

THE UPGRADE AIMS TO

CONNECT the North to other parts of Europe in an east-west direction

CONTRIBUTE to improved cohesion and regional growth

COMPLEMENT the Scandinavian-Mediterranean corridor and the corridor through the Baltic countries

DEVELOP and promote innovative solutions

DESIGN and build a new, environmentally friendly ferry for the Kvarken strait

IMPROVE port operations and regional and maritime logistics systems

SECURE long-term operational stability



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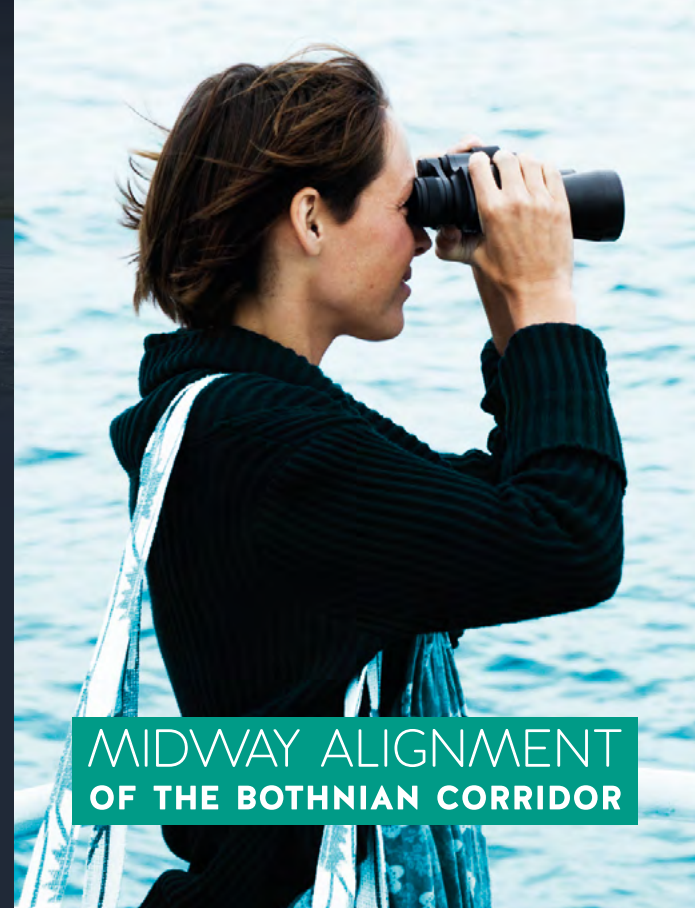
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MIDWAY ALIGNMENT
OF THE BOTHNIAN CORRIDOR



A FULLY INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SOLUTION WITHIN THE TEN-T NETWORK

The northern regions of Sweden, Norway and Finland have centuries old strong historical and cultural bonds. The maritime link between Umeå and Vaasa is an important East-West connection in the European transport network. It promotes trade with markets in Norway, the Baltic countries, Eastern Europe and Russia.

Midway Alignment of the Bothnian corridor is a joint project between the City of Vaasa and the Municipality of Umeå. The project aims to strengthen the European transport network and increase the regional competitiveness by developing the traffic route across the Kvarken.

Midway Alignment promotes the development and commercialization of environmentally friendly transport and logistics innovations. The project is cross-border and multimodal, including railways, roads and maritime shipping. The Kvarken route is used throughout the year to transport both freight and passengers. The project's objectives have a direct link to EU's Baltic Sea Strategy and it aims to create more East-West transport connections in the Baltic Sea Region.

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ACTIVITIES FOR MIDWAY ALIGNMENT'S PHASE 2

- 1) Construction of a new, innovative and environmentally friendly ferry
- 2) Improvement of the port infrastructures and the necessary land and railroad connections, including the development of the LNG network
- 3) Composition of the Financial Engineering package
- 4) Onboard pilot tests and final tests of the selected and suitable technical solutions. Strategic partnerships and active networking
- 5) Development of a logistics system and an operating system
- 6) Project management

The project's total cost (Global Project) is 191,5 million euros, distributed over the years 2016–2025. The activities are based on studies carried out during the project's first phase in close dialogue with the operational actors.