



# Baltic Loop

**Wellcome to final conference 16<sup>th</sup> of June  
2021, Riga, Latvia,**

**Also welcome to those following the event at  
Facebook live streaming [@projectBALTICLOOP](#)**

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# DISCOVER POTENTIAL TO REDUCE TRANSPORTATION BOTTLENECKS

# Agenda of the event

12.30-13.00	Registration / Connecting the virtual conference room
13.00-13.15	<b>WELCOMING SPEECH. BALTIC LOOP IN A NUTSHELL.</b>
	Jari Hietaranta, Lead partner of Baltic Loop project, TUAS (FIN)
13.15-14.00	<b>IMPORTANCE OF THE BALTIC LOOP CORRIDOR</b>
	<b>Potential development solutions in metropolitan areas</b> Rūdolfs Cimdinš, Riga Planning Region (LV)
	<b>Potential development solutions in rural border region for efficient passenger flows</b> Andžejš Stepančuks, Vidzeme Planning Region (LV)
	<b>People and freight moving – examples from Estonia</b> Ms Margarita Golovko, Head of European Territorial Cooperation Unit, Estonian Ministry of Finance (EST); Kaarel Kose, Union of Harju County Municipalities (EST)
14.00-14.30	<b>FUTURE PORT SCENARIOS</b>
	<b>Future port scenarios</b> Irina Wahlström, Åbo Akademi University (FIN)
	<b>Potential of small ports in Latvia</b> Jānis Megnis, Riga Planning Region (LV)
	<b>Potential of Ventspils Freeport in the Belarus-Latvia-Sweden transit corridor</b> Aleksandra Serebrjakova, Ventspils High technology park (LV)
14.30-14.40	Short break
14.40-15.30	<b>BOTTLENECKS AND SOLUTIONS IN BALTIC LOOP CORRIDORS</b>
	<b>Challenges of increased freight flows in Central Baltic</b> Ahmed Alaeddine, Region Örebro (SWE)

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	<b>GIS visualisation and animation of bottlenecks and emissions in Northern Corridor</b> Patrick Yliluoto and Jaani Kekäläinen, Turku University of Applied Sciences (FI)
	<b>Logistics terminal development</b> Lauri Poikela, Noccela Ltd.
15.30-15.50	<b>WRAP-UP KEYNOTE “TRANSPORT CORRIDORS AS A DRIVER OF COMPETITION”</b>
	Ms Marjo Uotila, Director of Strategic Alliances, Northern Growth Zone (FI)
15.50-16.00	<b>FINAL HIGHLIGHTS AND CLOSING</b>



# Baltic Loop project in 1 minute



**7 partners**



**4 countries**



**3 transport corridors**



**East-West**  
direction to evolve  
its full potential



## Overall target

Improving transport flows  
of people and goods in three  
selected corridors  
of Central Baltic region,  
at the same time reducing  
the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



**2 years**

to implement April 2019 – June 2021



**1 983 434,75 €**

budget dedicated to brake the bottlenecks  
along the East-West transport corridors





The Baltic Loop project is implemented with the support from the European Regional Development Fund (Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020)

Project has aimed to minimize travelling and cargo time and decrease emissions in three defined transport corridors to make them more attractive to new businesses and innovations.  
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# Project partners

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# Activities and solutions were found through:

## Main activities:



**Non-technical solutions**  
for cross-border corridors



**Technical solutions**  
along the corridors



**Business models** for smart  
and sustainable sea logistics  
and port operations



# Project activities in shortly



## Publicity

- 7 Newsletters (one still to come)
- At least 35 articles in the Website
- 8 articles in professional magazines/newspapers/internet portals
- >50 publications and unpublished reports in local/national printed media

## Meetings

- >50 stakeholder meetings
  - 2 international stakeholder meetings
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  - 1 international workshop
  - 3 local/national conferences
  - 8 participations in other events promoting Baltic Loop

# Project main themes

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- 1) Technical time saving solutions
- 2) Non-technical time saving solutions
- 3) New business models for smart and sustainable hubs
- 4) Dialog between transportation actors along the corridors



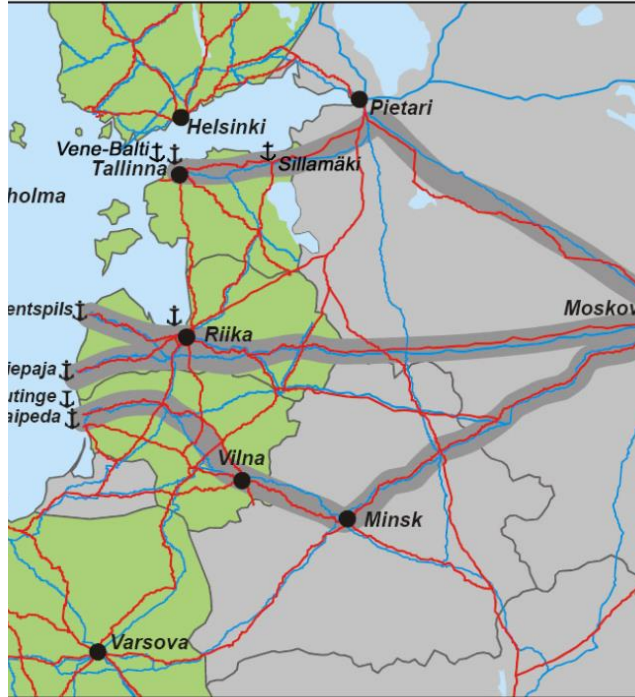
# Some pickups

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There has been varied selection of topics and subprojects during the project phase

Today we will hear about some results being made by partners

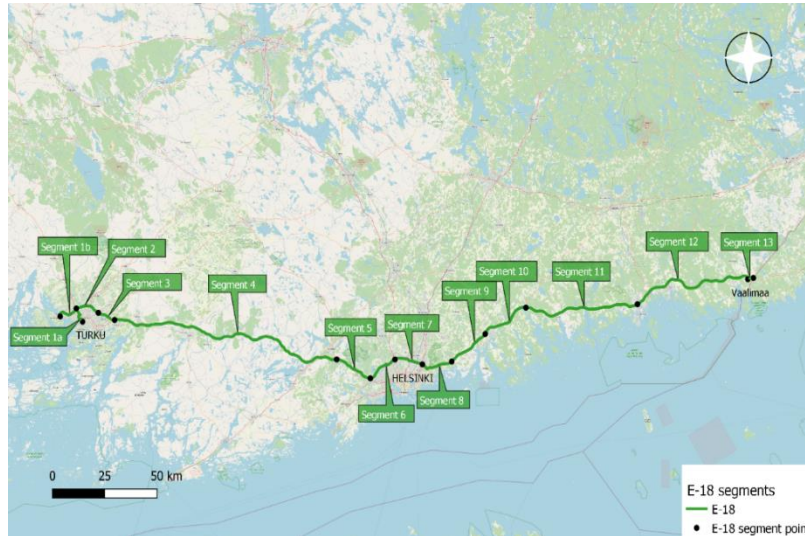




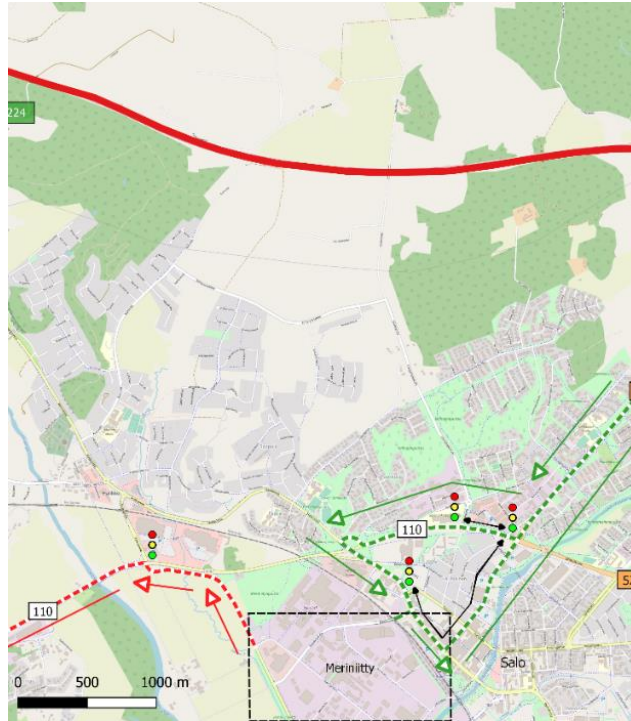
## West –east corridors in Baltic countries

The transit traffic and transportation is in high importance in Estonia and Latvia.

# Some examples



At northern corridor, the bottlenecks of cargo transport were studied and the effect on CO2 emissions and fuel consumption were analyzed



## Accessibility to Northern Corridor

Detailed studies along corridor:  
Present terminal and industry area locations are at the "wrong place" in relation to E-18 .

Author: Turku University of Applied Science



## VIA HANSEATICA

Baltic Loop project developed vision of Via Hanseatica to identify the necessary traffic infrastructure developments and services for tourism development.

Author: Vidzime Planning Region



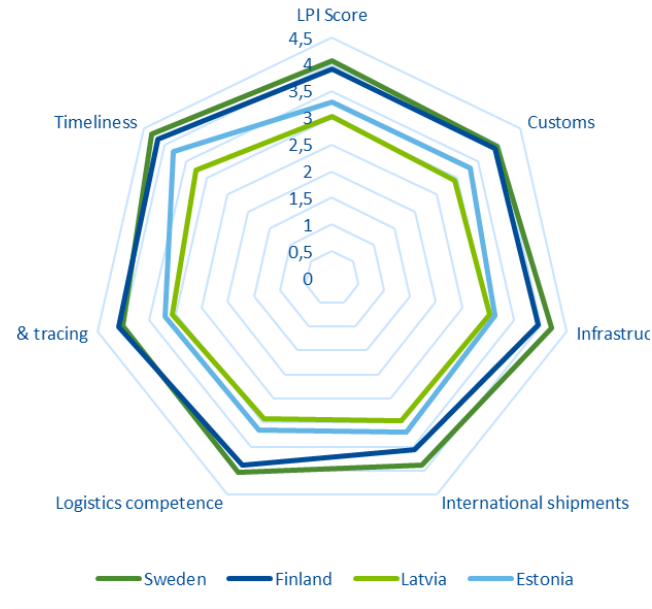
## Ventspils High Technology Park:

Assessment of the Transit Corridor Belarus – Latvia – Sweden within 'Baltic Loop' with relation to the main roles of VHTP in the project, i.e.





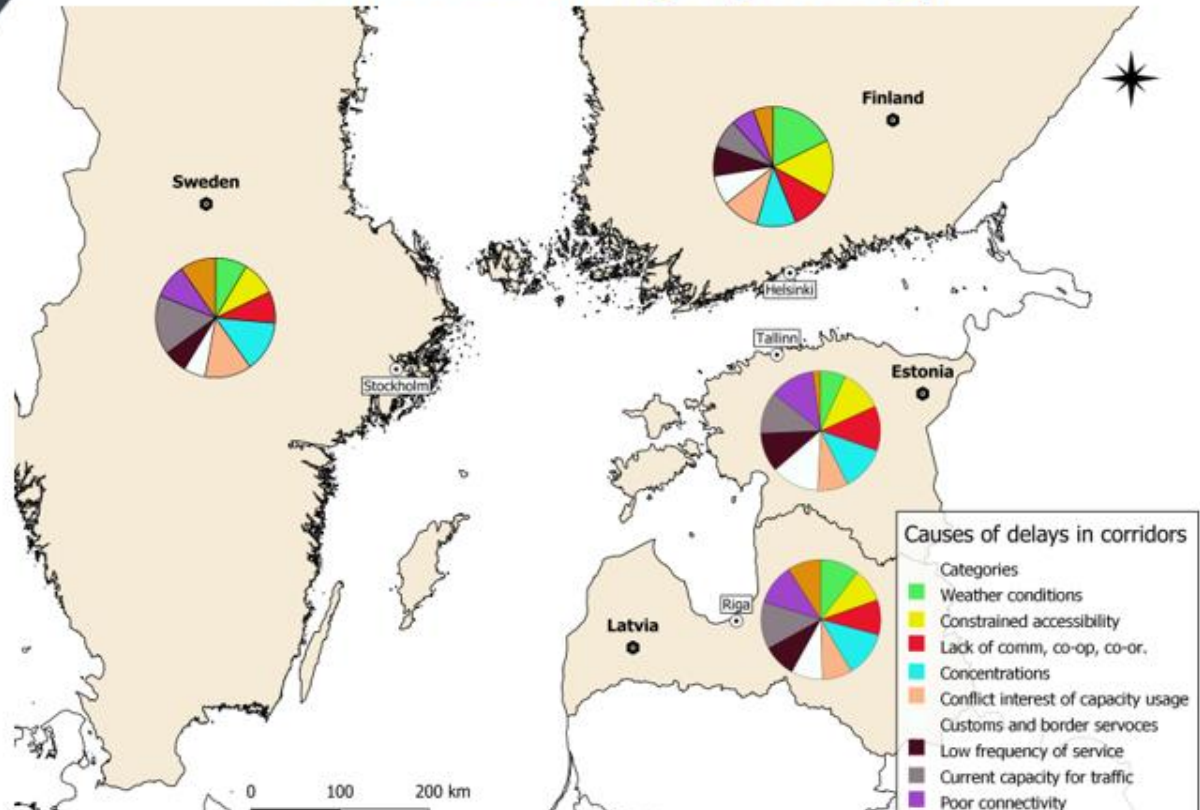
## Logistics performance index comparison for Baltic Loop countries



## Stakeholder dialogue

During the project cycle there has been lot of activities to find out the problems and bottlenecks

## Causes of delays (survey)



# Oslo-Stockholm gateway



There is huge need for Oslo (Norway)-Stockholm railconnection development. Baltic loop has been part of this development project

Author: Region Örebro County

# Have a nice event

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