Introduction
This two-year workplan includes the priorities and objectives of the Member Regions of the Transport Working Group of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission for 2021-2023. It serves as a roadmap while allowing sufficient flexibility to carry out. The workplan is based on region's needs, and is developed in the framework of the EU, national, macro-regional (EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region) and regional policy frameworks. It also includes the CPMR Agenda related to Transport policies. Activities of the Transport Working Group are also developed in the framework of the new EU growth Strategy, the Green Deal.

1. Policy focuses and goals of the Transport Working Group for 2021-2023

The Baltic Sea Region is a very diverse geographical area, with urban, peripheral areas, rural, sparsely populated area, arctic areas, and long distances. In order to develop sustainable and effective transport connection and infrastructure, while ensuring territorial accessibility in the Baltic Sea Region, these specific geographical features should be beard in mind when designing and implementing transport policies.

The Transport Working Group has identified two focus areas which bring added value to the Member Regions. In each of the focus areas, concrete measures and objectives are defined.

❖ Promote functional TEN-T network in the Baltic Sea Region
❖ Promote smart, sustainable and climate neutral transport modes

Promoting accessibility and connectivity in the Arctic is a key objective, included in both policy priorities defined by the working group.

1. Promote functional TEN-T network in the Baltic Sea Region

This policy priority, includes the following sub-priorities:

- Promote good connections to the TEN-T core and comprehensive networks
- Influence the further development of the TEN-T network and make certain that the interests of BSC Member Regions are taken into account in the on-going TEN-T policy review and that the eligibility for funding is secured for prioritized projects
2. Promotion of Smart, sustainable and climate neutral transport for all

- Promote innovative and sustainable transport solutions, infrastructure and services that are affordable to their users
- Promote sustainable multimodal transport chains by directing efforts towards a shift from road to rail and to Sea and fluent interoperability securing the first and last mile, as well as accessibility to more remote areas;
- Development of measures towards climate-neutral and Fossil-free transport.
- Contribute to the phasing out of fossil fuels and foster clean fuel development and deployment
- Promote the electrification of the transport system
- Foster the development of intelligent and digitalization of transport systems

3. Missions of the Transport Working Group

- **Monitor relevant policy developments at EU** and national levels related to transport and ensure a regional and Baltic Sea Region perspective (relevant policies, initiatives and programs...)
- **Formulate and share to representatives EU institutions policy positions**, reports and contribution to public consultations on relevant EU policies and instruments related to the Working Group policy priorities (lobbying activities)
- **Promote the interests of the BSC Member Regions** and participate in relevant events related to Transport
- **Foster the exchange of best practices, knowledge, experience** and targeted information between Members of the Transport Working Group
- **Serve as a shared platform for project development** and follow relevant European calls and programmes with potential fundings opportunities for BSC Regions, and also disseminate projects results. Foster close collaboration with relevant transport projects.
- **Contribute to feed into CPMR Transport work, and continue to develop and deepen the cooperation with the transport working group of the North Sea Commission** on common issues such as the future of the TEN-T. Develop partnerships with external organisations and networks in the transport sector, as well as having close link with Policy Area Coordinator Transport of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.
- **Continue the work with benchmarking and mapping within the member regions** on good (and bad) examples in different themes such as projects, public transport, new technical solutions, clean fuels, multimodal transports etc. This knowledge will help regions to know each other better and support the work of raising the added value and competence that exists in and around the Baltic Sea towards decision-makers at different levels to influence the infrastructure development
4. Working methods

➢ Develop the continuous work within the transport group through the appointment of technical sub working groups, lead by civil servants from the Transport Working Group, to ensure stronger effectiveness. The idea is that these working groups should be able to work in a structured way between our regular meetings and thereby help us to deepen the work within the transport group. The sub-groups should provide an update to the Chair, Vice-Chairs and the overall Transport Working Group at each meeting. The two sub-groups should help to achieve the two identified policy priorities. Therefore, if there are enough interests, the two following sub-groups will be created:

• Technical sub-groups following the TEN-T revision
• Technical sub-groups following the Smart, sustainable and Clean Transport modes

5. Table of planned activities (need to be regularly updated)

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