



## North Sea-Baltic – Connector of Regions (NSB CoRe)

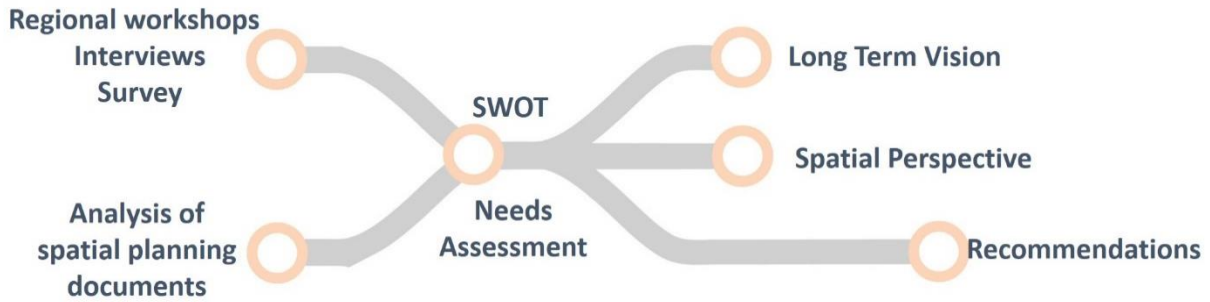
NSB CoRe is a EUSBSR transport flagship project that aims to **improve the internal and external accessibility of the regions along the North Sea-Baltic Corridor**. 16 partners are participating in the NSB CoRe project covering Sweden, Finland, the Baltic States, Poland and Germany. Project activities cover logistics, long distance commuting services, spatial planning and Rail Baltica branding case. VASAB Secretariat is responsible for the spatial planning work package that covers elaboration of transnational spatial vision of the NSB CoRe network and regional case studies on how to connect second level transport networks with the core corridor.



### Main outcomes of the NSB CoRe project

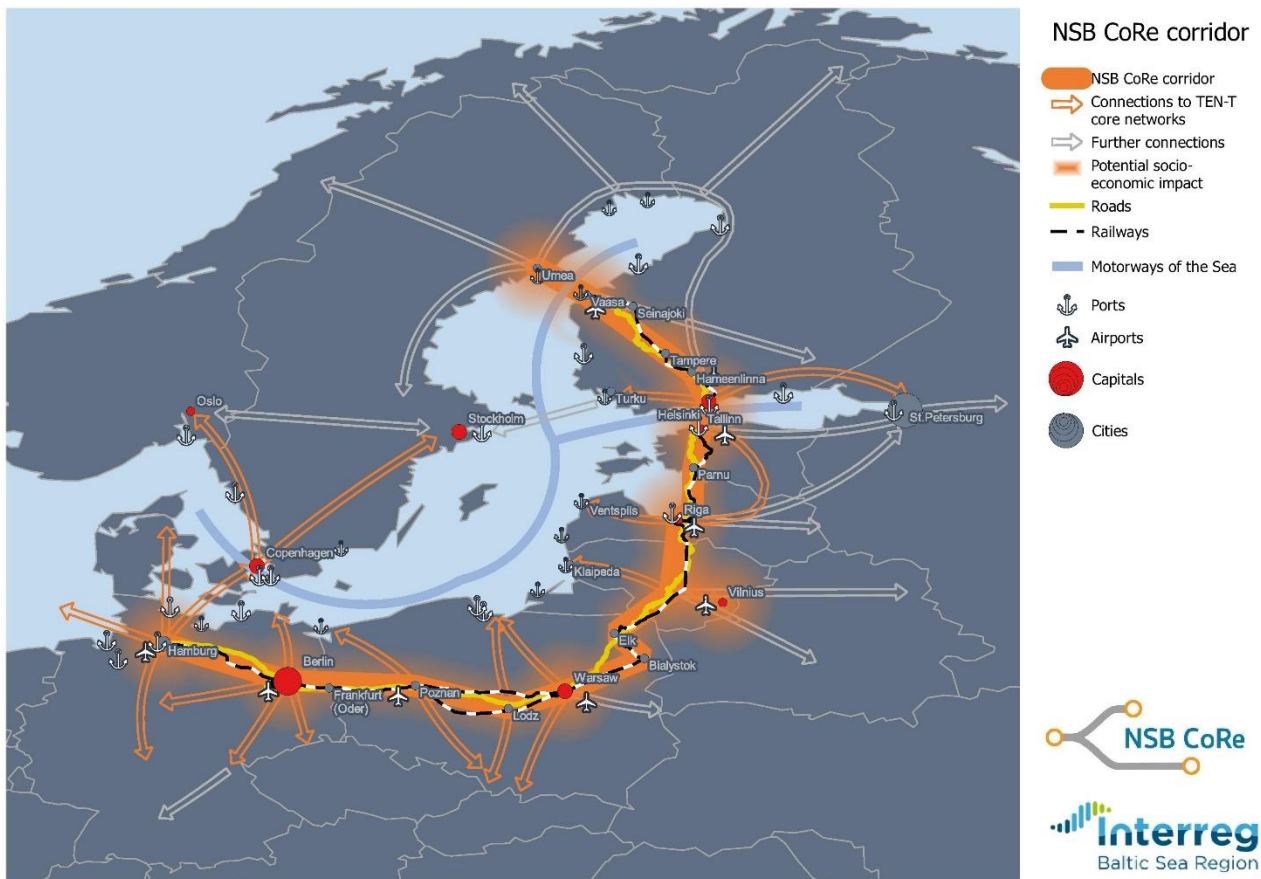
Overall goal of the spatial planning package is to improve cooperation among spatial and transport planners and create a stakeholder network that may contribute to further corridor development. For the very first time a spatial vision for a European transport corridor is being developed. Elaboration process of the Spatial Vision consists of four stages. First, analysis of current situation that includes desk research on existing spatial planning legislation and documents (visions, spatial plans, territorial plans) and stakeholder involvement activities as regional workshops, interviews. Findings of the first stage have been summarized into a SWOT analysis for the NSB CoRe corridor. The second phase that is ongoing at the moment is needs assessment that consist of series of workshops and survey to identify needs to improve the accessibility along the corridor. The third phase will be dedicated to the visionary process, development of spatial perspective and recommendations. And lastly there will be time spent to discuss the spatial vision with the stakeholders.





*Structure of the Spatial Vision*

This vision will be a unique spatial planning document for a transport corridor in the Baltic Sea Region, it will be delivered to the VASAB Ministerial Conference in 2019 and will serve as input to national and regional development planning documents.



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