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- North Sweden European Office, is the EU Office for the two northernmost counties in Sweden. Our aim is to promote the region in the EU.



The Transport system in Northern Sweden – Challenges and opportunities

- Our regions in northern Sweden have a transport system that needs to be developed in north-south and east-west directions. The challenge today is to ensure connection to and from this system. This is justified as large volumes of goods e.g. iron ore, steel, wood raw materials and products, are transported into the transport system, mainly the system. This has a major impact on the flows to the TEN-T Core Network Corridor Scandinavian-Mediterranean.
- The European Commission's proposal to extend the Corridor Network i.e. the ScanMed Corridor and the North Sea-Baltic Corridor to the Arctic regions in the northern parts of Sweden, Finland and northern Norway is therefore very welcome.

Extension of the Corridor Network to the Arctic regions in northern Norway, Sweden and Finland



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- The extension of the Corridor Network will indeed and I quote Mr. Pat Cox “form a strategic gateway to the Arctic region”. The role of the EU as a key player and its commitment in the development of the transport system in the Arctic regions will be consolidated.
- Of importance for our region is also to develop the trade route Northern Axis with the Belt and Road initiative.
- For instance, several municipalities have MoU and cooperation with cities in China, inter alia the Municipality of Luleå with Xian.
- Micael Blomster will now give an insight on ongoing activities along the Northern Axis-BRI.



Thank you
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