

# **NORDIC LOGISTIC** CORRIDOR



**COLLABORATION ACROSS BORDERS**  
A CATALYST FOR MAJOR DECISIONS

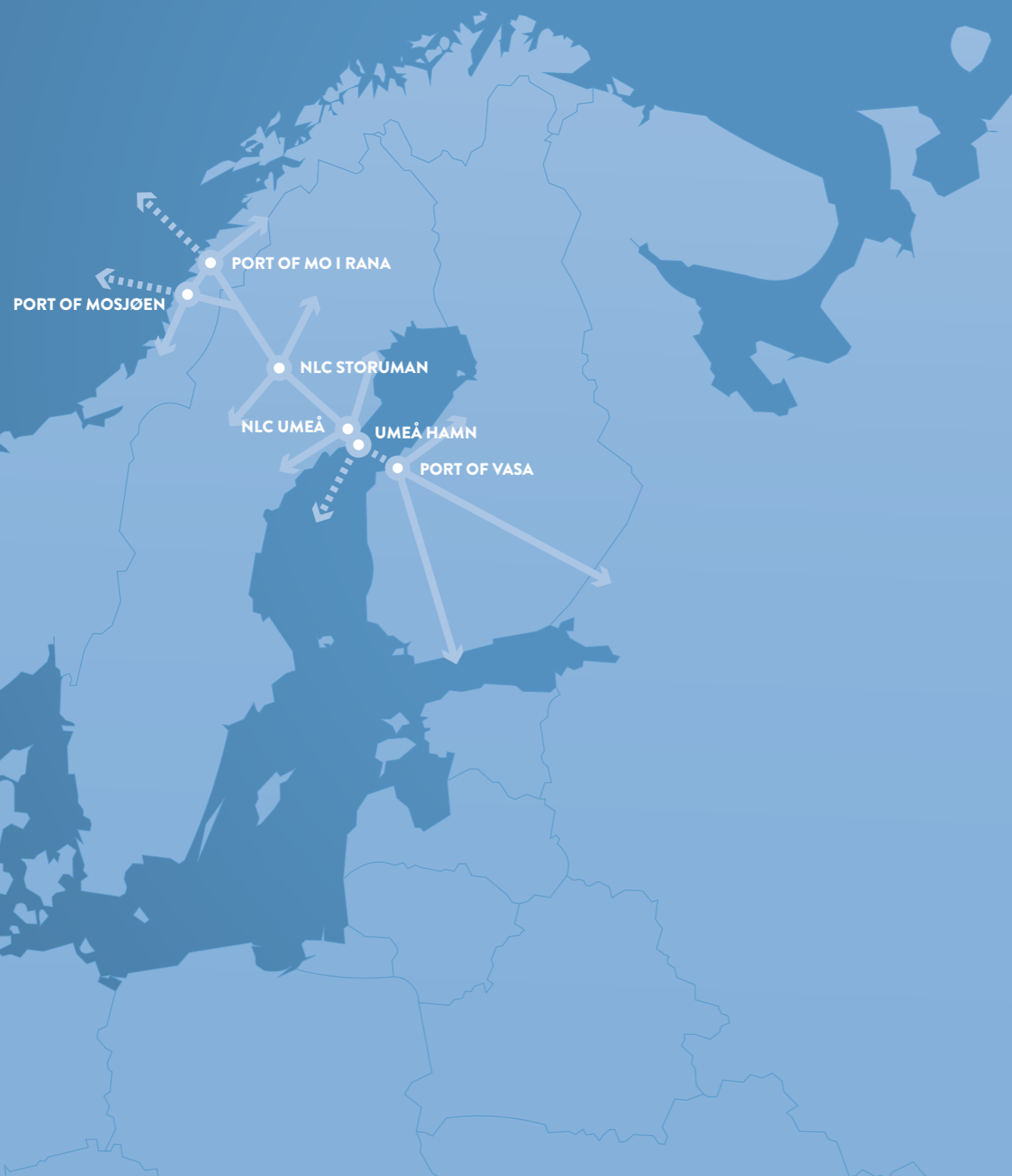
## WHAT IS THE NORDIC LOGISTIC CORRIDOR?

The Nordic Logistic Corridor is an east-west transport route stretching from Helgeland, on the Atlantic coast of Norway, across Västerbotten, in Sweden, over Kvarken towards Ostrobothnia and down into Finland. The route is vital for the development of trade and industry in the prime northern region, rich in natural resources. The Nordic Logistic Corridor is underpinned by E-road 12, which was included in the EU's European priority transport network in 2013 and holds TEN-T (Trans-European Transport Networks) status, alongside nodes the Port of Umeå and the Port of Mo i Rana. From the Atlantic coast to Finland, the Nordic Logistic Corridor crosses no fewer than four E-roads and three railway lines, with logistical hubs located at each intersection providing transshipment centres and excellent intermodality.

## COLLABORATION REAPS REWARDS

Collaboration between the three nations has had a galvanising, dynamic effect both locally, regionally and nationally. One example is the decision by the City of Vaasa and Umeå Municipality to join forces in securing and developing the Kvarken link. Our project helped put the plan into effect by outlining the context, building trust and fostering cooperation.

By focusing on long-term solutions, we were able to address a variety of issues and opportunities.



## WHAT HAS THE PROJECTS ACHIEVED?

The **NLC-C Cooperation** and **NLC-C Investments** projects have worked intensively towards raising the profile of the Nordic Logistic Corridor, and its potential, across Sweden, Norway and Finland. This has resulted in decisive political action across national borders in addition to an increased commitment to cross-border collaboration between responsible authorities.

### IS THERE MORE AWARENESS ABOUT THE NORDIC LOGISTIC CORRIDOR NOW?

- There is more awareness and improved synergy. However, the objective is to devise a common view of the role played by the Nordic Logistic Corridor regarding accommodation, trade and industry.
- The communication and marketing of the route's favourable intermodality and geography has been clear.
- Among other things, new freight calculation models have been initiated and implemented, whereby freight which passes national borders is included.
- Proposals have been made regarding efficiency improvements to Tvärbanan, the Port of Vaasa and the port of Mosjoen.

### WILL COLLABORATION ALONG THE NORDIC LOGISTIC CORRIDOR BE CONTINUING?

- The projects has united politicians and decision makers in all three nations, and the motivation and need to join forces is considerable.
- A feasibility study focusing on performance and potential cross-border organisation for the route was carried out and implemented in the autumn of 2014.

### WHAT HAVE THE PROJECTS DONE TO REINFORCE THE NORDIC LOGISTIC CORRIDOR'S REACH ACROSS WATER?

- The port structures have been improved by almost 2.6 million € in Vaasa and Umeå through NLC-Corridor Investment.
- The projects have contributed substantially to the formation of the TEN-T Midway Alignment of the Bothnian Corridor project through marketing and communication.

### IMPACT OF COLLABORATION ALONG THE NORDIC LOGISTIC CORRIDOR:

- The acronym NLC can now be found in several company names, with strong links to the route and multimodality. For example: NLC Storuman, NLC Vaasa and NLC Ferry.
- Companies with strong links to the Nordic Logistic Corridor have been formed: NLC Ferry and Kvarkenhamnar AB.
- There is a greater understanding for the importance of collaboration across national borders in order to achieve market potential in the northern region.
- Efforts to formalise cooperation between ports and terminals along the route are set to continue.

## WORKING TOWARDS TARGETS

At the start of 2013, the project group set a number of targets for the Nordic Logistic Corridor. These were implemented in the working group, steering group and in every team.

### SHORT-TERM TARGETS (WITHIN 5 YEARS)

- The Nordic Logistic Corridor is a widely recognised, established transport route.
- Increased flows and capacity on the route (freight and passenger transport).
- Effective long-term transport services across Kvarken, with efficient, supportive infrastructure on the transport route.
- Competition-neutral, flexible and efficient ports and terminals on the transport route.
- Identifying, managing and reducing border restrictions regionally, nationally and internationally.

### LONG-TERM TARGETS: (WITHIN 20 YEARS)

- A sustainable route which forms part of TEN-T and the Norwegian backbone network.
- An integrated, coordinated standard for transportation systems covering freight and passengers.

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