Memorandum



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Swedish comments about the TEN-T Maps

The French Presidency together with the incoming Czech Presidency and the European Commission have invited Sweden to exchange views on the TEN-T maps. This paper gives an overview of the changes Sweden proposes. These proposals are based on discussions with municipalities, regions, the business sector and the transport industry in Sweden as well as analyses of transport and infrastructure.

Sweden proposes the following changes:

- Port of Piteå added to the comprehensive network
- Port of Skellefteå added to the comprehensive network
- Port of Norvik (as a supplement to the Port of Stockholm/Nynäshamn) added to the comprehensive network
- Cities close to 100,000 inhabitants should be included as Urban nodes, as well as cities with an importance as logistic hubs.
- Oslo-Stockholm included in the European Transport Corridor Scandinavian-Mediterranean
- Trelleborg-Northern Germany included in the European Transport Corridor Scandinavian-Mediterranean

Port of Piteå and Port of Skellefteå

The Port of Piteå is situated 60 km south of Luleå and 210 km north of Umeå. The port had a volume of 2,1 million ton goods transported in 2018. Approximately 80% of the goods flow consists of forestry products. The port is connected to the national rail and road networks.

The Port of Skellefteå is situated 140 km south of Luleå and 130 km north of Umeå. The port had a volume of 1,5 million ton goods transported in 2018. The port is connected to the national rail and road networks.

Both the Port of Piteå and the Port of Skellefteå are situated in a region where an extensive new industrialization is underway, linked to fossil-free production and electrification for the benefit of climate change. The new industrial establishments and expansions will generate new and developed logistics arrangements and travel patterns, which may place new demands on the transport infrastructure.

The on-going construction of the Norrbotniabanan railway link will give both the Port of Piteå and the Port of Skellefteå a hugely improved connection to the national railways.

Port of Stockholm/Norvik

The port of Stockholm/Norvik opened in 2020. It is situated 50 km south of Stockholm and 3 km north of the port of Nynäshamn. The port had a volume of 1,9 million ton goods transported during the 12 months between May 2021 and April 2022. The port is connected to the national rail and road networks.

Both the Port of Norvik and the Port of Nynäshamn are owned by Stockholms hamnar. Our proposal is to rename the Port of Nynäshamn as the Port of Nynäshamn/Norvik on the TEN-T maps.

Urban Nodes

Cities that are close to 100,000 inhabitants with a steady growth should be included as Urban nodes in order to give these cities clarity and possibility to prepare for the requirements in the future TEN-T regulation. In Sweden, this would for instance apply to Växjö (96,117 inhabitants) and Karlstad (95,562). Also cities with an importance as logistical hubs should be included as Urban nodes. In Sweden, this would for instance apply to Luleå (78,826 inhabitants), an important transport node in Northern Sweden with a Core port and a Comprehensive airport. Luleå is the northern end point of the North Sea-Baltic European Transport Corridor and is in the core of the industrial development in Northern Sweden linked to fossil-free production and electrification for the benefit of climate change.

Oslo-Stockholm included in the European Transport Corridor Scandinavian-Mediterranean

In the current TEN-T regulation, almost all Nordic capitals have direct connection to each other through the Scan-Med corridor. This applies, for example, to the section Copenhagen-Oslo and Copenhagen-Stockholm, which have connections to each other via the Öresund Fixed Link. The section Stockholm-Helsinki has connection by well-developed ferry connections in the Baltic Sea. The same also applies to the direct connection between Helsinki and Copenhagen via Copenhagen via Stockholm and the Öresund Fixed Link. The connection Oslo-Stockholm was included in the previous TEN-T lines through the priority project 12 The Nordic Triangle.

Against the above background, SE propose that the section Örebro (Hallsberg)-Oslo (325 km) is added to the ScanMed corridor.

Trelleborg-Northern Germany included in the European Transport Corridor Scandinavian-Mediterranean

In Annex III, there is a map illustrating all European Transport Corridors. The map should have a dotted line between Trelleborg and Rostock in the same way as between Stockholm and Turku, indicating a shipping line.