



E12 Atlantica Transport

Model for future collaboration

Joint vision and tools for cross-border cooperation



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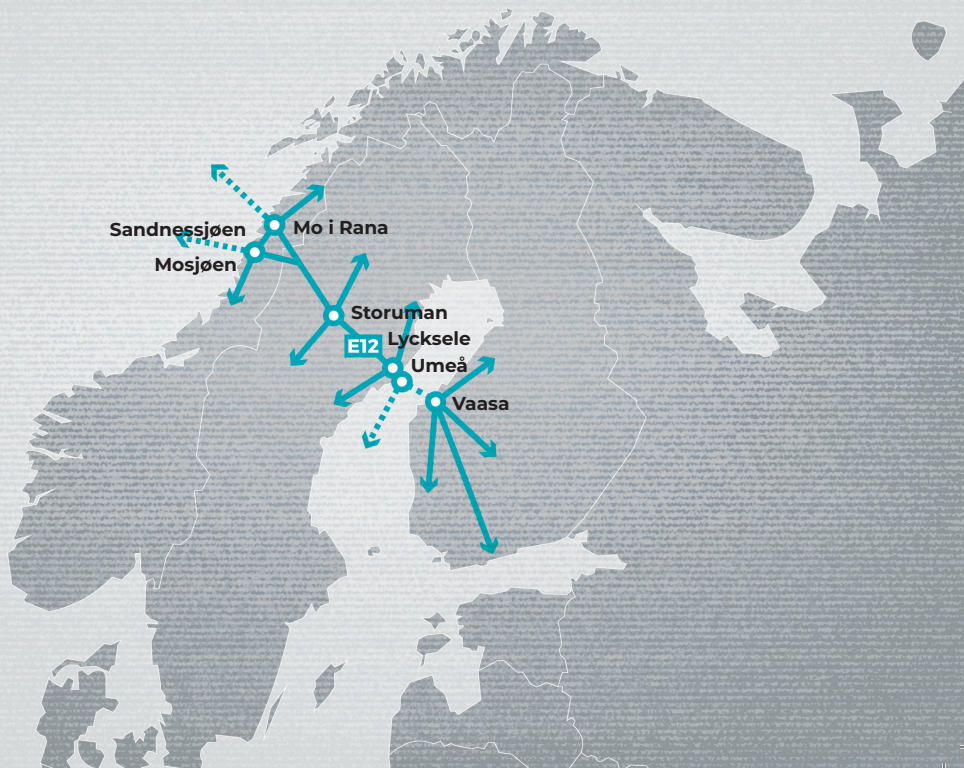
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Tools for cross-border cooperation

For years, the Kvarken Council, MidtSkandia and the Blue Highway have worked together to increase cross-border understanding and collaboration along the E12 route. The most important achievements of this cooperation are obtaining TENT-T comprehensive status for the E12, as well as the port of Umeå, and several important transport infrastructure investments. The project E12 Atlantica Transport aims at further strengthening this Nordic cooperation, by creating tools for future collaboration in the fields of transport and infrastructure.

The project creates a joint vision and strategic goals, along with the guidelines for how to carry out these in practice. Strengthened cooperation and management structures are crucial **in order to be successful when competing over the long term for the important national and international infrastructure investment funds.**



A functional transport system

Efficient transportation of goods, people and data is important in creating an attractive environment for **business, residents** and **tourists**. A well-developed **transport system** also creates positive social effects, such as **cultural exchanges** and **co-operation** in various areas, such as education, healthcare and logistics.

” The possibility for telecommuting, faster connections to work, and the good service persuaded us to stay in the region. We like to live in the countryside, close to nature.”

The software engineer



Where are we going?

” Taking part in the cross-border university programme is fantastic. I can choose some courses in Umeå, some in Vaasa, and some in Bodö. ”

The University student

” We made a fantastic tour of the unique Kvarken World Heritage site, which includes both the Kvarken Archipelago and the High Coast. This autumn we plan on going downhill skiing in Västerbotten and fishing in Helgeland. ”

The tourist

” Remote controlled operations and autonomous transport technology enable transport across the Kvarken strait, even without a driver. This increases the flexibility and cost efficiency of the entire logistics chain. ”

The transport entrepreneur

” The improved regional transport system meets the needs of my business, and has enabled new investments and an increased production volume. ”

The entrepreneur

” I'm best at what I do. Now I'm able to work on both sides of the Kvarken strait. I can go where I'm needed when I'm needed. ”

The surgeon



A cross-border cooperation model

E12 Atlantica Transport aims at creating an evolved cross-border working model. The project is divided into three phases.

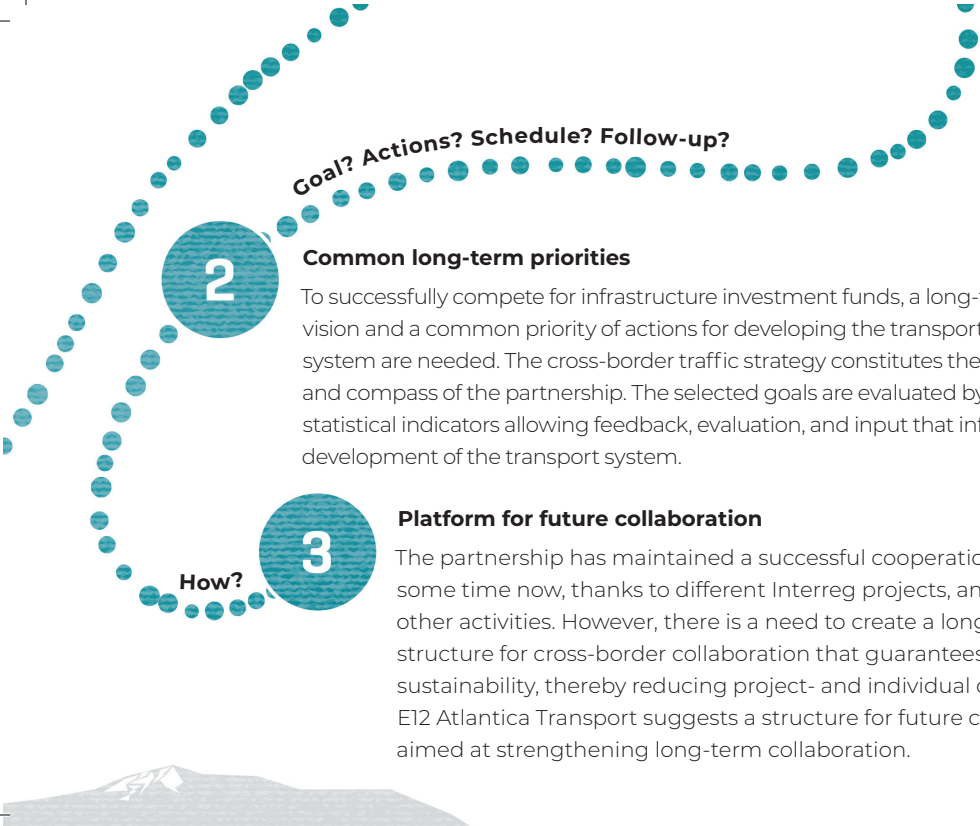
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A joint knowledge base to create an understanding of transport demands

The project conducts a cross-border system analysis and collects cross-border statistics throughout the region. Thus, we create a better understanding of today's transport system and future development needs.

What? When? How much? Where from? Where to? Who? Using what form of transport? Today? Tomorrow?





Goal? Actions? Schedule? Follow-up?

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Common long-term priorities

To successfully compete for infrastructure investment funds, a long-term vision and a common priority of actions for developing the transport system are needed. The cross-border traffic strategy constitutes the map and compass of the partnership. The selected goals are evaluated by statistical indicators allowing feedback, evaluation, and input that influences development of the transport system.

How?

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Platform for future collaboration

The partnership has maintained a successful cooperation for some time now, thanks to different Interreg projects, among other activities. However, there is a need to create a long-term structure for cross-border collaboration that guarantees continued sustainability, thereby reducing project- and individual dependency. E12 Atlantica Transport suggests a structure for future collaboration aimed at strengthening long-term collaboration.

The partnership

The E12 Atlantica Transport project is based on cross-border cooperation between parties along the E12 route in Finland, Sweden and Norway.

Partners

Kvarken Council (leadpart, FI), MidtSkandia (NO), Blå Vägen (SE) Region Västerbotten (SE), Regional Council of Ostrobothnia (FI), Nordland fylkeskommune (NO) Vaasa Regional Development Company VASEK (FI), Umeå Municipality (SE), Vännäs Municipality (SE), Vindeln Municipality (SE), Lycksele Municipality (SE), Storuman Municipality (SE), Infrastruktur i Umeå AB INAB (SE), Rana Utviklingsselskap AS (NO), Rana Municipality (NO), Polarsirkelen Lufthavnutvikling (NO), Port of Mo i Rana (NO), Mo Industripark AS (NO), Alstahaug havnevesen KF (NO), Helgeland Havn IKS (NO)

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