

# Newsletter

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## The project highlighted at showcase for sustainable transport

The East West Transport Corridor II project, co-financed by the EU and led by Region Blekinge, participated together with project partner NetPort.Karlshamn at a national demonstration day for green transport solutions in Gothenburg, Sweden on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. Part of the project was judged to be among the top three initiatives to make freight transports more sustainable.

**OVER 130 PARTICIPANTS** from industry, national authorities and the European Commission visited the demo day in Gothenburg, which was organized within the framework of the Green Corridor work, a concept initiated by the European Commission to strengthen the transport industry's competitiveness through the development of sustainable transport.

**18 EXHIBITORS** took the chance to show their green transport solutions. Region Blekinge together with NetPort.Karlshamn demonstrated how increased information exchange between actors in a transport chain can contribute to greater sustainability. The solution is called the

Information Broker System and was developed as a sub project in the East West Transport Corridor II project (EWTC II) in collaboration with (among others) the Swedish Transport Administration.

- Promoting the exchange of information between actors in a transport chain can result in higher sustainability. The problem is not the amount of information but rather the difficulty in exchanging information that already exists between the various actors' own systems.

With a tool like the Information Broker System stakeholders can share the right information at the right time to make the right decisions, and therefore use resources properly without placing an unnecessary burden on the environment, says Mathias Roos, project manager for the EWTC II project.

**DESPITE STRONG COMPETITION** from several large industrial projects, the EWTC II project placed itself within the top three solutions. The top three demonstrations were selected by a jury of experts. As the best project the fuel company 'Preem' with their new diesel, produced from pine oil, was selected.



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EWTC II and the EU  
Strategy for the Baltic  
Sea Region



Green Corridor Watch

The work with the Information Broker System continues until the end of the EWTCII project next fall. There after the aim is to further develop the tool on a larger scale.

- Enhancing the efficiency of transport through better information management is as important as switching to alternative fuels and modern vehicles, says Mathias Roos.

# Contributing to the realization of EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

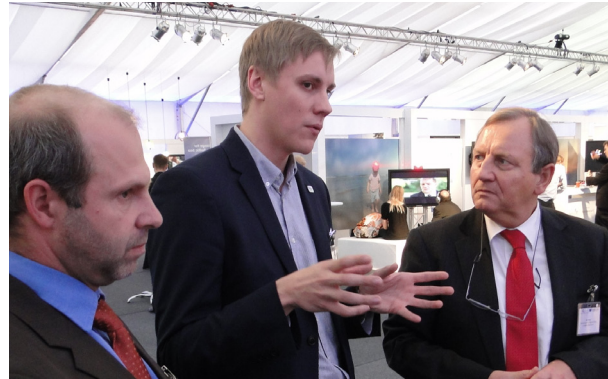
The European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region was adopted in 2009 in order to meet the increasing challenges of environmental threats, gaps in economic development and poor transport accessibility. Together with other transport projects, EWTC II is taking part in implementing the strategy, by showing that cooperation among initiatives can lead to overall improvement of transport activities in the region.

**CONCRETE PILOT INITIATIVES** that aim at improving safety, freight logistics efficiency, shifting freight from road to rail and sea, and minimising environmental impact of transport in the region are part of the so called priority area II in the strategy. For EWTC II the contribution focuses mainly on the lessons learned from developing and establishing a sustainable base for all surface modes of transport in the south Baltic sea region with connections to neighbouring countries of the EU and beyond.

**SPECIFIC ATTENTION** and emphasis from the project will be directed to the challenges

related to the differences between the western part of the Baltic Sea region compared to the eastern and south-eastern side of the sea. In order to achieve a joint view and a common analysis of the transport system within the corridor, several actions are part of the project. Specific studies in order to achieve a joint concept for sustainable railway development in the corridor and integrating the transport mode with road transport and shipping will be finished in the first half of 2012. Terminals and hubs also receive attention as e.g. partner ports share their views and develop models for operation as a fully integrated part of an intermodal transport system.

**DURING THE** last year of the three year long project, the very promising final results will be extensively communicated and processed with stakeholders in the region and the EU policy makers responsible for the EU



Scandria and East West Transport Corridor II representatives in discussion with Dirk Ahner, Director-General in DG Regional Policy, in October 2011.

Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The next concrete step/contribution is taking place in Stockholm in November 2011, when among others, state secretaries from Sweden and Lithuania take part in the Annual Progress Conference of priority area II. Representatives from EWTC II and cooperation projects will present the latest developments at the conference.



## GREEN CORRIDOR WATCH

Green Freight Corridors will be on the agenda in Brussels on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, when the Scandria project arranges a hearing together with representatives of the EU Commission, industry stakeholders and national administrations.

Since the introduction of the concept of Green Corridors in 2009, it has not been fully integrated into the transport policies of the EU.

The hearing in Brussels aims further facilitating the development of the concept and also test how well it fits with the current introduction of TEN-T core network corridors.

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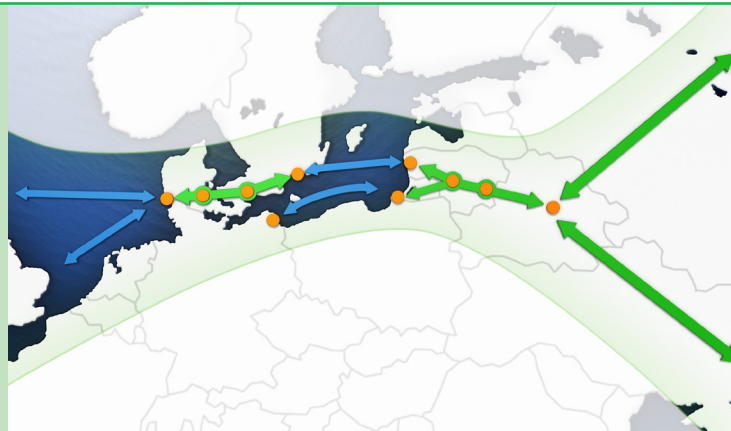
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Brief summary of EWTC II:

**GREEN COOPERATION STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Through international cooperation, the aim of the project is to develop and work for efficient, safe and environmentally friendly handling of the increasing amount of goods going east-west in the south Baltic region. The project will prepare stakeholders in the region to enhance sustainable transport planning and smart IT solutions in the field of transport.