

Platform North

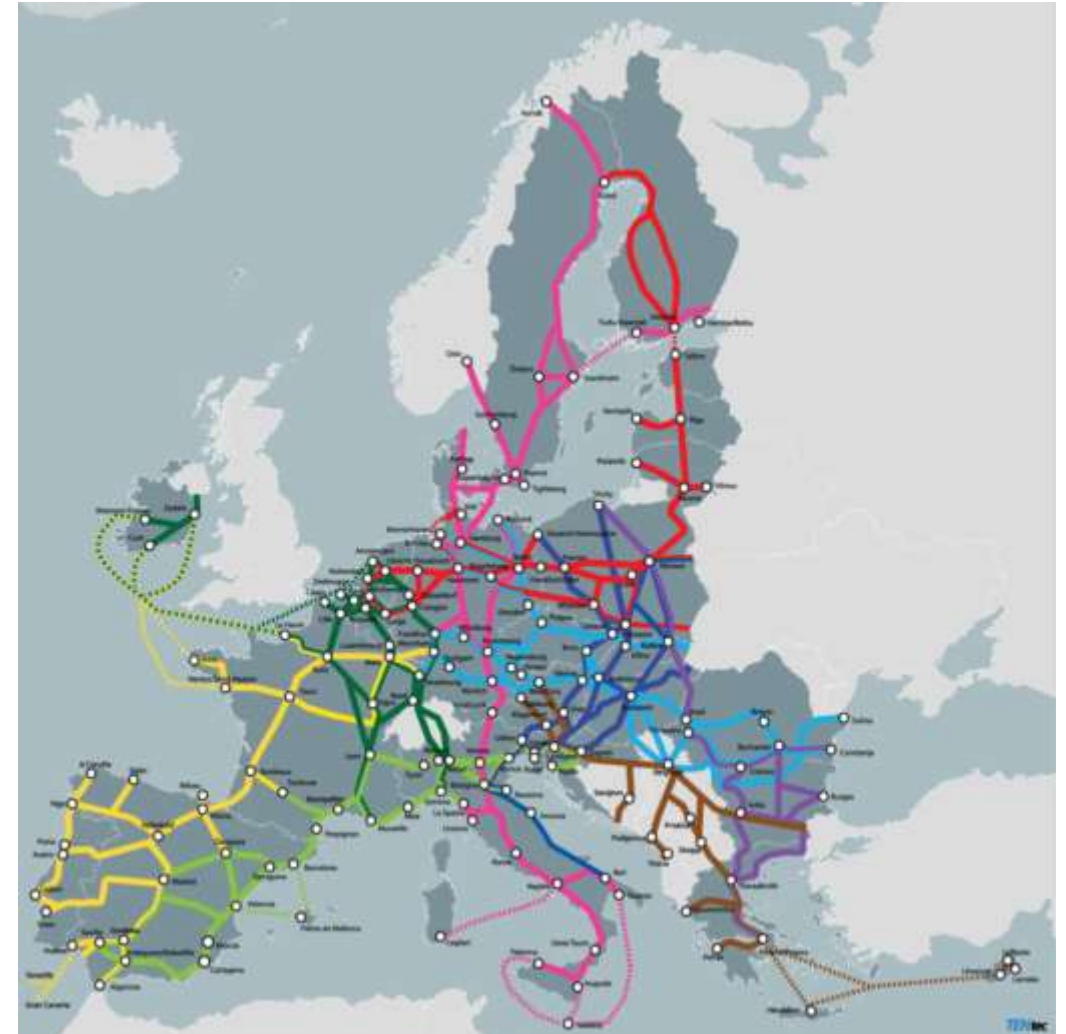
Cross-border cooperation to support the development of the transport system and society



Why a Platform North?

- Industrial investments
- NATO / Security of supply
- Climate targets/Climate change

Need of cross-border collaboration



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A network for stakeholders to exchange information, enhance a system perspective, coordinate and collaborate efforts for development

Wide range of stakeholders: EU (CNC, RFC), ministries, infrastructure managers, national authorities, regional authorities, ports, transport operators, companies, associations, existing collaborative initiatives, academia

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GEOGRAPHY

Northern Norway, Sweden and Finland

HOW

Aim is to start in a small-scale (core initiative) and grow depending on need (work groups, seminars etc)

WHEN

Start up spring 2024.

What is already going on?

EU/TEN-T cooperation

Arctic cooperation

Council of the Baltic sea states(CBSS)

CPMR

The Nordic Council, Nordic Council of Ministers

Nordic national authority infrastructure cooperation

Nordic Transport preparedness – NTPC

Cross-border rail SE/NO

Barents cooperation

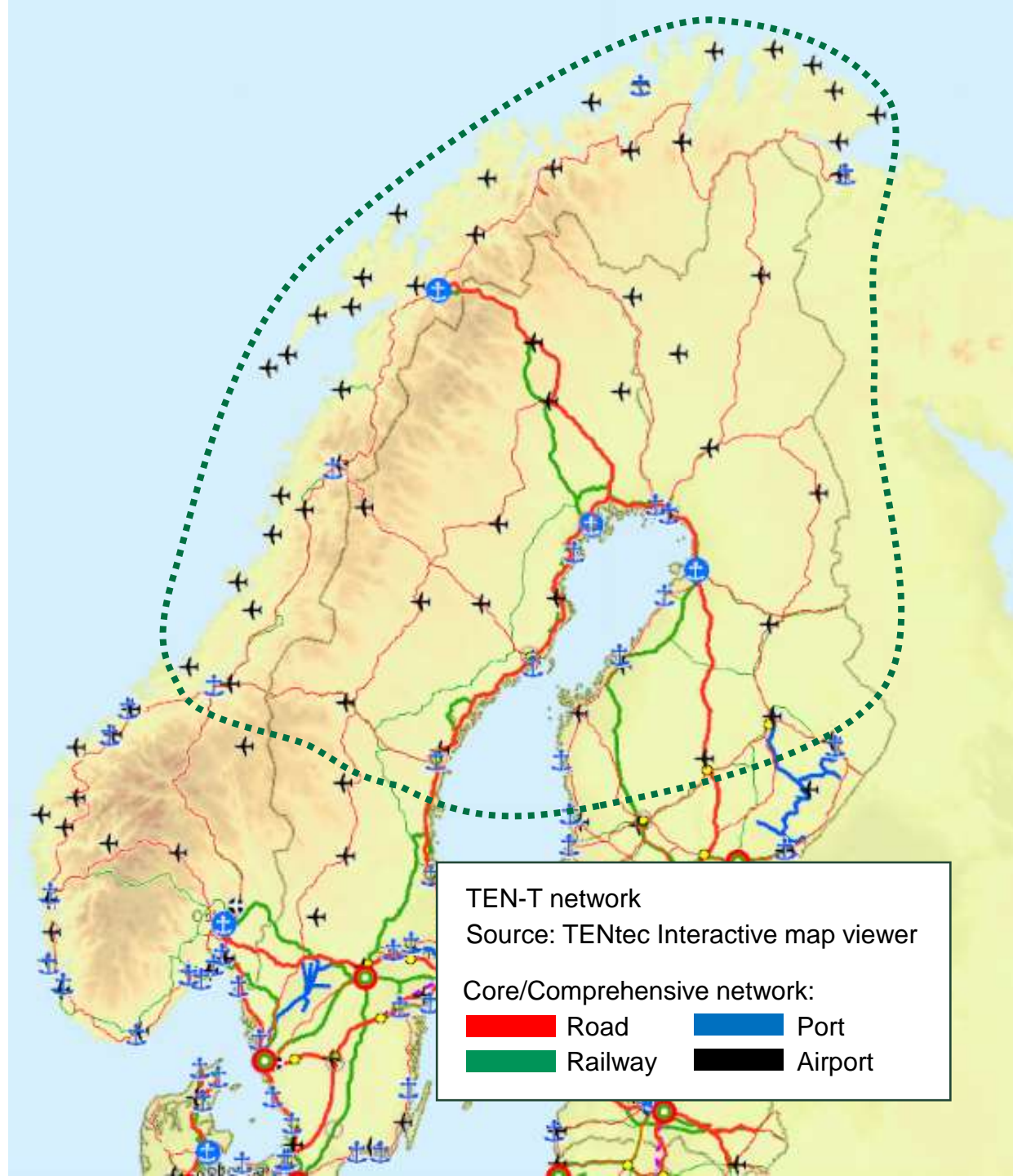
Specific projects



What's missing?

- Continuous cooperation in the north building on the **multimodal TEN-T corridors** (EU)
 - development and use
- Continuous **regional cross-border cooperation** forum for **infrastructure managers for all modes of transport**
 - in connection with other stakeholders for desired development

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Why do we need Platform North?

OBJECTIVE

- Development of the transport system
- Development of climate neutrality
- Common overview, understanding and information
- Provide a forum
- Support stakeholders with the conditions to plan their activities individually and collectively
- Strengthen collaboration

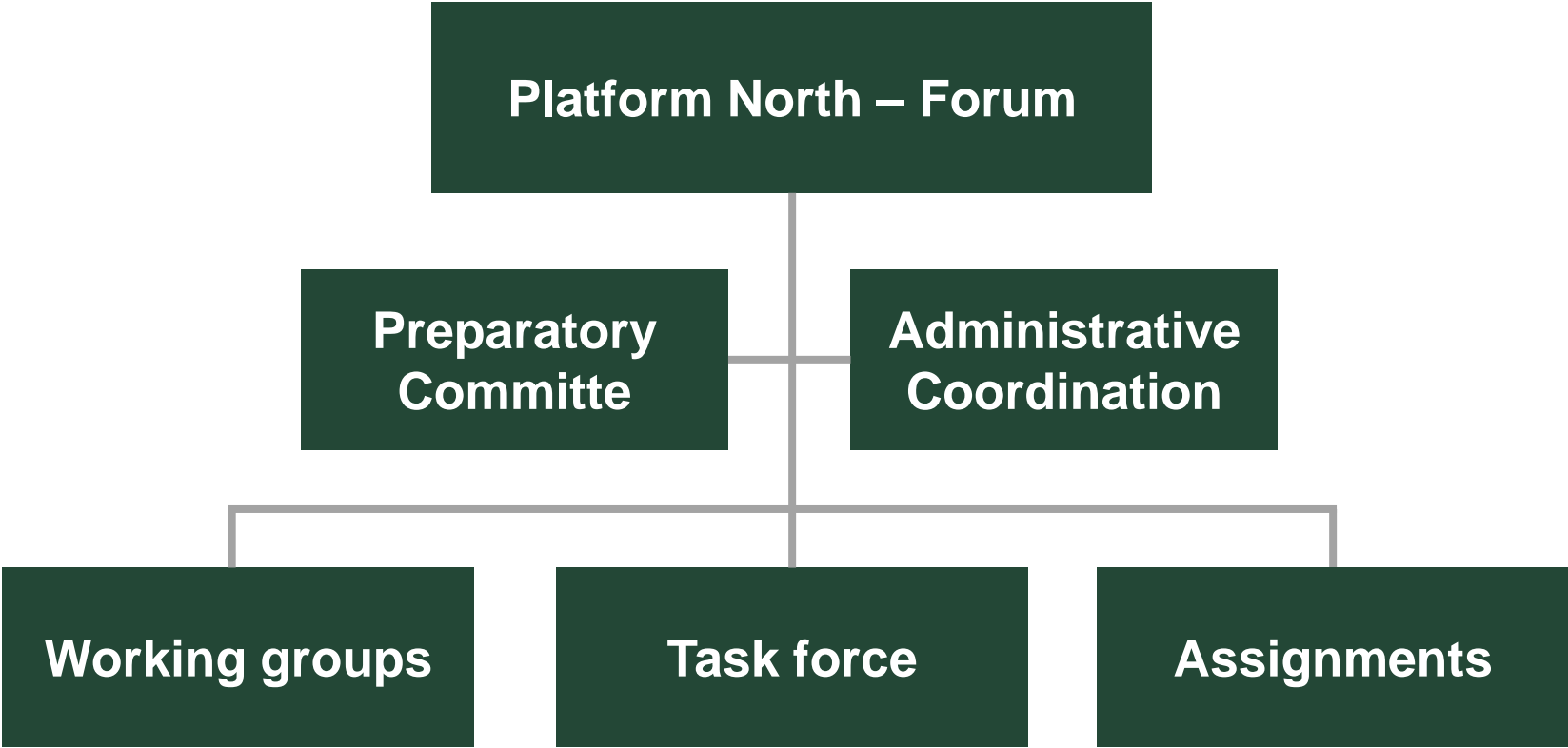
PURPOSE

- Adaptation of the infrastructure to the needs
- Cross-border seamless access
- Address key areas



The ambition of Platform North is to be an umbrella cooperation for exchange of information, to enhance a system perspective, and to coordinate and collaborate efforts for development, as there are several initiatives on-going within the Northern Nordics.

Platform North – organisation draft





Platform North – Staff and financials

PROPOSAL STAFF

Platform North will not have staff on its own, but entirely be built on in-kind contributions from the participants to the Platform. Any deviation herefrom must be agreed separately in writing.

PROPOSAL FINANCIALS

Platform North will not be an independent legal entity, and therefore will not have its own accounts or budgets. Any financial obligations must be agreed separately in writing between the relevant parties.

Initial dialogues

Initial informal dialogues

Infrastructure managers:

Norwegian public roads administration; Norwegian railway directorate; BaneNor; Finnish transport infrastructure agency; Centre of economic development, Transport and the Environment (ELY) North Ostrobothnia/Kainuu; County council of Troms; County council of Finnmark

Business life representatives:

Swedish Confederation of Transport Enterprises/EU rail freight corridor ScanMed; Chambers of commerce of Mid Sweden; Chambers of commerce of Norrbotten; Chambers of commerce of Västerbotten; Chambers of commerce of Oulu; Chambers of commerce of Ostrobothnia; Chambers of commerce of Troms; Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise; Norges lastebileierförbund; Samferdselsforum Nord

Regional public actors:

Regional council of Lapland; Regional council of Ostrobothnia; Regional council of North Ostrobothnia; Regional council of Kainuu; Region Västerbotten, Region Jämtland Härjedalen, Region Västernorrland, County administrative board of Norrbotten, County administrative board of Västerbotten, County administrative board of Västernorrland, North Sweden European Office

Initial response

A welcome initiative

There is really a need for cooperation and a platform

There are already several collaborations in this geography, we need to be aware of each other to avoid duplication of work

Cooperation can be developed as we go along

Asked for by EU

Positive that Sweden is "in the forefront"

Possible areas of collaboration – thoughts and ideas

Financing

Information base

East-west transports

Longer continuous
transport distances

Demand- and valuation
methods

Labour supply

Rules

Military mobility*

All modes of transport



How can we work together?

- Platform North forum meetings
- Working groups and workshops
- Cross-border studies
- Examine good examples in “collaborative planning”

Formalization

Formalizing WS 15th of May 2024

Prioritized measures

- **Financing**
(possibilities for funding and joint applications)
- **Joint transport plan**
(Northern Nordics) and projects
- **Information platform**
(cross- border view on transport system demand)

Preparatory committee

- Smaller group
- Continue organising further work



Platform North Forum

- Open event,
12–13 February in Luleå



Future development

To cooperate

- The development is **up to all of us!**

To facilitate cooperation in Platform North

- **MoU/agreement** Being developed by forming a relationship between national governmental authorities, regional governmental authorities, regions, and business representative organisations operating in Northern Norway, northern Finland and northern Sweden.
- **Rotating responsibilities** between countries/organisations

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How can you participate?

Do you want further information?

Do you have ideas?

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This is
a network

Thank you!