



The Northern part of the Baltic Sea Region

Player on macro- regional level

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The Baltic Sea Region (Baltic Sea Region Programme map)



EUSBSR – why?

1st EU macro-regional strategy ever

Requested by the European Council in 2007, launched in 2009

Main reason: to address the urgent challenges in co-ordinated manner, eg environmental issues

Three objectives:

- 1) Save the Sea*
- 2) Connect the Region*
- 3) Increase Prosperity*

EUSBSR – added value

An integrated approach to identify needs, solutions and match them with available resources

Mobilises projects across borders and sectors

Strengthen cooperation mechanisms within and between MS and neighbouring countries

By involving all relevant policy areas and countries, it promotes balanced regional development

Channels existing funding instruments so their potential can be fully utilised

Project ex 1: **Bothnian Green Logistic Corridor**

Aim: Develop efficient transport solutions for freight from Northern Scandinavia to Central Europe.

Budget: 4.8 M€ (Baltic Sea Region Programme) 2011-14

Partners from Sweden, Finland, Norway, Germany and Poland.

Partners represent regional authorities, cities, publicly owned ports, national authorities and universities.

57 associated partners and support from three ministries.

Project ex 2: **Nordic Logistic Corridor - NLC**

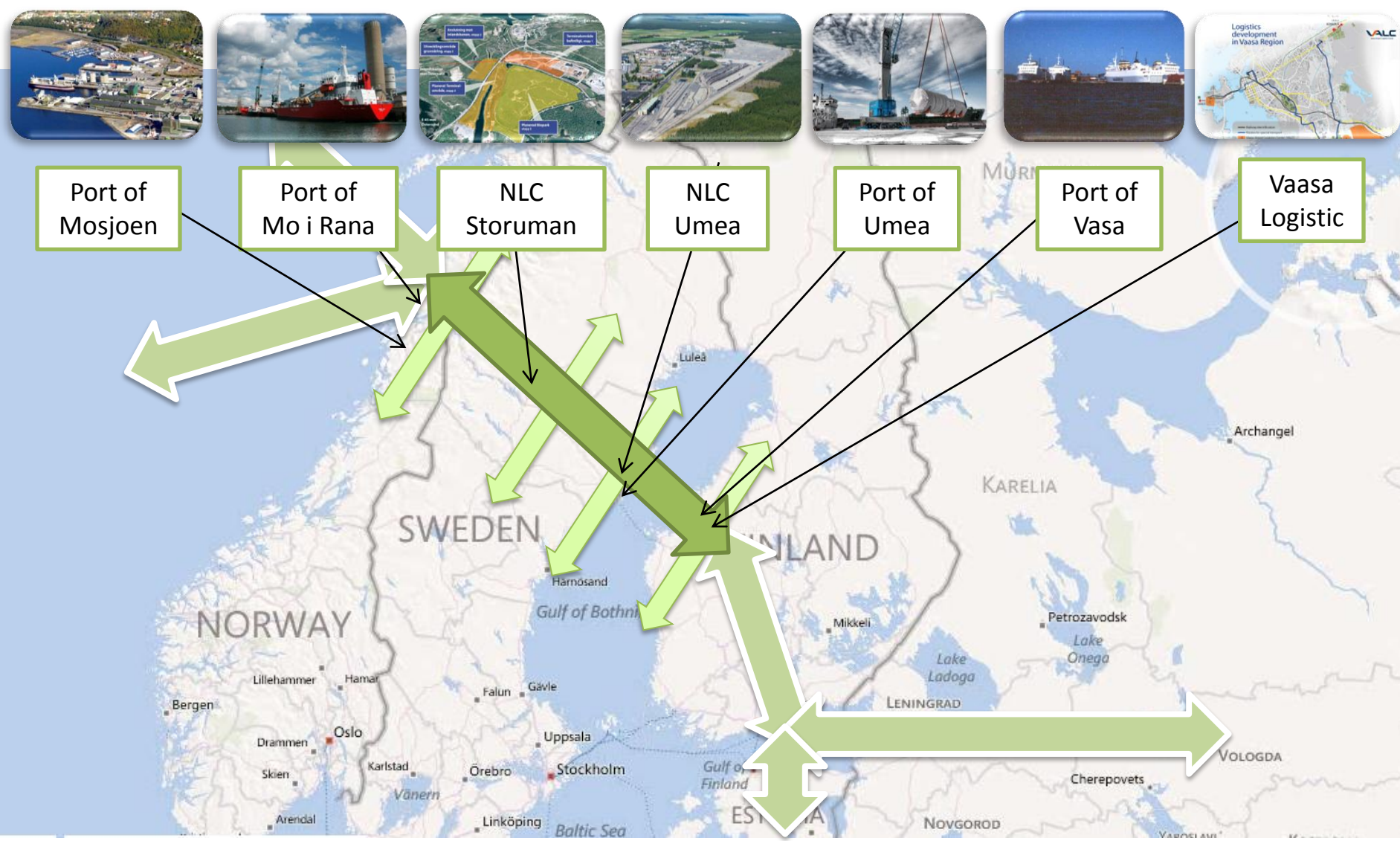
Aim: Connect the businesses in the northern part of Europe with the rest of the EU in a "greener" way

Shared booking system, joint marketing efforts, extension of port storage areas and improvement of goods handling area (Vasa), new passenger terminal (Umeå) etc...

Budget: 4.9 M€ (Botnia-Atlantica Programme) 2011-14

www.botnia-atlantica.eu

Nordic Logistic Corridor



Project ex 3: **Nordpraktik**

Aim: Contribute to North Calotte regional development by promoting cross-border traineeships in post-secondary vocational schools.

Budget: 81,600€ (Interreg IVA North) 2012-14

Similar projects in Central Baltic Programme and South Baltic Programme. www.interregnord.com

Project ex 4: BaltCICA

Climate Change: Impacts, Costs and Adaptation in the Baltic Sea Region

Aim: focus on the most imminent problems that climate change is likely to cause, prepare regions and municipalities to cope with a changing climate

Budget: 5.2 M€ (Baltic Sea Region Programme)

24 partners from 8 countries.

One of the 10 projects covering the flagship project 5.1 "Anticipate regional and local impacts of climate change through research" www.baltcica.org, www.eu.baltic.net

Project ex 5: **ROADEX IV**

Aim: Upgrading/maintaining roads in harsh weather conditions. Change of culture of road maintenance and construction in the northern periphery.

Budget: 2.2 M€ (Northern Periphery Programme) 2009-12

Detailed estimates of costs and materials required for upgrading the road

Predictions of the expected lifetime of the route after the start of heavy transport

www.northernperiphery.eu

ROADEX IV



EU Policy towards the Arctic Region

*The joint Communication of the Commission and the High Representative on **Developing a European Union Policy towards the Arctic Region** was adopted on 26 June.*

It maps out and reviews the EU's contribution to the Arctic since 2008.

On this basis it presents some focal points for future engagement with Arctic partners (indigenous people; new trade routes; exploration of natural resources; environmentally friendly technologies; Arctic research; search and rescue activity using satellites)

Info

EUSBSR Action Plan review:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/baltic/index_en.cfm#1

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