



# Scandria® Alliance coordination group meeting

<b>Date</b>	31 August 2023	<b>Time</b>	9:30 – 15:00 CEST
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## Agenda

Time	Topic
09:30	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Åsa Ågren Wikström, Kvarken Council EGTC Thomas Brauner, Logistics Initiative Hamburg Jürgen Neumüller, Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg
09:45	<b>State of play and current initiatives in Hamburg's transition towards climate-smart mobility</b> Marc Evermann and Hannah Dreger, Hamburg Ministry of Transport and Mobility Transition
10:15	<b>Tour de table: updates from Scandria Alliance members</b> coordination group members
11:15	<b>Interactive discussions: Scandria Alliance work programme and cooperation ideas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>taking stock of the state of play in implementing the 2023 work programme</li><li>developing new ideas for future joint activities</li></ul> Facilitated by the Scandria Alliance Secretariat
13:30	<b>Research Proposal for the Master's Thesis "Governance Structures of the Scandria®Alliance"</b> Johanna Braune, University of Greifswald
13:45	<b>Preparation of the General Assembly and conference in Helsinki</b> Sakari Saarinen, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council Tommi Vollmann, Scandria Alliance Secretariat
14:45	<b>Summary and wrap-up</b> Jürgen Neumüller, Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg
15:00	<b>End of coordination group meeting</b>





## Participants

<b>Full members</b>	Jürgen Neumüller, Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg (chair)
	Jon Petter Amtzen, Eastern Norway County Network
	Rune Bakkevoll, Viken County Council
	Hannah Dreger, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
	Marc Evermann, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
	Hedvig Hultén, Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg
	Mathias Lindström, Kvarken Council EGTC
	Lotta Maria Möllerfalk, Innlandet County Council
	Heikki Saarento, Regional Council of Southwest Finland
	Sakari Saarinen, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council
	Pekka Sundman, City of Turku
	Åsa Ågren Wikström, Kvarken Council EGTC (temporarily)
<b>Associate members</b>	Stefan Breitenbach, Port of Hamburg Marketing
	Thomas Brauner, Logistics Initiative Hamburg
	Philip Michalk, Technical University of Applied Sciences Wildau
<b>Guests</b>	Johanna Braune, University of Greifswald
	Anja Fröhlich, Ministry of Economics Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
	Alexander Pfeffer, Ministry of Economics Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
<b>Secretariat</b>	Tommi Vollmann, Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg
	Sven Friedrich, INFRASTRUKTUR & UMWELT



## Notes

**Thomas Brauner** welcomed the coordination group meeting in the premises of the Logistics Initiative Hamburg on behalf of the three Hamburg members of the Scandria Alliance, the Ministry of Transport and Mobility Transition, Port of Hamburg Marketing and the Logistics Initiative.

**Asa Ågren Wikström**, Kvarken Council EGTC, welcomed the participants in her capacity as vice chair of the Scandria Alliance. She stressed:

- the importance of the Alliance to get things done on a European scale,
- the need to react to the new geopolitical situation, by aligning the transport system and increasing its resilience for the challenges resulting both from the geopolitical situation as well as climate change.

**Jürgen Neumüller**, Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg, welcomed the participants as chair of the coordination group. He introduced the agenda as well as the following guests:

- Johanna Braune: University of Greifswald, currently writing her master thesis about the governance of the Scandria Alliance,
- Anja Fröhlich and Alexander Pfeffer, Ministry of Economics Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, that expressed an interest in the Alliance and were invited to get to know the way the Alliance is working.

Coordination group members agreed to the agenda as indicated above.

### State of play and current initiatives in Hamburg's transition towards climate-smart mobility

Marc Evermann and Hannah Dreger, Hamburg Ministry of Transport and Mobility Transition

- As a metropolitan city of 1.85 million inhabitants (5 million in metropolitan region), Hamburg has realigned its transport policy towards environmentally friendly modes during last years. The aim is to achieve a share of 80% of environmentally friendly transport modes (foot, bicycle, public transport) in the modal share by 2030.
- A number of large-scale infrastructure projects are ongoing or planned:
  - new underground line U5, with 23 new stations, autonomous and digitalized service every 90 secs. First works started, 2027 first test runs planned
  - construction of new railway tunnel between Hamburg main station and Hamburg-Altona to increase the capacity of the main station, which currently is a bottleneck,
  - Renewal of railway bridges crossing the Elbe river: this is a challenging project, which is connected to the tunnel project (see above) and will have large impacts on the transport system during the building phase.
- Velorouten: separated bicycle highways based on Copenhagen example.
- Increasing the share of public transport by shared mobility: "Hamburgtakt" (get a public transport offer within 5 minutes), Moja (on-demand autonomous first / last mile transport)
- Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of car transport by electrification: ambitious plans, needs to enforce charging infrastructure development. Hamburg poses requirement to taxi fleet to be zero-emission by 2030 and supports this by a taxi fleet programme.
- Due to port of Hamburg, freight transport is an important issue (rail and road capacity).
- Further important issues are intelligent traffic management and autonomous transport that shall get introduced by 2030. Urban air mobility is an issue tested for drone emergency transport, which still seems to have a rather low acceptance in general.
- Hamburg introduced a cooperative planning and implementation approach at municipal and regional level with neighbouring counties in the Metropolitan Region of Hamburg.
- Hamburg is going to organise the UITP World Congress in June 2025 and in 2027. Scandria@Alliance members are invited.

(see [Hamburg presentation](#))

#### Tour de table: Updates from Scandria Alliance members

- Eastern Norway County Network (Jon Petter Arntzen, Rune Bakkevoll, Lotta Möllerfalk):
  - **Climate smart spatial planning project** will start 1 Sep 2023 and last 3 years. All counties in Greater Oslo will map landuse to support smart spatial planning and to implement the UN environmental goal, to protect 30% of the land surface by 2030
  - **Energy station project**: involving infrastructure investors, vehicle users and car manufacturers to mitigate barriers and to create pathways in a collaborative effort coordinated by Eastern Norway County Network and Oslo Region ([presentation available](#) from clean fuel seminar)
  - Currently, **feasibility study for cross-border rail link Oslo – Gothenburg** by Swedish Transport Administration and Norwegian Ministry ongoing. One focus will be on capacities of Oslo / Gothenburg main stations. Results expected beginning October.
  - **Urban air mobility** is an issue, as there is a very relevant interface to spatial planning (pick-up places / delivery places). EU started to elaborate regulatory framework. Dynamic development expected, need for regions to be prepared.
  - **Elections on local and regional level** next week. Major changes expected.
  - **Administrative reform** will increase the number of ENCN member counties from 4 to 7.
  
- Helsinki-Uusimaa (Sakari Saarinen):
  - Regional mayor **Ossi Savolainen retired**. Decision about successor to be met in mid September 2023, unsure if active in November. For the time being, regional development director and deputy regional mayor Juha Eskelinen is taking over his duties.
  - City of Helsinki is active in **urban air mobility** ([CITYAM](#) and [AIRMOUR](#) project).
  - An important project supported by Helsinki-Uusimaa regional council, implemented by Forum Virium Helsinki is the [LiiDi2 project](#): **Business models for smart mobility services**.
  - Currently, a **logistics study for Helsinki-Uusimaa region** is ongoing. It will deliver a projection of the logistics system by 2030 / 2035.
  
- City of Turku / Regional Council of Southwest Finland (Heikki Saarento and Pekka Sundman):
  - During the next two years, **new agreements for landuse** are adopted involving new landuse plans and transport system plans
  - **TEN-T corridor development** is under discussion, as there will be new ferries with huge freight capacity deployed between Naantali and Kapellskär, which will require better connections to the Naantali ferry port. In the projects, also CEF funding is involved
  - Concerning clean fuels, the region is **investigating potential locations for truck stops / clean fuel refuelling stations**
  - Changed geopolitical situation leads to a **greater focus of collaboration into western and southern direction**, as well as a stronger focus on security issues
  - The City of Turku (in its capacity of host to the UBC Secretariat) is Lead Partner of the BSR Programme project “SUMP for BSR – enhancing effective Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning for supporting active mobility in BSR cities”. The project aims to



increase the uptake of SUMP as a strategic tool for sustainable mobility planning by developing tools and offering extensive capacity building for local authorities. It is planned to establish a dialogue between the project and our task force on urban nodes / SUMP.

- Kvarken Council
  - Due to changed geopolitical situation, Kvarken region is experiencing **lots of investment projects** as focus is shifting to the West
  - There are ongoing projects on security of supply chains and clean fuel deployment
  - The **New North project** is to prepare for infrastructure investments in **Northern transport corridors**.
  - In the **FAIR2 project**, a **market analysis for early establishment of electric aviation** is realised. This is connected to battery production in the region.
  - Kvarken Council since long is in **discussions about securing supply routes South – North with MoD / the military** and is going to continue discussion.
- Mecklenburg-Vorpommern:
  - Currently, **new strategy for collaborating in BSR** is being elaborated. One focus will be collaboration on energy issues (maritime spatial planning), another on innovation.
  - The Ministry is currently realising **HyTruck project** within Interreg BSR. Its aim is to support public authorities in planning **Hydrogen Refuelling Stations network across the BSR**.
- Berlin-Brandenburg
  - Interreg Central **project H2CE** started in April 2023: Its aim is to **improve readiness of public stakeholders for the ramp-up of H2 economy** in Central Europe.
  - In Brandenburg, the regions are to develop new **integrated regional plans**. This new generation of regional plans will have to comply with the aim set by the Federal Climate Protection Plan to assign 2% of the surface for wind power.
  - Currently, the **cross-border railway line Berlin-Szczecin** is being upgraded. The project receives support by the CEF.
  - For another **cross-border railway line, Berlin – Gorzow – Poznan**, Berlin-Brandenburg is lobbying related to ongoing TEN-T trilogue. The inclusion of the line in the TEN-T network is not supported by the German Federal Ministry of Transport.
  - **Discussion on future cohesion policy** started. Berlin-Brandenburg contributed to German positioning.
  - **Strategies on mobility, energy and climate change** are currently being elaborated in Brandenburg. Ensuring coherence of the different strategies' measures is challenging.

#### Interactive discussions: Scandria Alliance work programme and cooperation ideas

- Tommi Vollmann, presented the state of implementation of the 2023 Scandria@Alliance Work Programme.
- Regarding growth of the network, he pointed out that there are currently two requests for associate membership on the table: from the Berlin-Brandenburg chapter of German supply chain network "Bundesvereinigung Logistik" (BVL) and from the transport think tank CNA e.V. (organiser and host of Logistics Initiative Bavaria). Furthermore, interest has been raised from the German Länder Saxony, Hessen and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and talks held with the city of Stockholm.
- He suggested following issues for discussion:
  - How to intensify knowledge exchange activities?
  - What approach to pursue related to project development?

- Whether to set up a new taskforce on multimodal transport?
- Whether to prepare a position related to the Greening Freight Package (Count Emissions Initiative, Weights Regulation, Rail transport proposal) presented by the European Commission in July, or the Commission proposal combined transport regulation, expected to be published soon?
- How to be present during the next Connecting Europe Days in Brussels in April 2024?
- Mathias Lindström pointed out, that currently there is a good moment to enforce activities in Northern Europe (e.g. in connection to New North project).
- Jürgen Neumüller suggested no detailed reaction to the **Greening Freight Package** but to develop an own vision related to freight transport. The proposal was supported by the members.
- Concerning **project development**, it was assessed,
  - that the approach followed in BalticHarmony was not tangible enough, especially the connection between the IT-tool to be developed and the pilot project was considered too weak by the programme secretariat. Identification of partners, not only having an interest in implementing their pilot activity but also for elaborating common approach (i.e. methodology) is challenging.
  - Other funding programmes or other project types like small projects might be considered. However, added value for member regions and common interest needs to get identified first to decide whether a project development is feasible or other means would be appropriate.
  - Alliance should not act as project developer but serve as an arena supporting project development. Success should not be counted in number of projects.
  - The Alliance should rather aim to include a broad circle of stakeholders with an interest in advancing relevant issues, than to go too much into detail.
  - JSPD indicated interest in climate smart spatial planning, that is currently addressed by Eastern Norway County Network within a new project approach.
- Related to the **planning of a Scandria®Alliance participation at Connecting Europe Days** in Brussels on 2-5 April 2024 following agreements were met:
  - success of Scandria®Alliance participation at CED 2022 in Lyon justifies taking higher efforts.
  - For the 2024 CED, there following formats have been discussed:
    - an own booth of the Scandria Alliance to showcase regional initiatives at the European level and/or offering the opportunity to book times at the stand for meetings with regions' representatives,
    - an active participation in the corridor forum,
    - at least own side event, e.g. a thematic seminar on specific issues or an evening reception directly inviting further corridor regions to join the Alliance and/or bringing together national transport delegations. In realising side events, we aim to closely involve the members' Brussels offices and their infrastructure.
  - The Secretariat will develop a concept for our participation in the Connecting Europe Days before the coordination group meeting in November. In the preparations, all members will be asked to clearly state their expectations, i.e. on issues to be addressed during the event and readiness to contribute by own resources and/or the inclusion of the respective Brussels offices' capacities.
  - A task force to prepare the Scandria®Alliance participation in the 2024 CED in Brussels should to be set up once the concept has been developed and discussed in the coordination group.



### Research Proposal for the Master's Thesis "Governance Structures of the Scandria®Alliance" (Johanna Braune, University of Greifswald)

- Johanna Braune presented her approach for her master thesis that is investigating governance structure of the Alliance (see [Johanna's slides](#) for further information).
- She will soon approach members of the Alliance for guided interviews to be held during October / November. Members agreed to getting interviewed by Johanna and asked for a timely coordination of interview dates.

### Preparation of the General Assembly and conference in Helsinki (Tommi Vollmann, Sakari Saarinen)

- The General Assembly and Conference are a joint event of Scandria®Alliance and CPMR BSC Transport Group organised 6-7 November 2023 in Helsinki organised under the headline "Adapting to a changing geopolitical landscape: the future of transport in the Baltic Sea Region and wider Europe".
- Sakari Saarinen presented the [draft programme](#), including the General Assembly on 6 November and the joint conference on 7 November (details see attached presentation)
- Members agreed that:
  - Conference and resolution should **address EU, MS and other European / pan-Baltic institutions to highlight regional interests** touched by the current discussion about resilience of the transport system
  - The **conference should be split into a high-level part** (focus on resilience and political resolution) in the morning of the 6 November **and an expert part** in the afternoon. This should ensure participation of high-level representatives and would provide more thematic freedom for the expert panel discussions in the afternoon.
  - The **conference and the resolution should not be too specific** and refer to a broad understanding of resilience, pointing towards the needs of regions: not to forget about regions' interests when strengthening the focus on military use of infrastructure. A main message should be developed along the idea of a **"triple use concept"** instead of a dual-use concept followed currently, incl. connectivity, green transition and military aspects, realising synergies but guaranteeing to address all needs sufficiently.
  - A **draft** resolution will be developed by Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council and the Secretariats of CPMR BSC and the Scandria Alliance during September. It will be provided to all members for further internal discussions within their institutions and with their political representatives by early October.
- Sakari Saarinen and Tommi Vollmann informed that next week, discussions about the conference as well as the resolution will be continued between Scandria®Alliance and CPMR BSC.
- Tommi Vollmann presented the draft agenda for the General Assembly (see presentation); members agreed to it, noting, that concerning chairmanship there should be an information by those organisations represented by elected chairmen / chairwomen on who would replace them in case the elected persons do not represent the member organisation any longer.
- A preparatory online meeting of all Scandria Alliance members will be scheduled for mid-October. The Secretariat will coordinate the date a.s.a.p.

### End of coordination group meeting:

- Jürgen Neumüller expressed his sincere thanks to all members for their active contributions and the constructive discussion. He also thanked the three members from Hamburg for organising and hosting two successful meeting days in Hamburg and an impressive harbour boat trip the evening before.





- Next coordination group meetings:
  - Preparation of Helsinki General Assembly (online): week 41 or 42
  - Regular meeting of the coordination group (online): week 48 or 49
- Upcoming events:
  - 13 September 2023: [1st HyTruck Breakfast Briefing virtual meeting](#)
  - 21-22 September 2023: [Finnish-Swedish European North Transport Forum, Oulu](#)
  - 26-28 September 2023: [New Mobility Congress](#), Łódź, Poland. At the largest alternative mobility event in Central Eastern Europe, the HyTruck project is going to organise the workshops “Before deploying HRS – energy storage and green hydrogen in the context of the amended Energy Law in Poland” and “How to develop HRS for long-haul freight fleets”
  - 4-6 October 2023: [Urban Mobility Days](#) in Seville, Spain (Tommi Vollmann participating for Secretariat and urban nodes task force)
  - 11 October, 11:30-12:30 CET: [“Night trains – for better connections between cities and regions”, Brussels](#) organised within the European Week of Regions and Cities by Berlin Senate Department for the Environment, Urban Mobility, Consumer Protection and Climate Action, Viken County Council representing Eastern Norway County Network and City of Malmö



# TOPICS FROM TOUR DE TABLE

- Urban air mobility:  
regulation & spatial planning
- clean fuels refuelling /  
charging infrastructure
- CO<sub>2</sub> storage & climate-smart  
spatial planning
- smart mobility services
- strategic importance of corridor/  
geopolitical situation

Promote Alliance  
in northern regions  
(e.g. joint event)



# Greening Freight Package

- positions already existing in member regions / cities?
- hesitance regarding on GHG emissions accounting regulation
- huge discussions in sector
- sensitive topic
- idea to integrate <sup>reaction</sup> in broader vision, not commenting details of the package



# Project development

- relevance for real ongoing processes in member regions / cities and political processes → create added value
- ensure strong commitment of regions → involve the responsible actors in regions \*
- Interreg programmes the right / the only funding programme to look at?
  - \* interest
  - \* need in cooperation & pilot implementation



CONNECTING EUROPE

◦ main role of Alliance  
in project development:

linking / bringing together  
regions → start separate project  
development processes

◦ Why? → showcase regional initiatives  
on European level



# CONNECTING EUROPE DAYS

o use to increase visibility & attract new members

o set-up: - stand

- presence in Corridor forum

- own back-to-back event

- give possibility to "book" times with regions' representatives

↳ access to Brussels

Offices infrastructure

o Why? → showcase regional initiatives on European level

→ actively address regions

o bring transport people of EU delegations / representations together?



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## PROGRAMME

↳ concentrate political parts in morning?

• resolution before project pitches?

## RESOLUTION

• Why? → make strong statements by regions

• Addressees: - national ministries  
- COM / EU institutions

• Consequences of UA war not so much in focus  
↳ put into spotlight

• not go too deep, stay rather on a general level



◦ Messages:

- make aware of cities' and regions' needs despite consequences of war
- remind about importance of 'green projects'

↳ opportunity to support both connectivity, green transition and geopolitical resilience

"triple use"