



## **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.





## Key speakers and panellists

**Pat Cox** – European Coordinator for the Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor (confirmed)

**Catherine Trautmann** – European Coordinator for the North Sea-Baltic Corridor (confirmed)

**Kurt Bodewig** – European Coordinator for the Motorways of the Sea (confirmed)

**Anne E. Jensen** – European Coordinator for the Baltic-Adriatic Corridor (confirmed)

**Stefan Engdahl**, Deputy Director General, Swedish Transport Administration (confirmed)

**Ossi Savolainen** – Regional Mayor, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, Lead Partner of the NSB CoRe project, Finland (confirmed)

**Kathrin Schneider**, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Planning of the Federal State of Brandenburg (confirmed)

**Katrin Lompscher**, Senator for Urban Development and Housing of the Federal State of Berlin, on behalf of the Lead Partner of the Scandria2Act project, Germany (confirmed)

**Alexander Wendt** - Head of the Regional Council, Region Blekinge, Lead Partner of the TENTacle project, Sweden (TBC)

Further representatives of the three allied projects (rapporteurs and presenters) will be identified soon.

**Time:** 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2019; 09:00-16:00; informal get-together in the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> of March

**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

**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

