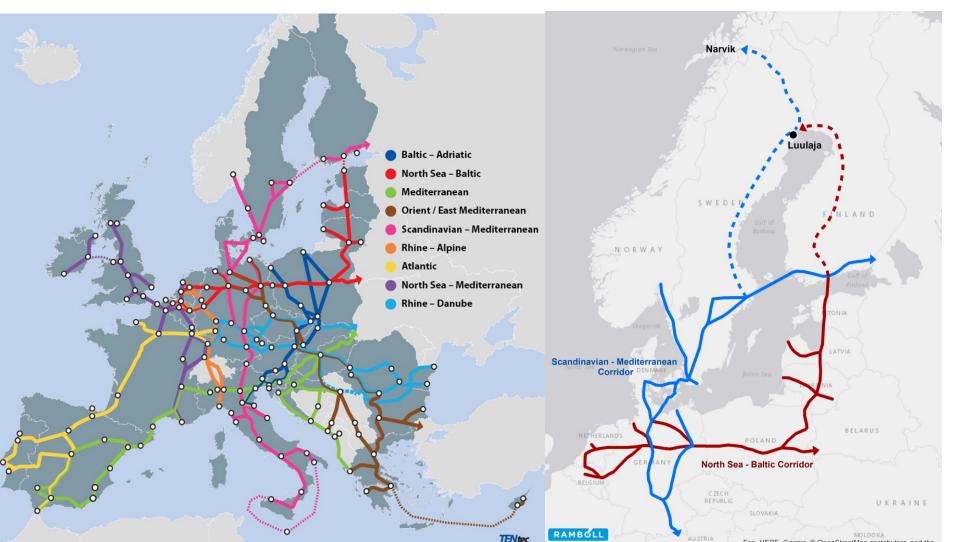




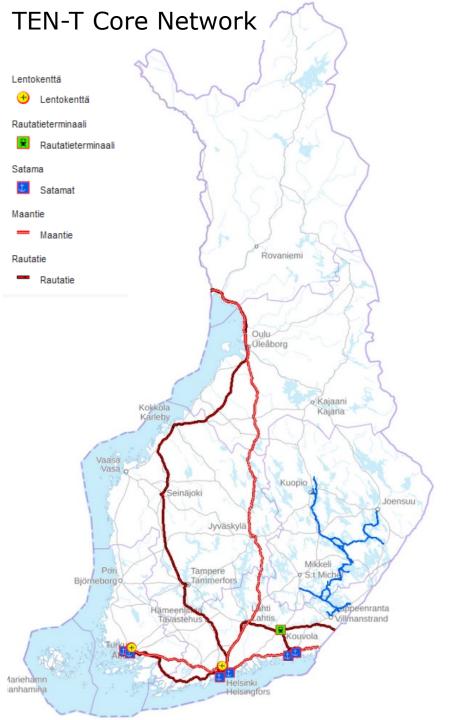
Finnish perspective on the TEN-T Core Network Corridors Extension

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TEN-T CORE NETWORK EXTENSION IN FINLAND



- North Sea-Baltic Corridor from Helsinki to Tornio and further to Luleå
- Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor from Stockholm via Luleå to Narvik and Oulu.



TEN-T CORE NETWORK IN FINLAND

TEN-T Core Network Includes:

- ► Roads E18 Turku–Vaalimaa, Main roads 4 and 29 Helsinki–Tornio–border
- Track sections Turku-Helsinki-Lahti-Kouvola-Kotka/Vainikkala and Helsinki-Tampere-Oulu-Tornioborder
- Saimaa inland waterways
- Airports of Helsinki and Turku
- Ports of HaminaKotka, Helsingin, Turku and Naantali
- Kouvola RRT
- Urban nodes of Helsinki and Turku

TEN-T Core Network Coverage:

- Core network road and railway network length is approx. 2 460 km
- Length of Saimaa area deep channel is approx. 780 km

The National Transport System Plan

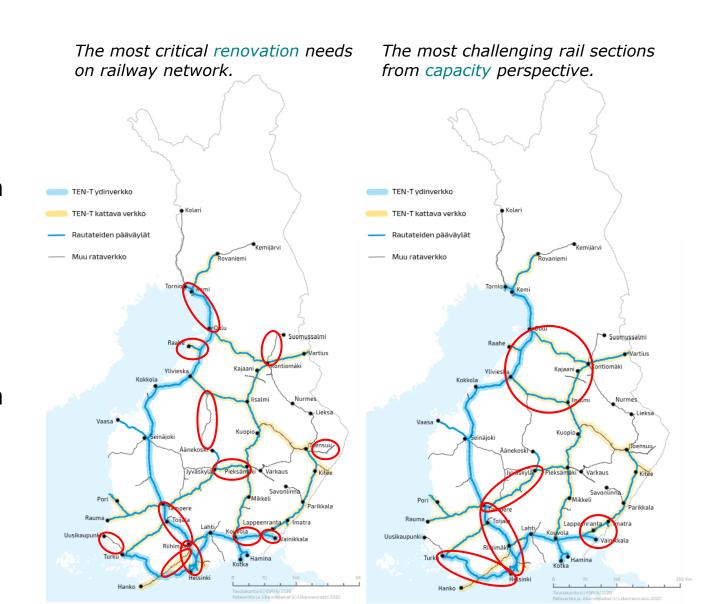
- ► The first, comprehensive, long-term strategic plan for development of the transport system in Finland.
- ▶ The Plan will cover all transport modes, passenger and goods transport, transport networks, services and support measures for the transport system.
- ▶ The Plan is drawn up for a period of 12 years (2021–2032) and will be updated each Government term.
- ► The preparations are guided by a parliamentary steering group. The decision on the Plan will be made by the Government.
- ► According to the Plan, the TEN-T Corridors, reform of the TEN-T Guidelines and CEF funding are important and Finland wants to influence and utilise them.
 - The emphasis is on railways.





Challenges on the railway network and TEN-T criteria

- ► The extension is very welcomed and creates new <u>possibilities</u> to improve international and regional accessibility as well as to increase the modal sift to more sustainable transport modes.
- Deficiencies related to TEN-T criteria on railway network (NSB)
 - ► Electrification: Rail line Laurila-border.
 - Speed limit: In some points e.g. meeting places.
 - ► ERTMS: Whole railway network.
- Deficiencies related to TEN-T criteria on road network (NSB).
 - Motorways or express roads: about 40% meets the requirements.





Railway connection to Sweden

- ► Current challenges
 - ► Lack of electrification on the rail Laurila— Tornio/Haparanda (about 22 km).
 - ▶ Different rail gauge and electrification systems.
 - Very low transport demand / high investment needs.
 - ▶ Potential passenger traffic would require subsidies.
- ► Electrification of the Laurila–Haparanda line is mentioned in the government programme.
 - The budget of the project is estimated to be 10 M€
 → actual costs are much higher.
 - More detailed planning is needed and so far the project has not received to construction budget.





Railway connection to Sweden

- ▶ More detailed planning is ongoing to develop the rail line Oulu-Haparanda.
 - needs analysis to identify development needs and specify measures to be planned.
 - plans for removing bottlenecks of the Oulu-Kemi-Laurila railway section.
 - plans for the electrification of the Laurila-Tornio-Haparanda railway section.
 - plans for improving the level crossing safety.
- The planning project has received CEF funding 1.6 M€ (TENtec number 2019-FI-TM-0257-S).









Thank you for your attention!

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