



Project KO4159 NABL, Northern Axis – Barents Link  
**History and preparation of NABL application**

**Northern Axis**



**Barents Link**

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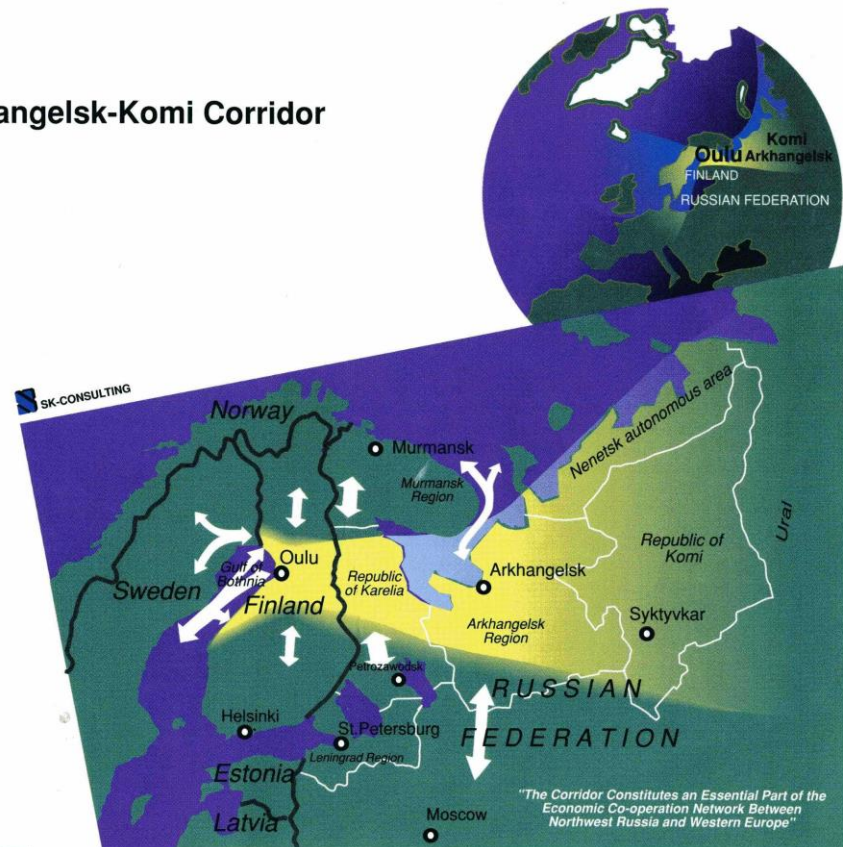
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# 1995

## The Oulu-Karelia-Arkhangelsk-Komi Corridor

Pre-study

Ministry of Transport and Communications of Finland



Oulu, Finland  
May 1995

# 2000

## Oulu - Karelia - Arkhangelsk - Komi Development and Transport



Finnish National Road Administration  
Regional Council of Northern Ostrobothnia  
Regional Council of Kainuu  
Provincial State Office of Oulu

Updated and revised, Oulu 2000

European Union  
European Regional  
Development Fund  
Karelia Interreg II A

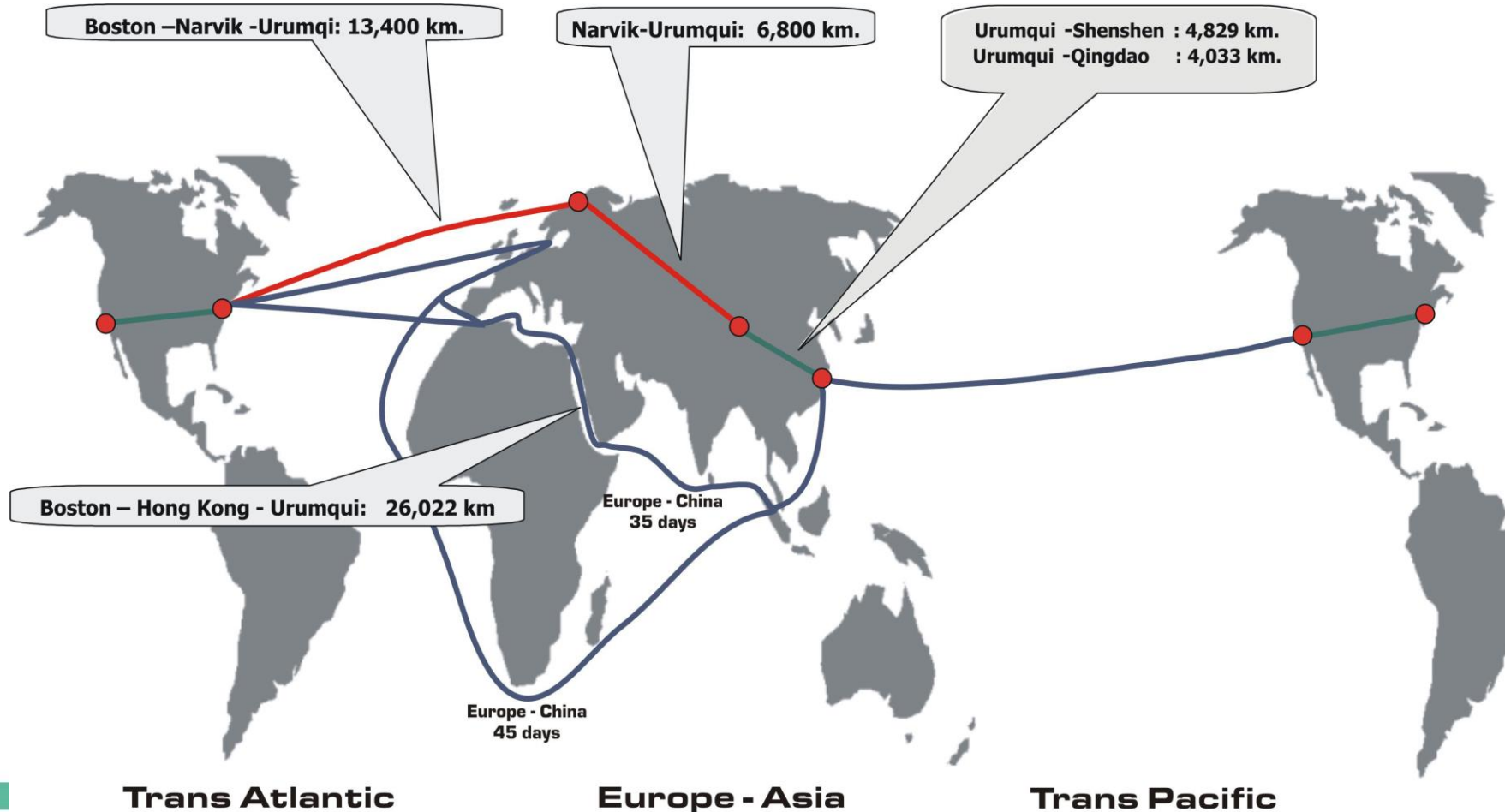


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Suunnittelukolmio

2004

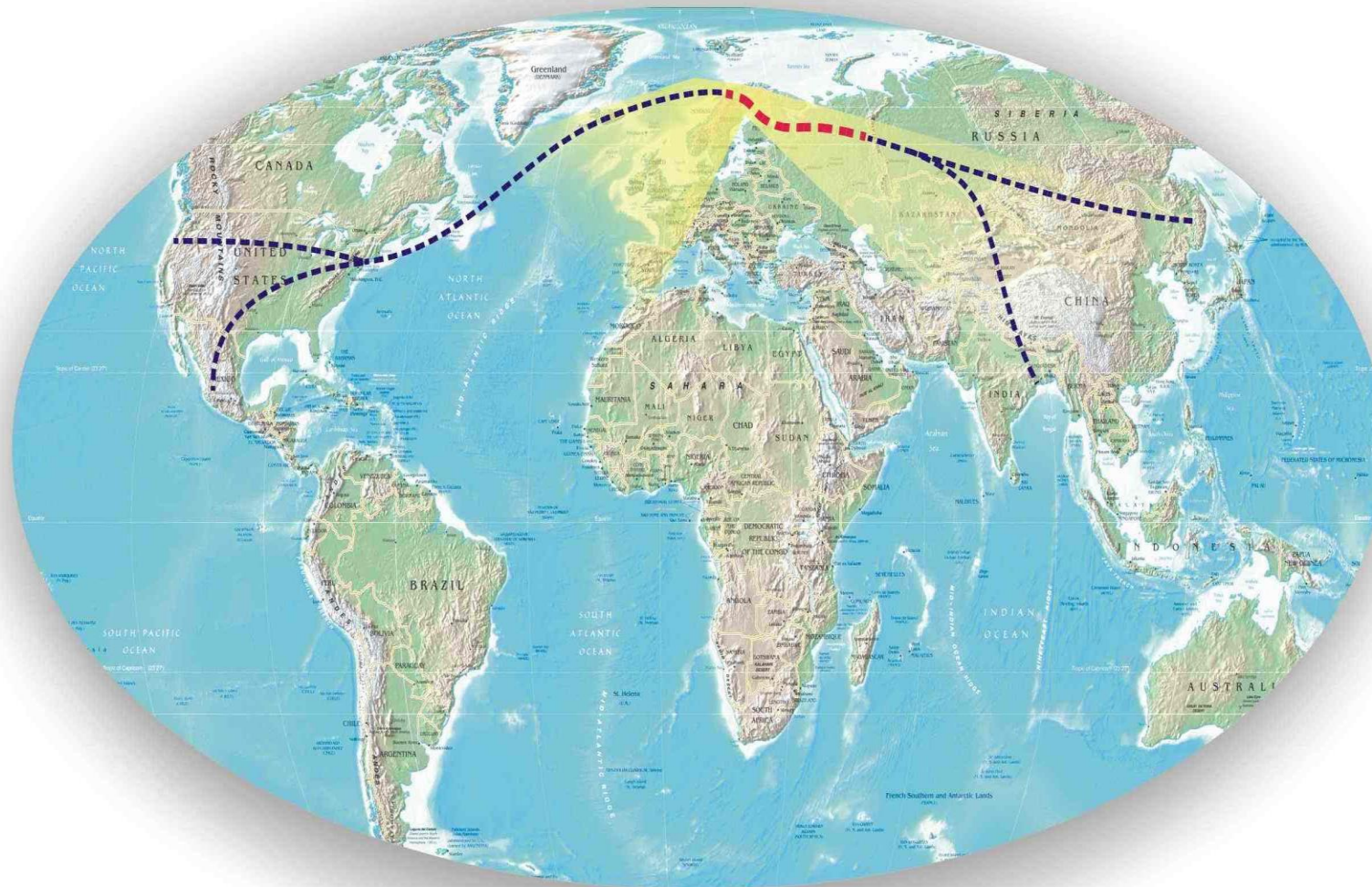
# N.E.W.

## Transcontinental Intermodal Transit Freight Corridor North America - Northern Europe - Russia - Far East (Northern East West Freight Corridor)



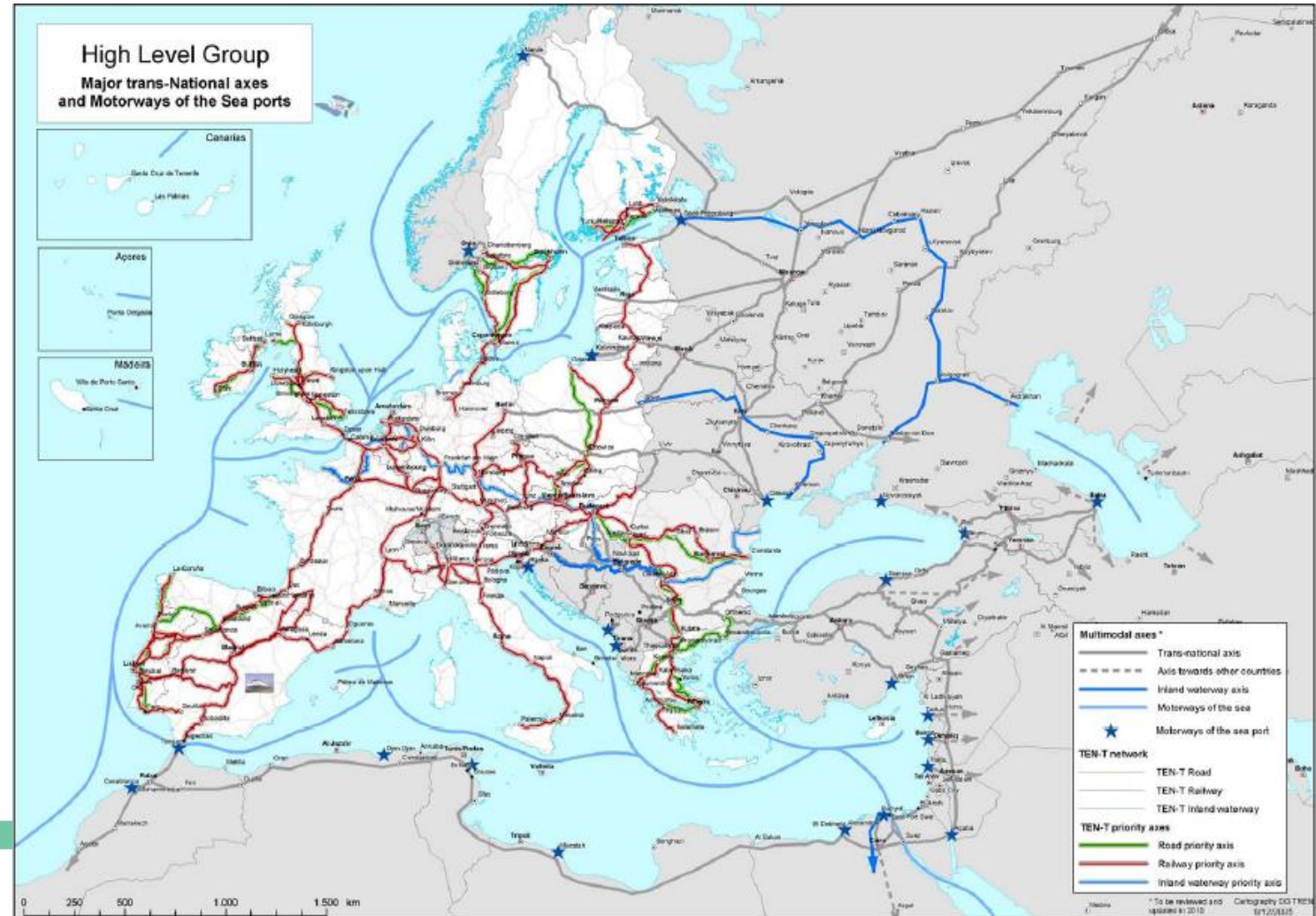
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# N.E.W.



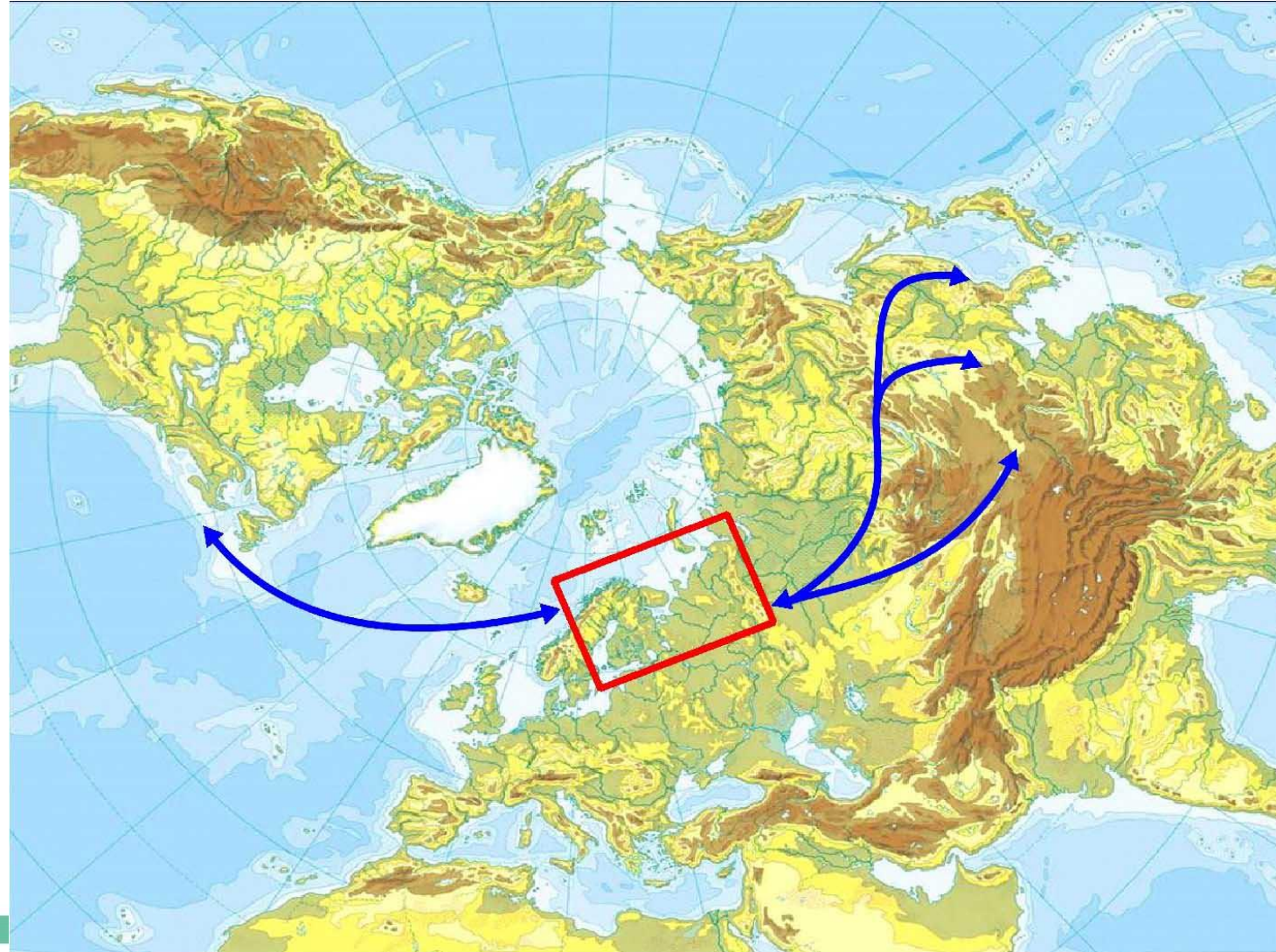
# 2005 The Northern Axis

The Northern Axis is one of the five Trans-National transport axes defined by the **High Level Group in 2005** and presented in the report ["Network for Peace and Development"](#)

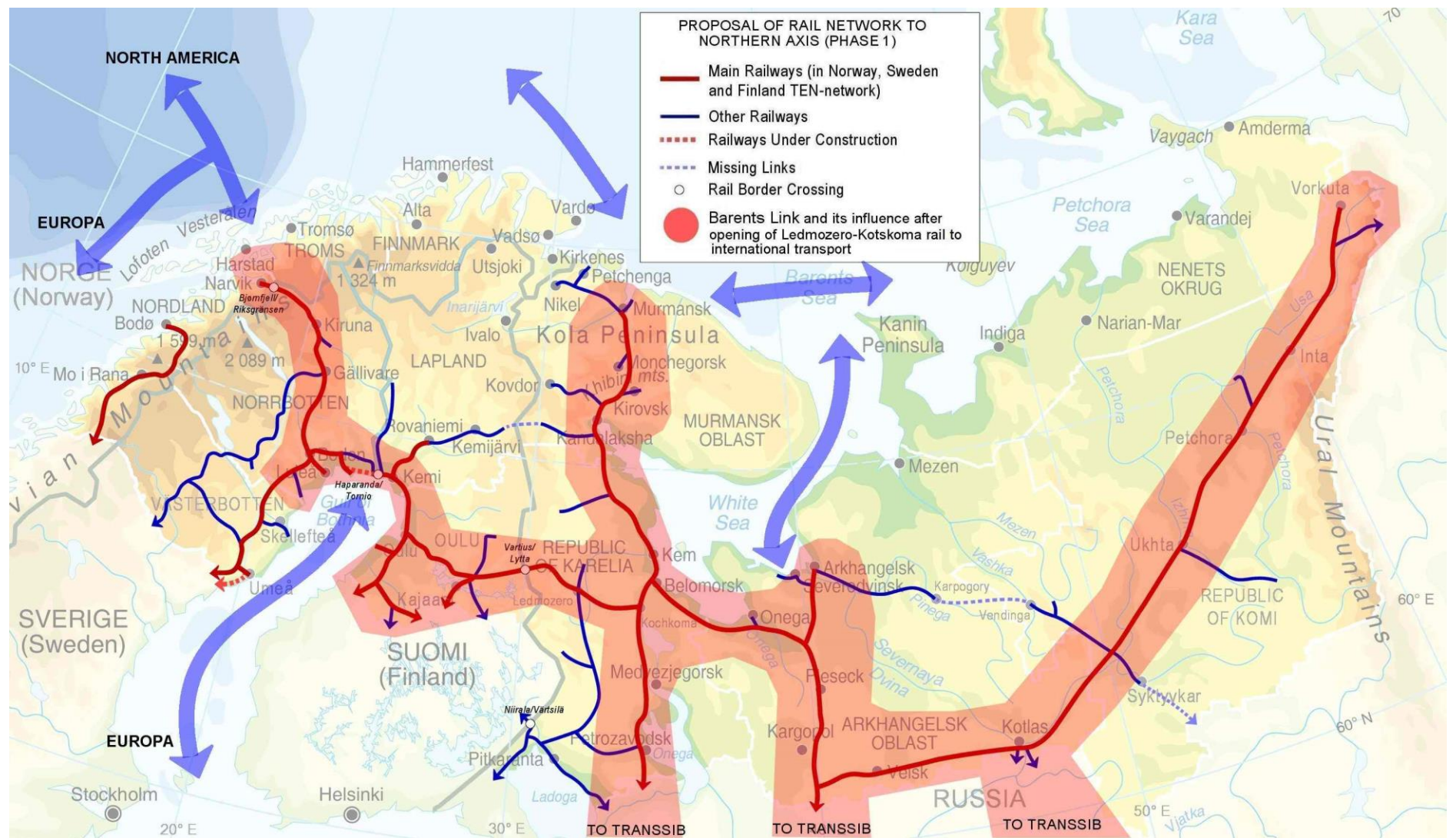


# 2006

The Barents Link  
Corridor facilitates  
N.E.W  
in the Barents Region



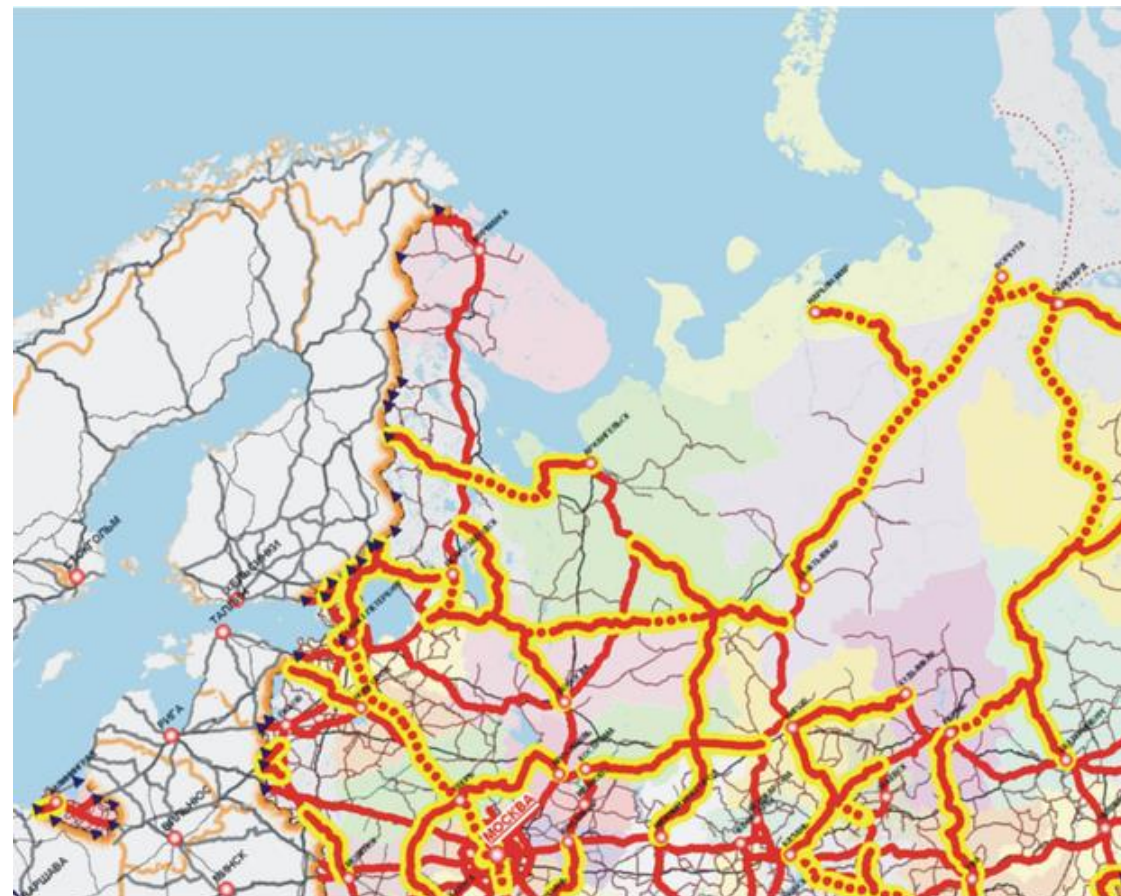
2007



Barents Link is the extended Arkhangelsk gateway, via Sweden all the way to Narvik in Norway.

# 2007

## Proposals for Russian federation road network 2025



### ROAD NETWORK DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS МЕРОПРИЯТИЯ ПО РАЗВИТИЮ СЕТИ АВТОМОБИЛЬНЫХ ДОРОГ

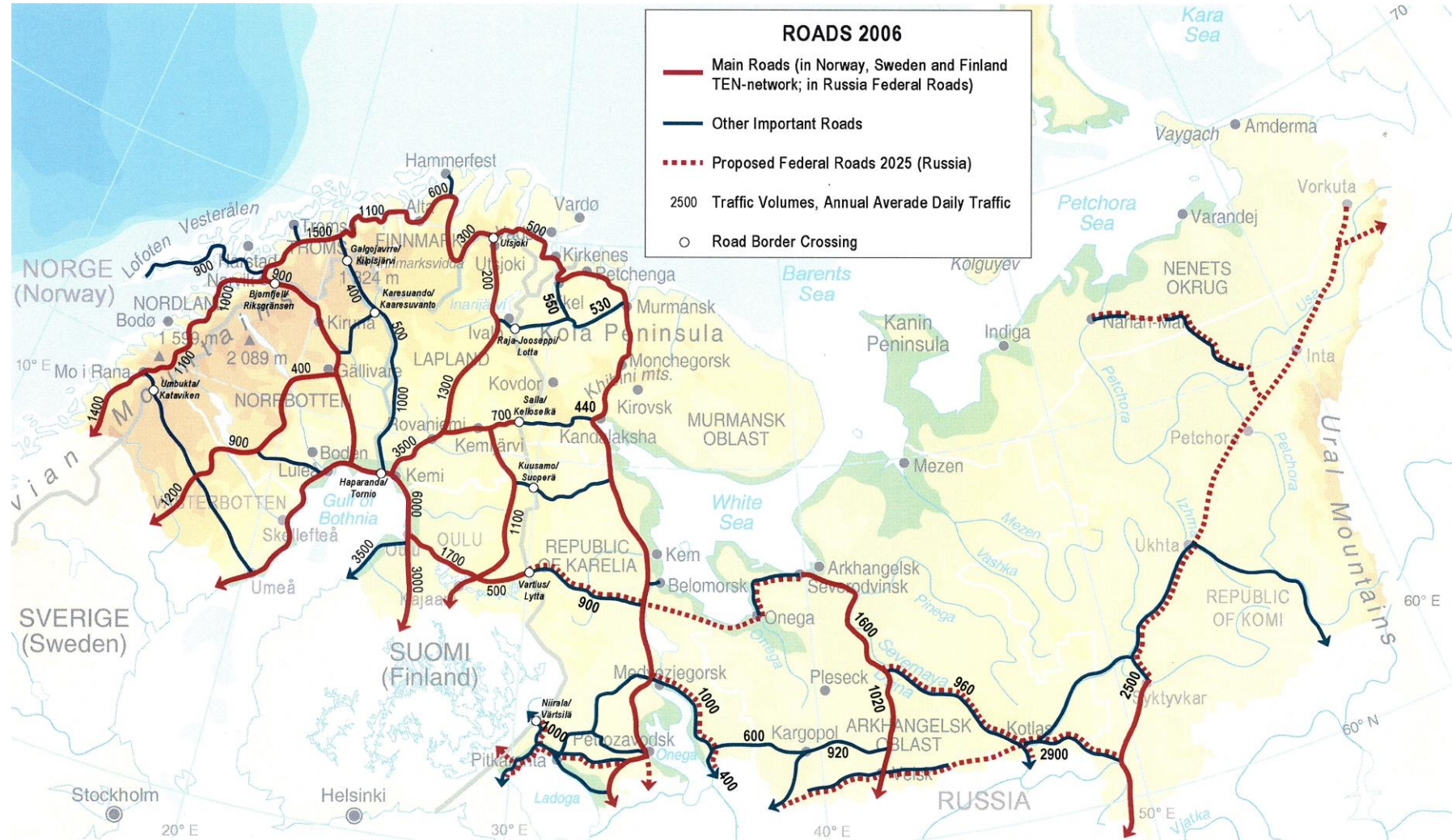
-  **Transfer of regional roads to federal roads**  
Перевод территориальных дорог в  
Дороги федерального значения
-  **Building of federal roads**  
Строительство дорог федерального значения

### PRESENT ROAD NETWORK СУЩЕСТВУЮЩАЯ СЕТЬ АВТОМОБИЛЬНЫХ ДОРОГ

-  **Federal roads**  
Федеральные
-  **Regional roads**  
Основные территориальные
-  **Winter roads**  
Зимники
-  **Automobile border crossings**  
Автомобильные пункты пропуска через  
государственную границу Российской Федерации
-  **Railway**  
Железные дороги

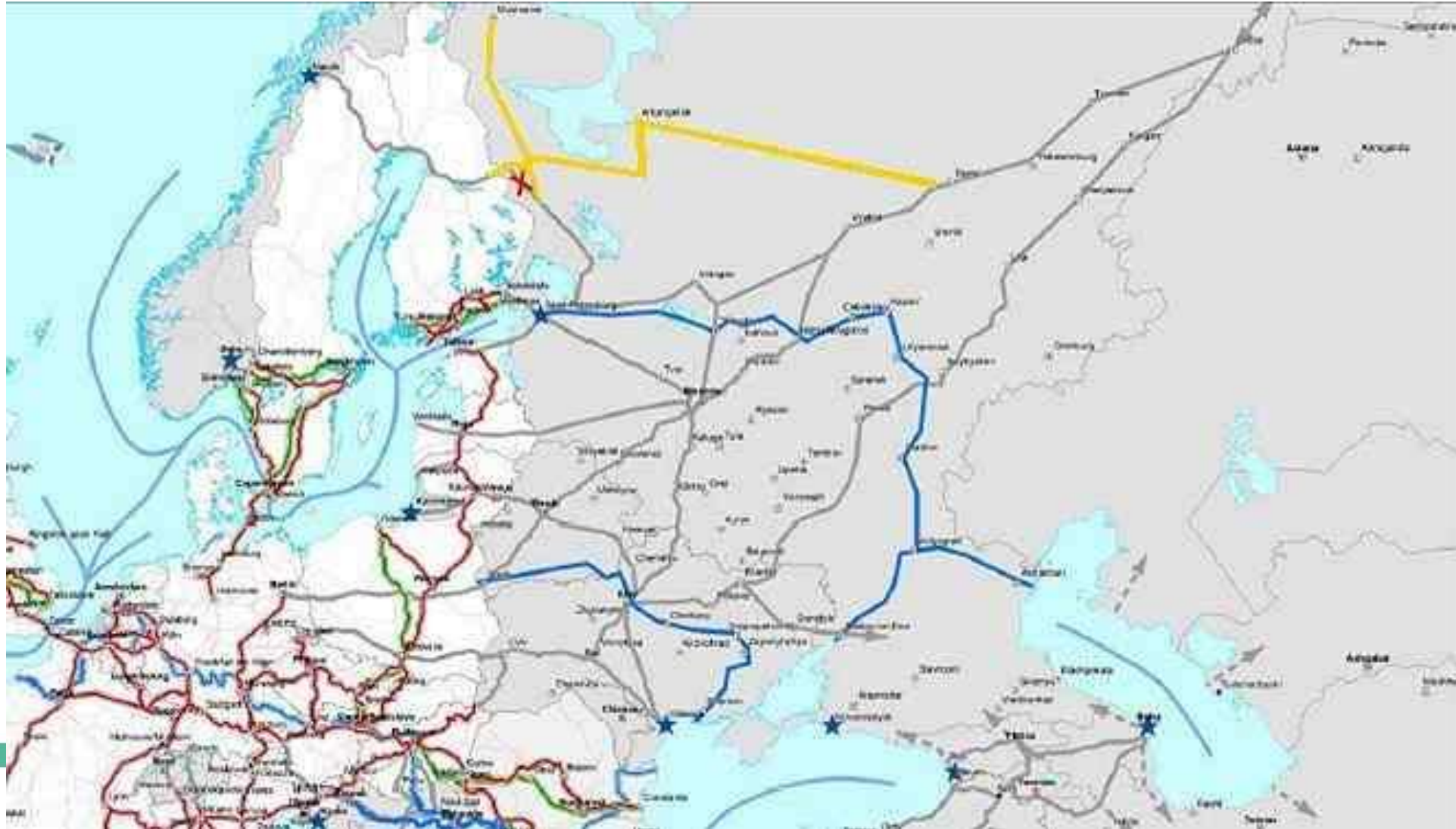


# 2007



2007

# Proposal for alternative routes to Northern Transnational Axis



# 2009

## Northern Dimension Partnership of Transport and Logistics (NDTPL)

### Regional Transport network

# Road



# Railway



# **2007-2018, Several projects, programs, forums**

**Euregio Karelia co-operation area and -forum, 2000- ongoing**

**STBR and STBR II, Sustainable Transport of Barents Region, -2007**

**Barents Freeway Kolarctic CBC-project, 2013-2015**

**JPTP, Joint Barents Transport Plan, 2014-ongoing**

# **2018 Before starting the NABL –application**

**3/2018**

**Application to Kainuu Regional Development Fund to make the NABL-application  
(Kainuun maakunnan kehittämisrahasto)**

**3/2018**

**Approval of Kainuu Regional Development Fund to make the NABL-application**

**3/2018**

**Tender to outsource the NABL-application preparation**

**5/2018**

**Contract between Regional Council and Traficon Oy making (compiling) the  
application**

# September 21, 2018, opening of Kolarctic round

## Choosing Priority Axis and Thematic Objective:

Priority Axis, **P2**:                      Fluent mobility of people, goods and knowledge.

Thematic Objective, **TO7**: Improvement of accessibility to the regions, development of sustainable and climate-proof transport and communication networks and systems;

# Kolarctic round open 21.9.-21.12.2018

## **Project objective:**

To improve and facilitate east-west transport corridors and cross-border mobility in the Programme area.

## **Specific objective:**

Better east -west corridor transport and cross-border mobility in the Northern Axis, Barents Link and their networking to Northern Sea Route

## **Choosing name and abbreviation:**

“Northern Axis - Barents Link”, BLNA or NABL ?

# Kolarctic round open 21.9.-21.12.2018

## Finnish Project Partner candidates:

- **Regional Council of Kainuu (Lead Partner)**
- Oulu city
- Regional Council of North Karelia
- Northern Ostrobothnia Centre of economic, development, transport and the environment, Oulu
- Lapland Centre of economic, development, transport and the environment, Rovaniemi
- **Local federation of East Lapland**
- Lapland Development Oy
- **Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency, Helsinki, Oulu**



# Kolarctic round open 21.9.-21.12.2018

## Swedish Project Partner candidates:

- Municipality of Haparanda
- NGO Bothnian Arch
- Norrbotten County
- Swedish Transport Agency
- **Luleå University of technology**

# Kolarctic round open 21.9.-21.12.2018

## Norwegian Project Partner candidates:

- Port of Narvik
- County of Troms
- Norwegian Public Roads Administration
- **The Arctic University of Norway (UiT)**
- Port of Kirkenes
- County of Finnmark
- **Futurum AS, Narvik**

# Kolarctic round open 21.9.-21.12.2018

## Russian Project Partner candidates:

- Russian federal road administration “Kola”, Petrozavodsk, Karelia
- **Administration of the Nenets Autonomous District**
- Arkhangelsk Region Ministry of Transport
- **State Public Institution of the Arkhangelsk Region “Road Agency ArkhangelskAvtoDor”**
- Arkhangelsk City
- State Committee of the Republic of Karelia on Transport
- Murmansk Arctic University
- **Northern (Arctic) State University, NArFU**
- Administration of Komi Republic
- FGKU RosGranStroi
- **Autonomous non-profit organization “Strategic Partnership on economic and social development of the North-West federal district”, St Petersburg**
- Federal Agency of Railway Transport of the Russian Federation
- **Association of International Road Carriers (ASMAP) of the Russian Federation, St Petersburg**

# Kolarctic round open 21.9.-21.12.2018

## **“Geographic” problem:**

Lead Partner candidate was not from the Kolarctic area.

## **Solution:**

Lapland Centre of economic, development, transport and the environment wrote a support letter where explained why cannot participate and supports Regional Council of Kainuu to be the Lead Partner.

# Kolarctic round open 21.9.-21.12.2018

The application was submitted 20.12.2018 with the partner group:

- Regional Council of Kainuu (Lead Partner)
- Local federation of East Lapland
- Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency, Helsinki, Oulu
- Luleå University of Technology
- Arctic University of Norway (UiT)
- Futurum AS, Narvik
- JSC “Nenets Oil Company”, the Nenets Autonomous District
- State Public Institution of the Arkhangelsk Region “Road Agency ArkhangelskAvtoDor”
- Northern (Arctic) State University, NArFU
- Autonomous non-profit organization “Strategic Partnership on economic and social development of the North-West federal district”, St Petersburg
- ASMAP, St Petersburg

# Kolarctic round open 21.9.-21.12.2018

The application was submitted 20.12.2018 with the Work Packages:

WP1	Lead Partner	Project management
WP2:	Lead Partner	Principles of new road Vartius-Arkhangelsk
WP3:	NAOIL	Pre-study, Arkhangelsk-Nenets road
WP4:	Lead Partner	Railway impact studies (2 Russian railways)
WP5:	Lead Partner	Border crossing studies
WP5:	FTIA	Border crossing railway studies
WP6:	Local Federation of East Lapland	Pre-study of Kontiomäki - Kemijärvi railway
WP6:	Local Federation of East Lapland	Pre-study of flight corridors North Finland –Russia
WP6:	Lead Partner	Updating the Barents Link
WP6:	FTIA	Oulu-Kontiomäki railway improvement study
WP7:	UiT	Concept of the wind energy potential to facilitate along the q Northern Axis - Barents Link and along the Northern Sea Route to Asian market
WP8:	Futurum AS	Norway – Sweden railway freight study
WP9:	All partners	Dissemination of the results
WP10:	NARFU	Know-how compilation from each WP

# 2019

- Northern Axis – Barents Link, project application was approved in April 2019 by Kolarctic CBC
- Duration 28 months, project officially started in October 2019
- Total budget after Grant Contact negotiations, about 1,2 M€



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