



Green Corridors

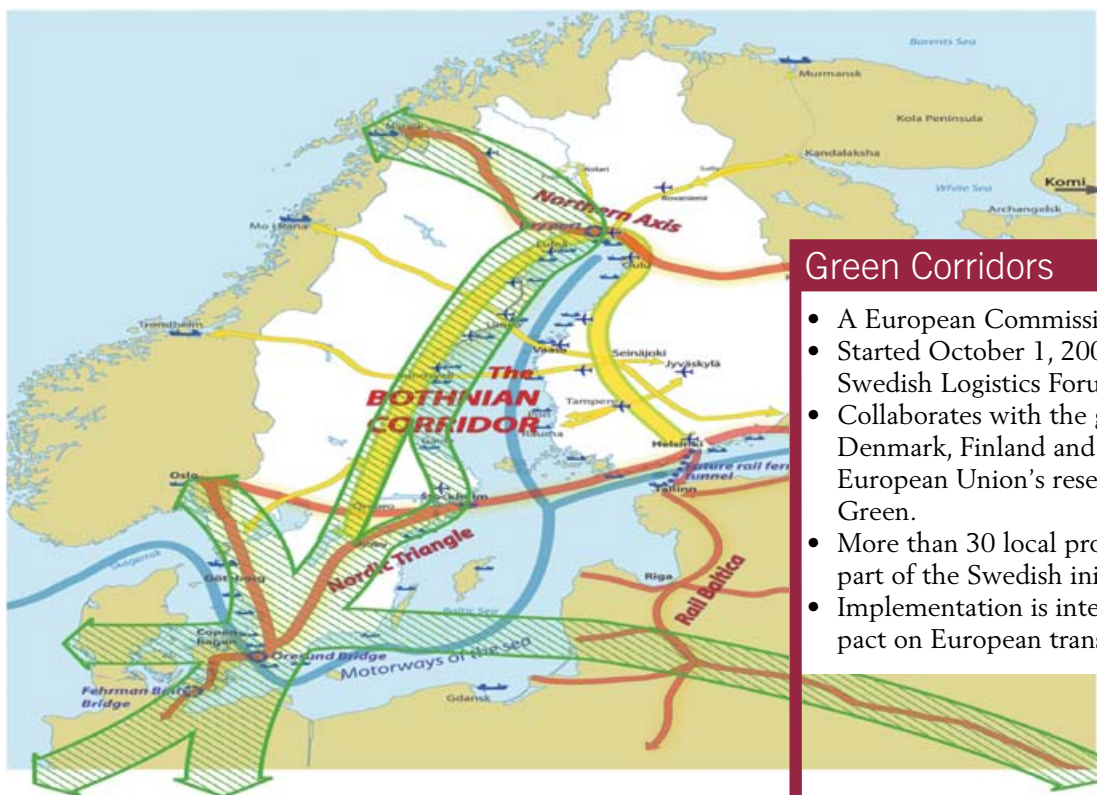
Projects that strengthens the competitiveness of the logistics sector and creates sustainable solutions working in collaboration with business, community and research – today and in the future.



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There is a challenge for the logistics sector and the society to achieve long-term sustainability...

... since transports are a part of the problem but also a part of the solution. One way of accepting the challenge is to develop transnational transportation corridors stretching from the Nordic Region to the Continent. Such corridors would increase competitiveness and contribute to a sustainable Europe. These transportation passages and projects are called Green Corridors.



Green Corridors

- A European Commission initiative.
- Started October 1, 2008, and is managed by the Swedish Logistics Forum.
- Collaborates with the government offices in Denmark, Finland and Norway, as well as the European Union's research consortium Super Green.
- More than 30 local projects were identified as part of the Swedish initiative in the spring 2009.
- Implementation is intended to have strong impact on European transport policy after 2010.

Green Corridors – an initiative from the European Commission

The Green Corridors project originates from a European Commission initiative aiming at developing a 'greener' transport policy, that satisfies the climate challenge while increasing European competitiveness. For a successful development international partnerships are needed that will create sustainable transport corridors to and from the Nordic region. According to the Commission the Green Corridors will leave a clear imprint on European transport policy after 2010.

What is a green corridor?

Put simply Green Corridors aim at reducing environmental and climate impact while increasing safety and efficiency. Characteristics of a green corridor include:

- sustainable logistics solutions with documented reductions of environmental and climate impact, high safety, high quality and strong efficiency,
- integrated logistics concepts with optimal utilisation of all transport modes, so called co-modality,
- harmonised regulations with openness for all actors,
- a concentration of national and international freight traffic on relatively long transport routes,
- efficient and strategically placed trans-shipment points, as well as an adapted, supportive infrastructure, and
- a platform for development and demonstration of innovative logistics solutions, including information systems, collaborative models and technology.

Sweden leads the way

The Swedish Government wishes to be part of joint action for advancing development in the transport sector. In this, our experience in making demands for efficient transports is an advantage. Nordic logistics holds a high standard. The concentrated long-distance flows forms vital links for industry and trade. There is high diversity and optimized utilisation of different transport means and the interest for 'green logistics' and climate smart transports is high among goods owners and transport companies.

Responsibility for managing the Green Corridors project has been placed within the Logistics Forum, the advisory body serving the Minister for Communications. The Logistics Forum has developed Green Corridors as a project and co-operative structure linking business, society and research, and has set up working groups for issues, policy and communication, intermodality, innovation and technology. From now on focus will be on making reality of the concept. The idea behind the Swedish work is:

- to demonstrate efficient transport solutions,
- to promote the development of Green Corridors in EU transport policy, and
- to establish international partnerships that can lead to Green Corridors to and from the Nordic region.

In Sweden alone around 30 local projects have been identified and of these ten have short-term priority. In order to implement the transnational efforts better, Sweden is currently carrying out its work in close collaboration with the new Super Green research consortium, yet another EU initiative. This consortium evaluates the conditions for the geographic transport corridors and maps out the bottlenecks. A number of pilot corridors will be chosen and, after Super Green's mapping, concrete implementation proposals will be presented.

Green Corridors on the map

Through international collaboration corridors will be established that stretch through Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, as well as Germany, Holland and Belgium. East-west corridors are also potential. In order to achieve its objectives, the Swedish efforts are currently focused on:

- establishing pilot corridors running Oslo-Göteborg-Rotterdam and Narvik-Stockholm-Naples,
- pushing the development of new business models, and
- developing criteria for measuring and labelling Green Corridors.

Collaborative co-modality in Green Corridors

The flows of goods to and from the Nordic region are using all modes: water, air, rail and road, either separately or in combination. The ambition is to view transports more clear from a customer perspective with a parallel responsibility for environmental and climate concerns. The assignment is both to increase co-operation between the various transport means and to stimulate an optimal utilisation of each transport mode.

This work is carried out in steps such as ensuring that the results of tests and ideas within the framework of the project reaches those who can benefit and develop them further, to influence the decision makers and to move development forwards. Developments in the Baltic region are monitored and encouraged through participation in the EU Baltic Strategy, as well as by documenting the results of several separate Interreg Projects on infrastructure and transport.

Through the Logistics Forum the Swedish initiative has meant a breakthrough for the Green Corridors project. A growing number of actors have seen the value of the project and sought involvement in developing profitable and climate smart transport solutions. Now the Green Corridors project takes the next step in order to deliver concrete results.



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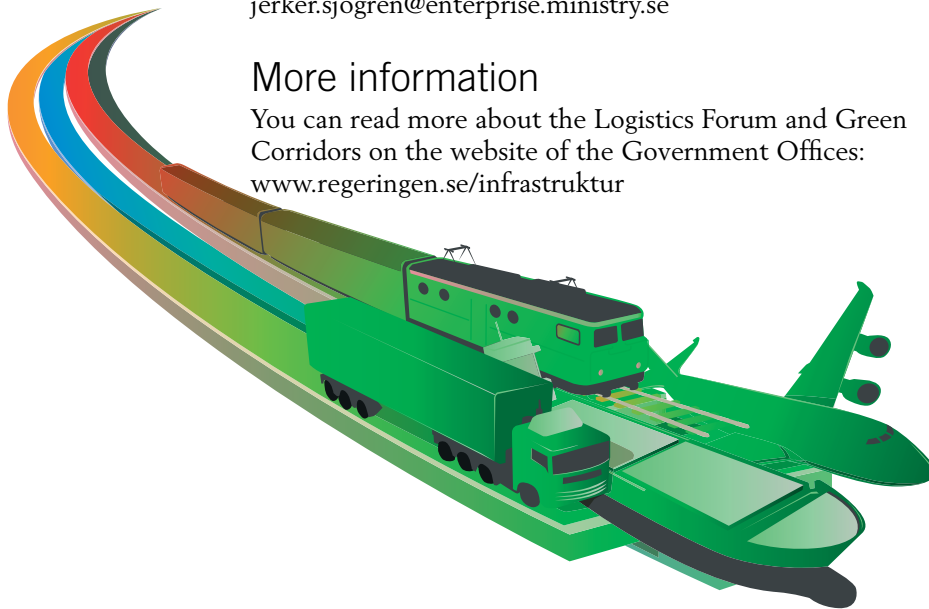
The Logistics Forum is an advisory body serving both the Government and the Minister for Communications. It is composed of representatives for such sectors as goods owners, transportation companies, universities and researchers. Work with Green Corridors is also supported by such bodies as the Swedish Transport Administration, the Swedish Maritime Administration, Vinnova and the Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute (VTI).

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