

‘Transgovernance - aligning public and market approaches in shaping the strategic transport policies for the Baltic Sea Region and Europe’

Key results of the BSR TransGovernance project

Gothenburg European Office, Rue du Luxembourg 3, Brussels

3 November, 14:00 - 17:30

Profile of the event

The European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region perceives one of the main challenges for the transport development in the Region in discrepant, often overlapping or mutually exclusive planning frameworks pursued at various governance tiers. Therefore, one of the objectives in Priority Area Transport is to improve the exchange of information and knowledge to allow for more harmonious and coordinated approach to transport investments between the European, macroregional, national, regional and local administrative levels.

The concept of multi-level governance implies that all public and private stakeholders relevant for the specific planning and implementation process are invited to a dialogue and have influence on decision-making. The means to make this cooperation method effective in the specific environment of the Baltic Sea Region is the core activity area of the BSR TransGovernance project.

During the past two years the project, co-funded by the BSR Programme 2007-2013 and led by the Swedish region of Blekinge, analysed how multi-level governance models, tools and approaches can contribute to a better alignment of transport policies in the Baltic Sea Region at various administrative levels and a better incorporation of the business perspective.

The results, now available, are well timed to contribute to the ongoing European and macroregional transport policy processes, amidst discussion on:

- how to organise and optimise the work of public and market actors in the implementation of the TEN-T core network corridors,
- how to achieve a fruitful multilateral cooperation between the countries sharing common transport development challenges,
- how to strike synergies between the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics - being two intergovernmental strategic frameworks addressing the same territory,
- how to effectively design a future generation of territorial cooperation projects in the area of transport and accessibility.

The final event of the BSR TransGovernance project, scheduled in Brussels on 3 November, will present the key findings in the strategic context set above.

Debate in a chain of panels with involvement of European, national, regional, local and market representatives will revolve around measures recommended by the project partnership to better coordinate transport policies for:

- the Baltic Sea Region as a pioneering case of macroregional cooperation in Europe,
- cross-border areas with high dynamics of passenger and trade flows,
- international multimodal transport corridors,
- intermodal terminal sites.

Moderator

Verner Kristiansen, expert on communications and international development

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The programme

14:00	<p>The opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome - <i>Anna-Lena Cederström, CEO, Region Blekinge, Lead Partner of the BSR TransGovernance project</i> BSR TransGovernance in a nutshell - <i>Wiktor Szydarowski, project manager</i>
14:15	<p>Setting the scene - progress/status statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TEN-T core network corridors - <i>James Pond, European Commission, DG MOVE, Chief Adviser to the European Coordinator for the North Sea - Baltic Core Network Corridor</i> EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region - <i>Peter Schenk, European Commission, DG REGIO, Competence Centre for Macroregions and European Territorial Cooperation</i> Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics - <i>Oddgeir Danielsen, Director, NDPTL Secretariat</i>
15:00	<p>Panel 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>STRINGS and PEARLS: Corridors - urban nodes - intermodal terminals</u></p> <p><i>Introduction with some key project findings (WP4, WP5 and WP6) by Mathias Roos, Region Blekinge</i></p> <p><i>The panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>James Pond, European Commission, DG MOVE, Chief Adviser to the European Coordinator for the North Sea - Baltic Core Network Corridor</i> <i>Jerker Sjögren, CLOSER Programme Manager, Lindholmen Science Park</i> <i>Horst Sauer, Head of Division, Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg</i> <i>Algirdas Sakalys, President, the East-West Transport Corridor Association</i> <p><i>Interfacing with the audience</i></p>
15:50	<p>Coffee break</p>
16:10	<p>Panel 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>STRINGS and PATCHES: Corridors - cross-border areas - macroregion</u></p> <p><i>Introduction with some key project findings (WP3) by Susanne Ingo, Swedish Transport Administration, and Mats Petersson, Region Skåne</i></p> <p><i>The panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Thomas Erlandson, Coordinator for EUSBSR PA Transport, Swedish Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications</i> <i>Oddgeir Danielsen, Director, NDPTL Secretariat</i> <i>Talis Linkaits, Head of the VASAB Secretariat</i> <i>Stefan Back, Director, Sustainable Logistics, Transport Group of Sweden</i> <p><i>Interfacing with the audience</i></p>
17:00	<p>The closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Conclusions from the two panels</i> <i>The Macroregional Transport Action Plan - what has happened since 2012? (results of the TransBaltic Extension project)</i> <i>Statement on the proposed measures & further action</i>