

Capitalising on TEN-T core transport network corridors for prosperity, growth and cohesion

→ *The Baltic Sea Region (BSR) is crossed by three core transport network corridors (CNCs), which together have the potential to stimulate positive effects beyond the pure transport sector and beyond the immediate territories they cross. Opening it up for a broader group of stakeholders and a wider geographical area requires tackling of capacity challenges related with insufficient awareness, engagement, knowledge and interacting abilities of the relevant public and market players.*

Priority area	Transport
Specific objective	Interoperability
Project acronym	TENTacle
Lead Partner	Region Blekinge, Sweden
Project partners	7 SE, 3 DE, 3 PL, 2 DK, 2 FI, 2 NO, 1 EE, 1 LT, 1 LV
Project budget*	Total EUR 4,5 MM
*preliminary figures before contract signature	



Summary

The TEN-T core transport network corridors (CNC) is a new instrument of the EU transport policy, aimed to resolve bottlenecks on major transport axes across Europe. The Baltic Sea Region (BSR) is crossed by three CNCs (ScanMed, North SeaBaltic and BalticAdriatic) and a broad range of stakeholders will be involved in the joint implementation.

The CNC approach has a large potential to stimulate development not only in the pure transport sector and in immediate territory, but also in more remote geographical areas, with advantages for the whole BSR. However, as this policy instrument is fairly new, the roles, responsibilities and impact thereof are fairly unknown, which may threaten its success.

The project aims to improve stakeholder capacity to reap benefits of the implementation of CNCs in the BSR. The project partnership, which includes organisations from all 11 BSR countries, will organise a joint response to identified capacity challenges and will assist public and market players around the Baltic Sea with solutions enhancing their ability to capitalise on the CNCs, irrespective of the geographical location.

As needs and expectations of the identified target groups differ from one area to the other, the project will carry out the capacity raising action on two levels:

- local/regional (to better connect stakeholders in various BSR areas to the CNCs) and
- macroregional (to make the strategic cooperation in transport at the BSR level more effective, with gains for transport planners, managers and operators in the BSR countries).

At the local/regional level the project will demonstrate how to strengthen positive CNC spillovers by place-based measures in different development contexts. Through interfacing with the identified target public and market actors the project will deliver plans and strategies containing policy- and business oriented solutions to:

1. guide the planners how to utilise the CNC investments as an impulse for local/regional growth, sustainable mobility and better logistics services
2. boost smarter and greener logistics chains along the CNCs
3. integrate the last mile CNC interface with the local/regional transport networks and the urban transport system
4. ensure the interoperability between the three CNCs crossing the BSR
5. reverse the economic decline processes through a better access and connectivity to the CNCs.

At the macroregional level the project will absorb pilot case results and through intensive stakeholder dialogue and additional analyses will work out win-win solutions for all BSR territories, irrespective of the distance to the CNCs.