



## Regions, Corridors and Urban Nodes – Competences, Capitalisation and Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region

Interreg projects NSB CoRe, Scandria®2Act and TENTacle – A showcase of implementing the TEN-T Policy

Joint Final Project Conference

Brussels, 6 March 2019

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### Background

The three Interreg BSR Programme projects: **NSB CoRe**, **Scandria®2Act** and **TENTacle**, accompanied and supported by high-level regional, national and EU representatives, invite to a joint final conference in Brussels on the 6th of March 2019.

The three projects have agreed to closely coordinate their work in tackling the shared challenges and addressing the shared target groups with the proposed policy and action solutions. Thereby, the three projects can synergise on individual results and provide strong recommendations to help exploit the added value of the TEN-T core network corridors for better infrastructure and regional development in the Baltic Sea Region.

Ambitions of the three projects have been acknowledged by the European Commission and transport ministries of the Baltic Sea countries. Each of them has been granted the stamp of a flagship project of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. Together, the three projects represent very well the needs and interests of both the regional and local authorities and the manufacturing, transport and logistics industries in the core network corridor implementation. The multilevel and cross-sectoral partnerships the projects have developed as well as the complementary geography of their activities provides a substantial contribution to this process, also in relation to the better understanding of mutual impacts between the core network corridors and the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

### Key profile of the conference

Through the joint final event, the three projects aspire to reach the relevant target groups with the outcomes of thematic activities in such areas as: corridor urban nodes, clean fuels, multilevel governance for transport and regional growth, and regional impact of large investments in corridor infrastructure.

**Time:** 6 March 2019, 9:00-16:00; informal get-together: 5 March, 17:30-19:30

**Venue:** Brussels, Representation of the Federal Land of Sachsen-Anhalt at the EU, Boulevard Saint Michel 80

**Aims:** Interaction with the European Coordinators, high-level decision-makers and the audience on (1) policy and action proposals laid down by three projects to fully exploit the benefits of the TEN-T core network corridors for the transport infrastructure and sustainable regional growth in the Baltic Sea Region; (2) long-term use of the projects' results for the EU Cohesion Policy and the EU Transport Policy in the new funding period; (3) transition from single projects to





coordinated processes as illustrated with the new Scan-Med Corridor governance body of Scandria@Alliance and the project platform cooperation of the BSR Access

**Audience:** About 150 decision-makers representing the European Parliament, the European Commission, national, regional and local authorities of the Baltic Sea countries, intergovernmental networks and industry

**Format:** interactive sessions involving the panels and the audience; inspirational presentations by the three allied projects

### Confirmed key speakers and panellists (as of 17.01.2019)

<b>Pat Cox</b>	European Coordinator for the Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor
<b>Catherine Trautmann</b>	European Coordinator for the North Sea-Baltic Corridor
<b>Anne E. Jensen</b>	European Coordinator for the Baltic-Adriatic Corridor
<b>Kurt Bodewig</b>	European Coordinator for the Motorways of the Sea
<b>Michael Cramer</b>	Member of the European Parliament
<b>Petri Sarvamaa</b>	Member of the European Parliament
<b>Stefan Engdahl</b>	Executive Director, Market and Planning, Swedish Transport Administration
<b>Thomas Erlandson</b>	Coordinator for Policy Area Transport in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Government of Sweden
<b>Sabina Lindström</b>	Director-General, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Finland
<b>Kathrin Schneider</b>	Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Planning of the Federal State of Brandenburg, Lead Partner of the Scandria2Act project, Germany
<b>Katrin Lompscher</b>	Senator for Urban Development and Housing of the Federal State of Berlin, Lead Partner of the Scandria2Act project, Germany
<b>Ossi Savolainen</b>	Regional Mayor, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, Lead Partner of the NSB CoRe project, Finland
<b>Lennarth Förberg</b>	Chair of the Regional Development Board, Region Blekinge, Lead Partner of the TENTacle project, Sweden
<b>Annette Solli</b>	County Mayor of Akershus County Council, Norway
<b>Olgierd Geblewicz</b>	Marshal, Westpomeranian Region, Poland
<b>Marek Łucyk</b>	Deputy Mayor, City of Gdynia, Poland
<b>Kaarin Taipale</b>	Member of the Board, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, Finland

**Conference moderation** by Klaus-Uwe Sondermann, KombiConsult GmbH





## Informal get-together, 5 March 2019, 17:30 – 19:30

### Welcome and Opening

Carmen Johannsen, Deputy Head of Representation of Saxony-Anhalt to the EU

Dr Marcus Wenig, Head of Representation of Brandenburg to the European Union Brussels

Dr Volker Löwe, Head of Representation of Berlin to the European Union Brussels

Opportunity for mingling with the participating European Coordinators and high-level politicians, including representatives of the Scandria@Alliance.

## Main event, 6 March 2019, 9:00 – 16:00

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome

Opening words by the by the conference moderator and representative of DG MOVE.

9:30 **Into the sixth year of the core network corridor implementation. Achievements vs. persisting challenges**

A panel with the European Coordinators and political representatives of the lead partner organisations for NSB CoRe, Scandria@2Act and TENTacle. Effects of core network corridor (CNC) implementation on the planning of infrastructure investments in the EU Member States. CNC implications for sustainable growth and territorial cohesion in the Baltic Sea Region.

Interaction with the audience.

10:30 Coffee break

**Legacy of the three flagship projects: Competences, Capitalisation, Collaboration**

11:00 **Competences: Building cohesion by better governance: Mega projects and urban nodes as frontrunners**

Moderator: Catherine Trautmann, European Coordinator for the North Sea - Baltic Corridor.

Panel with representatives of the three projects, Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communications, and Rail Baltica on the best practices and lessons learnt from mega projects, urban nodes and clean fuel development. Making better use of transnational competences, finances and stakeholder cooperation.

Interaction with the audience.





12:00 Lunch

13:00 Capitalisation: Reaping benefits of large infrastructure projects on the corridors

Moderator: Anne E. Jensen, European Coordinator for the Baltic-Adriatic Corridor.

Setting-the-scene presentation on implications of the large infrastructure projects on the CNCs for sustainable growth, territorial cohesion and business strategies.

Panel with representatives of the projects' regions and the Swedish Transport Administration on coherent cross-border transport planning, integration of remote areas and branding of corridor investments.

Interaction with the audience.

14:00 Coffee break

14:30 Collaboration: Alliances for innovative infrastructure strategies

Moderator: Pat Cox, European Coordinator for the Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor.

Panel with politicians of Berlin-Brandenburg, Akershus county, Helsinki-Uusimaa and Westpomerania to debate supporting corridor governance networks organised by the regions and urban nodes, such as: Scandria@Alliance as a self-styled organisation along the whole Scan-Med Corridor and the project platform of BSR ACCESS co-financed by the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme. Outlook on the TEN-T and CEF 2020+.

Interaction with the audience.

15:30 Summary

Concluding comments by members of the European Parliament and Coordinator of Policy Area Transport in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

