



NORTHERN MARITIME CORRIDOR

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The Northern Periphery is much dependent on sea transportation and the vulnerable environment, with an array of resources, also calls for additional efforts to reduce the risk of accidents and oil spillages. The NMC project focuses on establishing efficient and competitive sea transportation, at the same time developing an environmentally friendly transportation system as a whole. It is a means to develop efficient, safe and sustainable transportation; connecting coastal regions and enhancing regional development in the Northern Periphery area and in the North Sea region. The project focuses on intermodality; shifting from road haulage to sea transport, and on maritime safety and risk management strategies. The core of the NMC concept is to provide an arena for key actors that can make and/or influence the variety of decisions necessary to implement a competitive, intermodal maritime transport system with door-to-door solutions. The project is being carried out in connection with an Interreg IIIB North Sea project that covers the maritime areas south of the NPP region and involves associated partners in Russia.

Objectives

The main aim of the project is to develop efficient and sustainable maritime transport solutions connecting the coastal regions of the Northern Periphery with the North Sea region and beyond. The objectives of the project are:

- To transfer goods from truck to ship, thereby reducing emissions and congestion on road systems in Europe
- The improvement of the efficiency of intermodal systems connecting sea-road, sea-rail and sea-inland waterways at all levels, thereby improving the competitiveness of coastal industries
- New models for seafood transport and logistics both within and between regions
- Implementation and harmonisation of risk management strategies to secure the sustainability and safety of the Northern Maritime Corridor

A major challenge is also to break the decision-making deadlock that the transportation system is hampered by, due to the fact that there are so many actors (industries, transporters, ship owners, ports) who have to make consistent and parallel decisions in order to invest in and start operating new routes, new handling systems, standard containers, etc. This project will provide an arena that brings together these actors and facilitates the project results.

Project activities

The project comprises the following set of linked project activities in 6 strands:

- Regional maritime clusters
- Promotion of Short Sea Shipping and Development of New Services in the Northern Maritime Corridor
- Seafood Transport and Logistics
- Maritime Transport in the Petroleum Sector
- Development of a Sustainable Northern Maritime Corridor
- Management and Technical assistance

Expected results

- Improvement of the efficiency of intermodal systems connecting sea – road, sea – rail and sea – inland waterways at all levels, thereby improving the competitiveness of the coastal industries around the Northern Periphery and the North Sea
- To contribute to regional development in the north – connecting the vast natural reserves in the Northern Periphery Area and Russia with the North Sea Region
- The transfer of goods from truck to ship, thereby reducing emissions and congestion on road systems in Europe
- Action plan on how to harmonise and implement risk management strategies



Partners

Highlands & Islands Enterprise (HIE) - Scotland
E12 Alliance: Counties of Storuman, Lycksele, Västerbotten, Vindeln, Vännäs, Umeå and the Swedish Blue Highway Association - Sweden
North Atlantic Cooperation NORA - Representing Faeroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland
Nord-Trøndelag County - Norway
Nordland County - Norway
Troms County - Norway
Finnmark County - Norway
Barents Secretariat - 3 northernmost counties in Norway

Project website

<http://www.northernmaritimecorridor.no>

Measure

1.1

Total Budget

1 795 000

NPP Award

1 077 000

Project Period

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Countries Involved

Norway, Greenland, Faeroe Islands, Scotland, Sweden

Lead Partner

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