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# Baltic Sea Region 2050

## Two territorial scenarios

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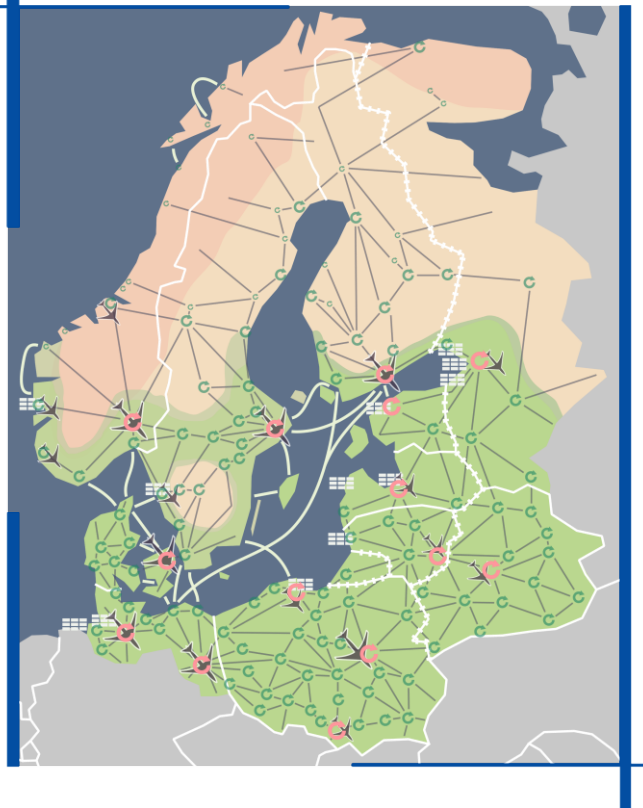
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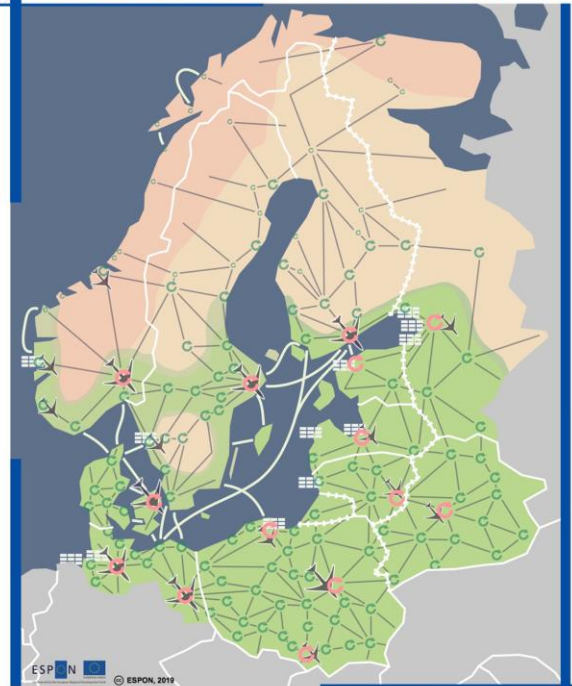
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# Well-being in a circular economy – A re-mind for a good life

Regional centres and transport  
Baltic Sea Region 2050: Scenario 'Well-being in a circular economy'



- Legend**
- Declining metropolis
  - Gaining regional centre
  - Regionalised transport network
  - Remaining sea routes
  - Cooperation on external borders
  - Declining large air hub
  - Declining small air hub
  - Declining sea hub
  - Food production zone
  - Limited food production

Regional level: NUTS 3  
Source: ESPON 812650 project, Spatial Foresight, 2019  
Origin of data based on different quantitative and qualitative sources, such as Eurostat data, ESPON and VASAR reports and BSR, national and regional studies  
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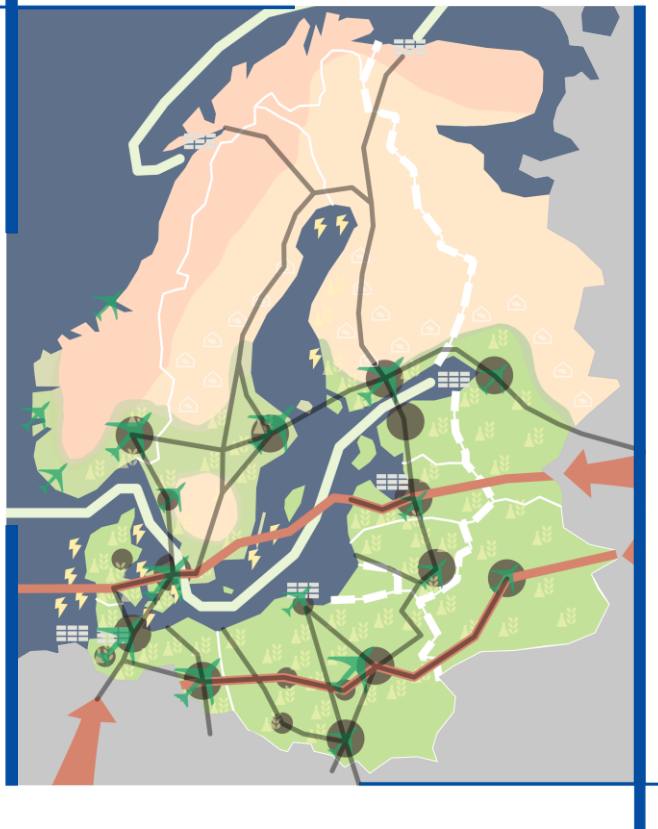
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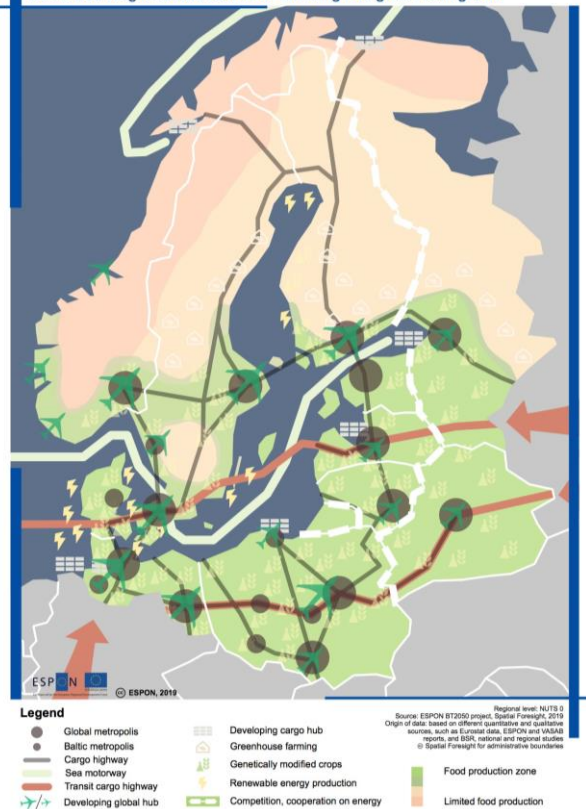
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# Growing into green tech giants – the ecological footprint clear-up

Urban centres, transport and connectivity  
Baltic Sea Region 2050: Scenario 'Growing into green-tech giants'



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# Scenarios are not about making choices, instead...

## Scenarios are

a plausible description of how the future might develop, based on a coherent and internally consistent set of assumptions (scenario logic) about the key relationships and driving forces.



Read our scenarios  
at:  
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# Thank you!

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