



## 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.



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**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 18.02.2019)

<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, Germany
<b>Petri Sarvamaa</b>	Member of the European Parliament, Finland
<b>Gunnar Hökmark</b>	Member of the European Parliament, Sweden
<b>Herald Ruijters</b>	Director, Investment, Innovative and Sustainable Transport, DG MOVE, European Commission
<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 Spatial 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 and of the BSR Access Project Platform, Finland
<b>Lennarth Förberg</b>	Chair of the Regional Development Board, Region Blekinge, Lead Partner of the TENTacle project, Sweden
<b>Anette 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
<b>Thor Hals</b>	Chairman, Värmland-Østfold Border Committee, and Mayor of Askim, Norway
<b>Thomas Becker</b>	Managing Director, STRING, Denmark
<b>Malla Paajanen</b>	Chief Advisor, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, Finland
<b>Jan Carsten Gjerløw</b>	Senior Advisor, Akershus County Council, Norway
<b>Sönke Maatsch</b>	Project Manager, Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics (ISL), Bremen, Germany

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



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

### Welcome and Opening

Dr Margarete Schwarz, Head of Representation of Saxony-Anhalt to the European Union

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

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

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

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9:00 Welcome and opening words

- **Klaus-Uwe Sondermann**, KombiConsult GmbH, conference moderator
  - **Herald Ruijters**, Director, Investment, Innovative and Sustainable Transport, DG MOVE, European Commission
  - **Kurt Bodewig**, European Coordinator, Motorways of the Sea
  - **Petri Sarvamaa**, Member of the European Parliament
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9:30 **Into the sixth year of the core network corridor implementation. Achievements vs. persisting challenges**

Focus: 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.

Moderator: **Klaus-Uwe Sondermann**, KombiConsult GmbH.

Panellists:

- **Pat Cox**, European Coordinator, Scan-Med Corridor
- **Catherine Trautmann**, European Coordinator, North Sea-Baltic Corridor
- **Anne E. Jensen**, European Coordinator, Baltic-Adriatic Corridor
- **Ossi Savolainen**, Regional Mayor, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, Lead Partner of the NSB CoRe project and of the BSR Access Project Platform
- **Kathrin Schneider**, Minister for Infrastructure and Spatial Planning of the Federal State of Brandenburg, Lead Partner of the Scandria2Act project
- **Lennarth Förberg**, Chair of the Regional Development Board, Region Blekinge, Lead Partner of the TENTacle project

Interaction with the audience.

10:30 Coffee break

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

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

Focus: Best practices and lessons learnt from mega projects, urban nodes and clean fuel development. Making better use of transnational competences, finances and stakeholder cooperation.

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

Setting-the-scene presentation: **Kaarin Taipale**, Member of the Board, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council.

Panellists:

- **Katrin Lompscher**, Senator for Urban Development and Housing of the Federal State of Berlin
- **Sabina Lindström**, Director-General, Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communications
- **Marek Łucyk**, Deputy Mayor, City of Gdynia
- **Jan Carsten Gjerlöv**, project manager, Akershus County Council

Interaction with the audience.

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12:00 Lunch

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

Focus: Coherent cross-border transport planning, integration of remote areas and branding of corridor investments.

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

Setting-the-scene presentation: **Dr Sönke Maatsch**, project manager, Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics (ISL).

Panellists:

- **Stefan Engdahl**, Executive Director, Market and Planning, Swedish Transport Administration
- **Thor Hals**, Chairman, Värmland-Østfold Border Committee
- **Thomas Becker**, Managing Director, STRING
- **Malla Paajanen**, Chief Advisor, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council

Interaction with the audience.

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14:00 Coffee break

14:30 Collaboration: Alliances for innovative infrastructure strategies

Focus: 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+.

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

Setting-the-scene presentation: **Kathrin Schneider**, Minister for Infrastructure and Spatial Planning of the Federal State of Brandenburg, Founding Partner of Scandria@Alliance

Panellists:

- **Kathrin Schneider**, Minister for Infrastructure and Spatial Planning of the Federal State of Brandenburg, Founding Partner of Scandria@Alliance
- **Anette Solli**, Regional Mayor Akershus County Council, Founding Partner of Scandria@Alliance
- **Ossi Savolainen**, Regional Mayor, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, Lead Partner of the NSB CoRe project and BSR Access, Founding Partner of Scandria@Alliance
- **Olgierd Geblewicz**, Marshal of Westpomeranian Region, partner of the TENTacle Project
- **Katrin Lompscher**, Senator for Urban Development and Housing of the Federal State of Berlin, Founding Partner of Scandria@Alliance

Interaction with the audience.

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15:30 Concluding comments

- **Michael Cramer**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Gunnar Hökmark**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Thomas Erlandson**, Coordinator for Policy Area Transport in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
- **Klaus-Uwe Sondermann**, KombiConsult GmbH, conference moderator

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16:00 End of the conference