
Transnational Conference: Scandria® Alliance and TEN-T Corridors Joining Forces for Smart and Efficient Transport

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Time Thursday 26th October 2017 at 14:00 O'clock till Friday 27th October 2017 at 14:30

Host / Contact Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg

Speakers

- **Catherine Trautmann**, European Co-ordinator for the North-Sea Baltic Core Network Corridor (CNC)
- **Martin Zeitler**, Advisor to the European Coordinator for the Scandinavian-Mediterranean CNC
- **Kathrin Schneider**, Minister for Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Federal State of Brandenburg
- **Katrin Lompscher**, Senator for Urban Development and Housing, Federal State of Berlin
- **Anette Solli**, County Mayor of Akershus and Vice Chair of Eastern Norway County Network
- **Ossi Savolainen**, Regional Mayor of Helsinki-Uusimaa Region
- **Gian Angelo Bellati**, Secretary General of the Unioncamere Veneto and Eurosportello
- **Ilmar Reepalu**, 1st Vice Chair of the Regional Development Committee of Skane
- **Mats Gunnarsson**, Chair of the Community Planning Committee, Region Örebro County
- **Regula Lüscher**, State Secretary for Urban Development of Berlin
- **Ines Jesse**, State Secretary for Infrastructure and Spatial Planning of Federal State Brandenburg
- **Jan Drews**, Head of the Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg
- **Öyvind Michelsen**, Director for Planning, Economic Development and Environment of Akershus County Council
- **Britt Karlsson-Green**, GREAT project manager
- **Jens Möller**, Deputy Regional Director of Swedish Transport Administration South
- **Malla Paajanen**, Lead Partner NSB CoRe, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council
- **Wiktór Szydarowski**, Lead Partner TENTacle, Region Blekinge

Moderator

- **Klaus-Uwe Sondermann**, KombiConsult GmbH

Concluding Paper

Day 1: Thursday, 26th of October 2017

The transnational conference with the topic Scandria[®]Alliance and TEN-T Corridors Joining Forces for Smart and Efficient Transport was attended by around 120 participants, ranging from European-Coordinator, Ministers, Senators, representatives of different public authorities, municipalities, regional mayors, regions, chamber of commerce and industry and business.

Kathrin Schneider, Minister for Infrastructure and Spatial Planning Federal State Brandenburg, welcomed all participants and introduced the vision towards the Scandria[®]Alliance. She made clear that the interregional cooperation between the partners along the Scandinavian – Mediterranean Core Network Corridor is of major importance in order to share experiences, benefit from each other and ensuring success. She then highlighted that Berlin – Brandenburg wants to increase the awareness and usage of alternative fuels in order to meet the global reduction and environmental protection targets. Also, she pointed out the importance of building further rail tracks such as the one which runs through Angermünde in direction of Stettin or south via Cottbus in direction of Görlitz.

Further, she emphasized that regions must act more closely than before with individual potentials and tailored actions at the European level. Ms. Schneider added that a long-term collaboration would make this achievable and stated that the ScanMed Corridor, which connects regions as functional and urban nodes, is not only well suited to develop diverse potentials to these regions, but also would link and potentially add-value to the east-west axes.

Finally, she closed her speech by recommending to set-up a Scandria[®]Alliance with a continuous and well-organized way of working as this increases the opportunity to better respond to megatrends and guaranties joint-benefits at interregional level.

Cathrine Trautmann, the European Co-ordinator for the North-Sea Baltic Core Network Corridor, expressed her contentedness regarding the close cooperation of flagship projects in the Baltic Sea region. She then revealed that Europe, Member States, regions and cities are stepping up their efforts for the transition to more sustainable low-emission transport system. The European Co-ordinators have published in June 2016 their “issues papers”, highlighting on how to improve the TEN-T corridors in a more advanced, coherent and collaborative manner. She also stated that the Coordinators are now in translating these ideas into concrete projects which refer to as innovative flagship projects.

As one example on her corridor she explained that a gap analysis was conducted to identify the needs and ways to promote and further support alternative fuels deployment and allowing vehicles to drive all the way from Helsinki to Lisbon. This was one of the concrete actions that the Commission is preparing for the upcoming Work Plan that will be presented in November 2017. She then announced that there will be two other flagships project, concentrating on the road safety and ITS.

Finally, she concluded by stressing that the transit traffic is not at a burden as often the people describe. She added that it is more a sign of good connectivity which bears potentially economic developments and urban nodes do offer excellent conditions for establishing such value-added logistics services and multimodal platforms. Ms. Trautmann also highlighted the importance of

accessibility to/from the cities, as this is the key to sustain great regional development and social cohesion.

Martin Zeitler, Advisor to the European Coordinator for the Scandinavian-Mediterranean CNC, presented the implementation of the TEN-T strategy. First he introduced the ScanMed corridor and explained the background and purpose of the working group meetings which are organized as “Idea Laboratories”, e.g. on urban nodes. Furthermore, he encouraged to further intensify the dialogue beyond the Corridor Forum meetings to be organized at regional level as well. In this regards, he expected that ScanMed participants would share their knowledge and learn from each other.

After the coffee break, **Klaus-Uwe Sondermann**, KombiConsult, invited the participants to the panel discussion on multilevel governance. The following participants contributed to the panel discussion:

- **Kathrin Schneider**, Minister for Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, Federal State of Brandenburg
- **Katrin Lompscher**, Senator for Urban Development and Housing, Federal State of Berlin
- **Anette Solli**, County Mayor of Akershus and Vice Chair of Eastern Norway County Network
- **Ossi Savolainen**, Regional Mayor of Helsinki-Uusimaa Region
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The participants shared their experiences, needs and challenges on the background of examples from their region. Main topics ranged between

- Spatial planning and transport infrastructure development
- Opportunities and challenges by decarbonisation and multimodal transport
- Strategies and measures for regions and corridors

Each speaker shortly represented his/her region by introducing some facts and figures in regards to the above mentioned topics. All guests highlighted the importance of his/her region in different perspectives on different examples. Thus, they revealed some of the achievements and the on-going projects. They all agreed that they were challenged in finding the best location for new housing areas especially when combining the transport infrastructure issue with housing areas, as investments should be put in the right place.

Also, the invited guests discussed the decarbonisation of transport and role of multimodal transports for both passenger and freight traffic. Here, they shared their thoughts and challenges in this regards by expressing some examples in their regions. All representatives expressed their target to enhance the transport system and reduce, where they can, the greenhouse gas emissions from both passenger and freight traffic. Some of the regions strongly encouraged the biking projects, through building biking lanes between the cities and communities or even within the communities.

They all highlighted that successes were mainly due to a systematic work and cooperation between government, regions, cities and infrastructure managers as well. This has enabled the partners to overcome all joint obstacles.

At the end of the 1st conference day, **Katrin Lompscher**, Senator for Urban Development and Housing, Federal State of Berlin, thanked the participants of the roundtable for the very

interesting discussion and sharing of views and expectations. She agreed upon adapting the megatrends, which the regions are facing. Thus, she stressed that regions should be well prepared and should provide the most sustainable solutions.

She suggested that in order to overcome joint obstacles along the regions, the technical work within the Scandria® Alliance should focus on three main pillars:

- Responding to the demographic change
- Contributing to urbanization, improving mobility and counteracting climate change
- Integration and networking.

For each pillar, she described and expressed her expectations. She highlighted the importance of strengthening the networking of institutions and people, particularly through a formal and organized structure, to be steered by the Scandria®2Act partners.

Finally, Ms. Lomscher officially mandated her department to further work on a joint agreement for a sustainable future collaboration between the partners, the Scandria®Alliance, and invited her colleagues to follow her with respect to their teams..

Day 2: Friday, 27th of October 2017

Regula Lüscher, the State Secretary for Urban Development of Berlin, welcomed and thanked the participants to their engagements and discussions regarding the importance of setting-up the Scandria® Alliance.

She said that the topics within the previous projects mainly focused on the transport infrastructure, logistics and sustainable energy use in transport. She then mentioned that various projects focused on technical challenges that are an important backbone of a functioning city. In addition she evoked the consideration of urban and functional nodes as regional traffic infrastructures but also as a European-wide structures as nowadays cities and regions are closely connected to each other.

Further, she underlined the topic urbanization, being one of the current megatrends as it has many facets, for example:

- New mobility patterns that are influenced by demographic change
- New consumption patterns that are influenced by digitalization of everyday life, and
- New living patterns, e.g. be characterized by demographics, housing needs and space.

Ms. Lüscher pointed out that the spatial structure of cities and regions do determine the traffic flow and volume and do impact users in selecting the transport mode. Therefore, she underlined the advantages of an integrated approach towards mobility as this ensures an optimal use of traffic infrastructure and interaction between traffic and urban development planning.

Also, she insisted on the necessity of cooperation and provided an example of the current urban development and transport plan of Berlin, which was developed within three years in close cooperation between various stakeholders, from representatives of authorities, associations, and group of interests, political and academic and political advisory councils. This all helped to finally adopt the plan and strategy and was ratified by the senate of Berlin.

Finally Ms. Lüscher resumed that the regions must gain more acceptance as this is only possible, if each of the regional representatives, on the one hand should activate his/her “own” urban node by organizing and steering the workshops agreed upon the joint projects and, on the other hand, to plan and set-up the jointly agreed alliance between the partners.

Jan Drews, Head of the Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg, introduced the Scandria®2Act project to the participants and the current achievements while highlighting the strategic challenges of the work package 4. He briefly reviewed the roots and effects of current cooperation until now with the Scandria®2Act partners. He then illustrated the structure and focus of the project by presenting the role and context of corridor approach, underlying the importance of urban and functional nodes.

He explained the idea of the long-term co-operation within the Scandria®Alliance, being the main subject in the work package 4 of the Scandria®2Act project. He added that the north-south link between the prosperous, emerging and development regions in particular in Scandinavia, East Germany and the Adriatic region has become economically and politically important since 2010. He also made clear that the partners did not only adopt the role of ‘functional and urban nodes’ in the project, but also perceived them to be a strategic key element of corridor co-operation.

Finally, Mr. Drews summarized the common understanding of the current project partners towards setting up a transnational alliance and presented some of the key elements in how to further develop such an alliance.

Öyvind Michelsen, Director for Planning, Economic Development and Environment of Akershus County Council, introduced the current status and tasks of the work package 2 of the Scandria®2Act project, which examined the deployment of clean fuels within the Scandria®Corridor. He listed the tasks, outputs and the on-going activities. He also revealed examples on the current existing clean infrastructures in the north Scandria®Corridor.

Britt Karlsson-Green presented the CEF-funded GREAT project – Green Regions with Alternative fuels for Transport. The GREAT project is initiated by the political network STRING as a way to meet the urgent need to lower harmful emission levels from European road transportation, both light and heavy. She highlighted that due to CEF funds the project was able to invest and install clean fuel infrastructure. For example, current progress has been made in Sweden and Denmark. For Hamburg, she asked for further support in finding the right location to install such clean fuel infrastructure. Then she shared some experiences and thoughts which are challenging the project to successfully implement the entire strategy.

Jens Möller, Deputy Regional Director of Swedish Transport Administration South, presented the current status and conclusions of the work package 3 of the Scandria®2Act project. He introduced to the participants the completed and ongoing tasks. Also he publicized the proposed national plan for the Swedish transport system between the years 2018-2029.

The speakers, **Malla Pajaanen** and **Wiktor Szydarowski**, introduced the projects NSB CoRE and TENTacle to the audience, which are sister projects to Scandria2Act. The current results and common key challenges faced by the project leaders were presented, highlighting that these challenges can be only resolved in close cooperation and interaction with industry stakeholders, public authorities at local and regional level as well as EU-level.

Martin Zeitler presented a summary of what the European Commission has already achieved and experienced in regards to the development of the ScanMed CNC. He also provided an

outlook on the continuation of the TEN-T, CEF and the mix of financing tools in order to implement the pipeline of projects. Also, he encouraged further collaboration and cooperation between regions and cities along the corridor in order to bring ideas forward and set it at EU-level.

At the end of the second day of the transnational conference, **Ines Jesse**, State Secretary for Infrastructure and Spatial Planning of Federal State Brandenburg, concluded the two days by expressing unity for a continuous cooperation between the regions represented in the conference in order to tackle the political and technical challenges comprehensively.

She then mandated the Scandria Core Group (SAGC) to draw up a draft agreement that defines the objectives, working methods and activities of the Scandria®Alliance which should be ready for signature in less than one year time.

In particular, she specified the following criteria that should be formulated in the agreement:

- Cooperation needs and interests of the partners
- Scope of geographical area
- Scope of thematic fields
- Members and Partners
- Working methods
- Organs and responsibilities
- Financial contribution.

In addition to the draft agreement, she will be expecting some suggestions that represent the joint positions and activities in preparation of the next funding period. The following three steps could be completed as follows:

Step 1: until December, the first draft of the agreement, which has been agreed by the working group, will be presented to the project lead partners;

Step 2: The draft will be presented to and discussed with all Scandria®2Act partners;

Step 3: Agree upon and ratification of the Scandria®Alliance agreement each at his/her respective regional political level.

The contract shall be signed by next year together with all relevant partners.

For the concluding paper:

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Attachments

The presentations held during the transnational conference can be accessed via:

<http://scandria-corridor.eu/index.php/en/box-2>