

Urban nodes as connectors and innovation hubs in the European transport system

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Project Platform in transport interoperability approved by the Interreg V B Baltic Sea Region Programme

- Lead Partner: Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council
- Project Partners: 6 (from FI, DE, SE, DK)
- Associated Partners: 14+ from DE, DK, FI, EE, BE, NO, PL, SE and RU
- Project Budget: EUR 1 million
- Project Duration: 10/2018 – 09/2021

Activities

- Providing a meeting place for owners and promoters of **transport interoperability** projects in the Baltic Sea Region and enable them to **exchange knowledge** and **synergise** on project outcomes and jointly discuss the transferability of solutions
- Bringing transport and regional development stakeholders into an active dialogue towards **silos-breaking**
- Ensuring TEN-T core network corridors enhanced development, and thereby support a **sustainable** regional growth
- Demonstrating evidence for further transport interoperability investments in connection to the **TEN-T** core network corridors **implementation**

Urban nodes in the Baltic Sea Region



- Urban Nodes**
- Urban nodes investigated
 - further urban nodes in the BSR
- Core Network Corridors**
incl. Future adjustments as proposed in CEF II draft currently under negotiation (dotted)
- Scandinavian-Mediterranean (dotted: CEF-II draft)
 - Baltic-Adriatic (dotted: CEF-II draft)
 - North Sea – Baltic (dotted: CEF-II draft)

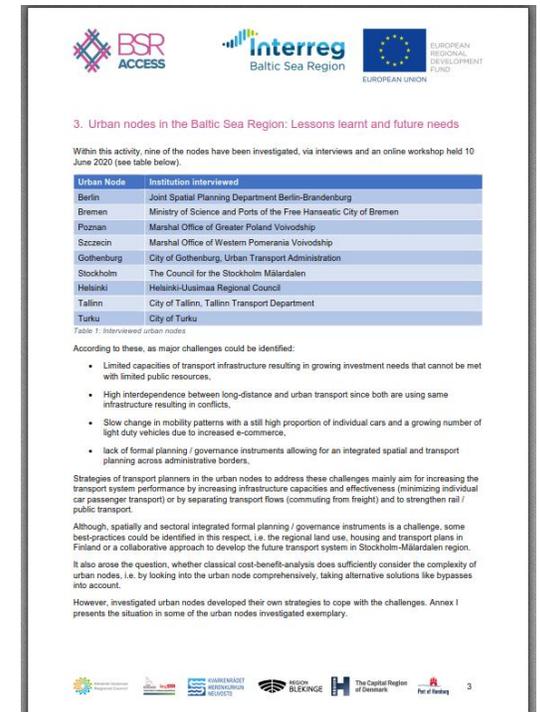
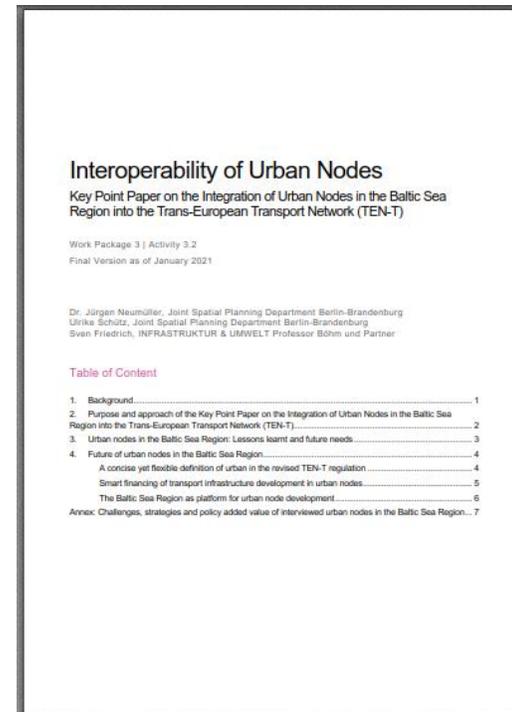
9 urban nodes investigated through interviews and one workshop

Activities

Interoperability of Urban Nodes, Key Point Paper

The Integration of Urban Nodes in the Baltic Sea Region into the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T)

Work Package 3, Activity 3.2



1. Key message

Urban nodes are a **key element of the transport system**, where different development interests coincide. Efficient urban nodes are needed for a **well-functioning, multimodal transport system**. Transport planning in urban nodes requires a **multi-level governance approach**, reflecting functional relationships like first and last mile as well as **stretching across administrative borders**. Urban nodes provide a huge potential for innovation in terms of the transition to zero-emission transport.

2. Future of urban nodes in the Baltic Sea Region

Policy recommendations

A concise yet flexible definition of urban nodes in the revised TEN-T regulation

- Spatial dimension
- Multifunctionality
- Access points
- First and last mile connections

Smart financing of transport infrastructure development

- Innovative financing instruments
- Pre-allocation of budget
- Synergies among funding programmes

Multi-level governance

- Expansion of the geographical scope of urban nodes
- The Baltic Sea Region as platform for urban node development

Statement by Helena Rietmann

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3. TEN-T Revision Process

Proposal on the definition of Urban Nodes

- improved integration of wider network of 424 urban nodes
- obligations for all nodes:
 - to establish SUMPs by 2025
 - to report on urban mobility data
 - to have at least one multimodal freight terminal per urban node (with at least one recharging station for heavy-duty vehicles)
 - to develop multimodal passenger hubs (with at least one recharging station for busses)

Stated by EC on a Seminar on TEN-T revision in March 2022

→ B-BB perspective – e.g. integration of freight terminals outside the administrative border of the urban node

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Thank you!