



Towards an integrated transport system in the Baltic Sea Region

The Macroregional Transport Action Plan by TransBaltic – progress information

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Towards the draft final version

WORKING APPROACH: 12 April - 19 June 2012

- comments expected to the interim draft (dated 5 Apr), incl. format of the policy measures
- **4 May** - advanced draft of the MTAP with proposed policy measures (*based on information extracted from TB reports + inputs from the Task Force members*)
- **9 May** - Task Force meeting - discussion on the advanced draft; document sent out to the umbrella projects for comments/own inputs
- **29 May** - umbrella meeting with the suggested blocks: (1) advanced draft of the MTAP; (2) ITS in greening the transport corridors; (3) lessons learned from the MoS projects in the Baltic Sea
- **30 May**, WP3 meeting - approval of the advanced draft + discussion on the outstanding chapters:
 - Financial instruments
 - Legislative and normative framework
- **10 June** - draft final version ready for distribution to SC members



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Comments to the advanced draft as of 4 May

- Weak feedback so far
- Comprehensive approach to formulating the action plan generally supported
- MTAP a good basis for the later finishing projects (e.g. NECL, BGLC etc) to elaborate on
- Common policy framework architecture (p. 15) as such is useful for transport projects and can be further developed into a working tool and a joint framework to increase cohesion between projects
- 'Open ends' to be further processed in the cluster cooperation (input from ongoing projects)
- Connections to the EU Baltic Sea Strategy and impact on connectivity/prosperity
- Some specific remarks
- No policy actions from the umbrella projects!



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Development process of policy actions

- Large number of TB inputs (22), still a few missing
- Effort to transform the contributions to a unified and consistent look based on the agreed guiding directions:
 - A regional level complement to the joint intergovernmental actions in PA 11 of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy
 - New or insufficiently explored knowledge important for policy-making
 - Results of own investigation
 - Sustainable regional growth perspective
 - Subregional specificity taken into account
- Key areas in the policy action table
 - **INDEX** - may help place the policy actions in a ranking order (IA process to help prioritise?)
 - **WHAT** - concrete and precise heading (possible policy message?), then detailed in **HOW**
 - **WHERE** - general actions vs. place-based (subregional) actions
 - **EFFECTS OF THE ACTION/NO ACTION CASE** - to be upgraded based on the IA process



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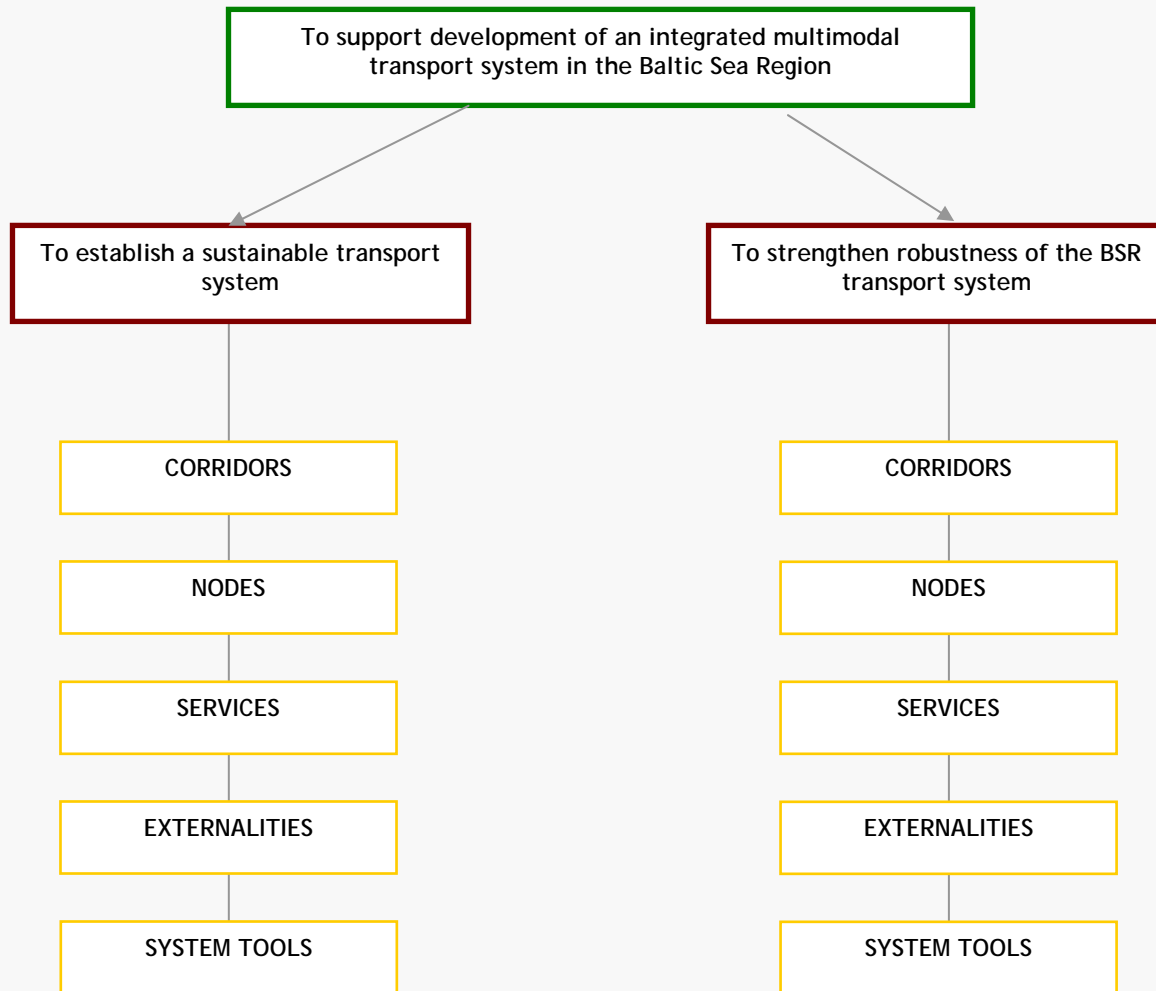


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Features of the interim draft as of 4 May

- The policy framework architecture not fixed yet
- 15 policy actions in total; some still to be added based on TransBaltic work
- Policy actions from EWTICII? Scandria? Other projects?
- Part on green multimodal transport corridors to be still upgraded
- Financial instruments for the MTAP to be outlined at WP3 seminar, 30 May
- Impact assessment results to be embedded into the MTAP



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Discussion issues

- Comments to the draft as of 4 May (see separate file)
- Categories of the policy actions & architecture - when to fix?
- Further policy actions - by when?
- Expectations from the umbrella projects to the drafting process until 10 June
- Consultations stage of the MTAP in the summer break
- MTAP at the TransBaltic Final Conference, Paphos, Cyprus, 4-5 September 2012



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Thank you for your attention!

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