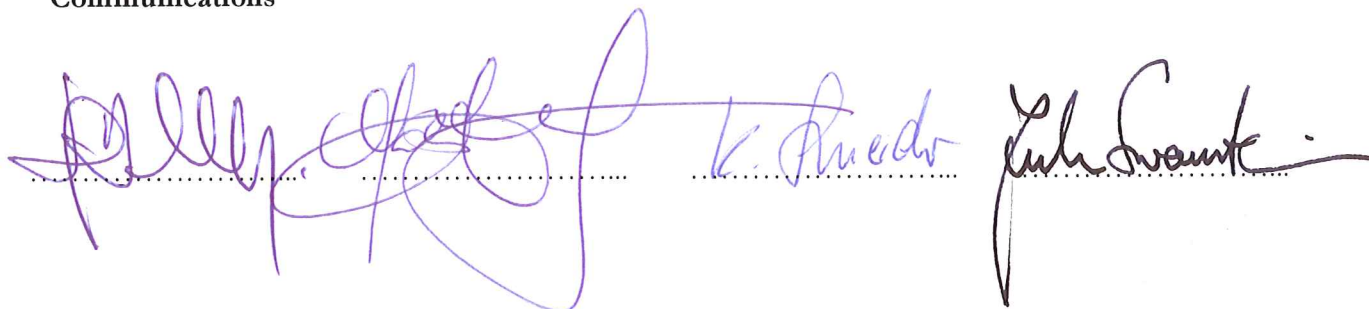
- Focus the planned optimisation measures in infrastructure and logistics on time, energy and emission saving criteria and to test the feasibility of any other green corridor findings and criteria together with TransBaltic und EWTC II;
- Insert the findings and conclusions on making the green corridor to a political stakeholder process dedicated to creation of the Baltic-Adriatic Development Corridor;
- Participate in the development of the green corridor manual in cooperation with the EWTC II project in the agreed thematic areas;
- Contribute to the arrangements of the Stakeholder Forum as above.

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