



Roundtable discussions on CEF and the TEN-T from an Arctic Perspective

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Our regions in the Arctic

- North Sweden is the EU Office for the two northernmost counties in Sweden, Norrbotten and Västerbotten. Our aim is to promote the region in the EU.
- Our regions in the north of Norway, Finland & Sweden have a long tradition of mining and forestry activities & provide crucial raw materials to European industries:
- The accessibility to the EU core markets for raw materials require functional rail, road and sea links. This is acknowledged by the OECD Territorial Reviews for Northern Sparsely Populated Areas (NSPA) which indicates the need for necessary infrastructure investments in north-south transport routes to markets in the EU and also east-west transport routes to markets in Asia and westwards to the Atlantic and major international markets.

The transport system

- The infrastructure in our regions connects the northern part of the Northern Axis with the Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor and the North Sea-Baltic Corridor. The Corridors create an important fundamental structure for the European transport system for the transport of crucial raw materials and other refined products to the European market.
 - 2 Core ports: Luleå (SE), Narvik (NO)
 - The Bothnian Corridor on both sides of the Gulf of Bothnia in SE and FI is included in the TEN-T Core Network. It links the transport system to the ScanMed and the NSB on land via the SE-FI border, and along the Iron Ore line to the SE-NO border and at sea across the Kvarken strait Umeå-Vaasa.

An integrated EU-policy for the Arctic

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 - DG MARE published a EU Communication “An Integrated EU-policy for the Arctic” in April 2016
 - This was followed by a consultation to identify priority investments in the Arctic. Targeted group was the Arctic regions and countries and the work was carried out at regional level, national level and one part for the indigenous people.
 - The NSPA (Northern Sparsely Populated Area)-network comprised of our regions carried out the consultation work visavis the regions.
 - The results were compiled by DG MARE and presented to Commissioner Vela in January 2018.
 - Our priority investments projects are part of the EU:s transport policy as identified in the TEN-T and the CEF with focus on e.g. extension of the ScanMed and the NSB.
 - The idea thereafter is to hold an annual Arctic Forum Conference to jointly proceed with the work. Probably this will lead to an EU Strategy for the Arctic.
 - In the meanwhile, this process is important to us as it puts the Arctic higher on the EU-agenda.

Extension of the Corridor Network to northern Sweden, northern Finland and
northern Norway
Brussels, 6.6.2018 COM(2018) 438 final

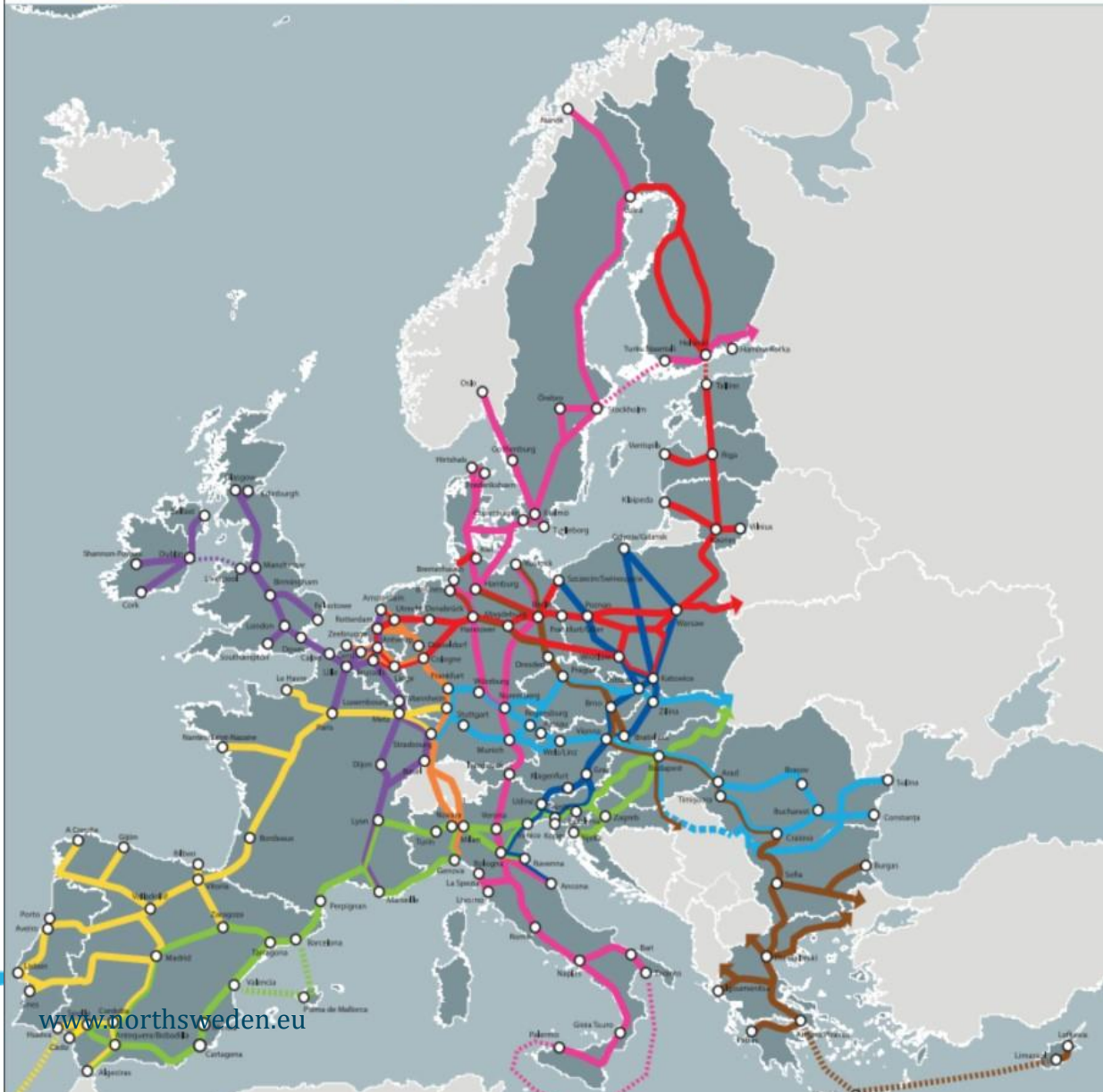
- In June 6, the European Commission published the proposal for a new CEF-regulation for 2021-2027
- EC proposes to extend the Corridor Network:
 - In Finland: Extension of the NSB Corridor will connect the Finnish rail network with the Swedish Core Port of Luleå. The latter is not included in the Corridor network.
 - Sweden: Extension of the Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor will connect with the Swedish core ports of Luleå in Sweden and Narvik in Norway. Neither of the ports is currently included in the Corridor network
- “The Corridor network in Sweden and in Finland so far extends to only around 40% of the rail core network. The proposed extension anticipates growing importance of the Arctic policy.”

EC proposal to extend the Corridor Network



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- Welcome
 - Session 1 Keynote
 - Part 1: State of play, time schedule CEF, MFF (& TEN-T)
 - Part 2: The regions: needs, potentials and priority investment plans in the short-term and long-term

- Session 2 Q&A – Reflections and discussion

- Lunch

EC proposal to extend the Corridor Network

The extension of ScanMed Core Network Corridor

- Baltic–Adriatic
- North Sea–Mediterranean
- Mediterranean
- Orient–East Mediterranean
- Scandinavian–Mediterranean
- Rhine–Alpine
- Atlantic
- North Sea–Mediterranean
- Rhine–Danube



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