



TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

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THEMATIC DESCRIPTIONS LINKED TO THE EUROPEAN AGENDA

Excerpt from the Work Plan, adopted in Berlin in June 2017:

“3.1 Accessibility and Transport

The Working Group on Accessibility and Transport has identified four main thematic areas of substantial significance for the Member Regions of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission.

The thematic areas are the revision of both the “Connecting Europe Facility” and the TEN-T Corridors, the support for state aid for regional airports, and the enhancement of connections with third countries.

These are areas that the Working Group has monitored for a longer period.”

Connecting Europe Facility & TEN T Corridors

Prior to the CPMR Political Bureau in Stavanger, this note was processed: http://cpmr.org/wpdm-package/corridors-of-the-ten-t-core-network-proposed-amendments-within-the-framework-of-cef-review/?wpdmdl=13138&ind=IWbtufKgF6gDwCjuy_i-8vIC_P-6o9XAHujRQj_R2n3Utw69E91Zdd2o1rqyzM8IXEoH7s97Rv8Hwtpv5WKw_w.

The Transport Working Group was active in this work and it is our intention that our two main amendments will be part of the future positions of the CPMR.

These are:

The support for state aid for regional airports

Recent Technical Paper from the CPMR on aviation: http://cpmr.org/wpdm-package/cpmr-and-aviation-avenues-to-explore-in-the-eu-context/?wpdmdl=13133&ind=FsdWS3VUNR4OA6-6GcUW3oK1ytkgdCdmKSRV5Ew8Xx0vtTCIGqN4Bp_NiW7FgRt4oRKZTljfQ6F3ofroj09-Q.

During Summer, the CPMR sent out a questionnaire to its Member Regions. This will be compiled. It is the role of the Secretariat, in cooperation with Region Västerbotten and Stockholm County

Council, to extract specificities and ensure that the draft position published by the CPMR captures the interests of the CPMR Members. This has not been done yet, but it will be before the CPMR General Assembly in Helsinki.

Will there be a position on this in Helsinki?

These are the Regions that have responded:

- Region Västerbotten;
- Region Norrbotten;
- Region Skåne.

These are the Regions that have actively said they will not answer the questionnaire:

- Region Gotland.

The Secretariat is in the process of contacting Regions that have not answered the questionnaire.

The enhancement of connections with third countries

The Transport Working Group has decided to create a list of knowledgeable experts and speakers regarding connections with third countries. Having a list of vibrant and good speakers to put on the panels will increase visibility and save time prior to transport events.

[Asa Bjerling has asked Members to send this information to the Executive Secretariat.](#)

MEETINGS SINCE THE LAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The transport Working Group met in Berlin on 15 June 2017. The minutes of the meeting are available on the BSC website – [click here](#).

The European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE), in cooperation with the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and Ministry of Economic Affairs and Infrastructure of the Republic of Estonia, have the pleasure to invite you to the **Connecting Europe Conference** taking place in **Tallinn** at the **Nordea Concert Hall on 21-22 September 2017**. **Mårten Edberg, Region Västerbotten, will participate and report back to the BSC Transport Working Group.**

PLANNED MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Working Group was planned to take place on 18 October (15.00-17.00), back-to-back with the CPMR General Assembly in Helsinki. It was supposed to have been a joint meeting of the Transport Working Groups of the Baltic and North Sea Commissions.

However, this meeting has been postponed. A new date is to be confirmed. The Chair of the Transport Working Groups of the North Sea and Baltic Sea Commissions will meet in Helsinki to discuss possible joint meetings and activities. The meeting was postponed since we believe many of the key players in the Working Group will attend the seminar in the European Parliament, see information below.

SAVE THE DATE

Future of the TEN-T Core Network Corridors: Wednesday 18 October 2017

A seminar hosted by MEPs **Jens Nilsson** and **Merja Kyllönen** and organised by the Finnish, Swedish, and Norwegian regional EU offices around the Gulf of Bothnia.

Date and time: Wednesday 18 October 2017, 13:00-15:00

Location: European Parliament, Rue Wiertz, 1047 Brussels

More information will follow

The **TENTacle stakeholder seminar will be held on 26 October 2017, between 9:00 and 11:30** - parallel to a round table arranged by the other sister project of NSB CoRe. It will be dedicated to a showcase on how to create growth opportunities for corridor node-and-transit areas, corridor catchment areas and corridor void areas through better access to the TEN-T core network corridors.

Region Skåne is planning an event relevant to this subject. The Secretariat of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission will send out the invitation to all Members of the Maritime Working Group:

International port conference "Port and Port Cities – post 2030" in Malmö on 6-8 November 2017 (www.port2030.com).

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