



NEWSLETTER 8

Dear readers,

Here comes the eighth and final newsletter from the EU-funded TEN-T project Baltic-Link, Motorways of the Sea, Gdynia – Karlskrona. As usual we hope that you will enjoy your reading....

The project Baltic-Link Motorways of the Sea, Gdynia - Karlskrona

The project has now come to its end. On the 25th of October 2013 we held the Final Conference of the Baltic-Link Motorways of the Sea, Gdynia-Karlskrona project. The Conference where held on-board Stena Vision in the Port of Karlskrona in Sweden and gathered approximately 100 participants. Among these where a number of prominent guests and speakers as the Infrastructure Minister of Sweden – Mrs. Catharina Elmsäter-Svärd, the Vice General Directive of the Swedish Transport Administration – Mrs. Caroline Ottosson together with the European Union Motorways of the Sea Coordinator – Prof. Mr. Louise Valente de Oliviera and the Deputy Director of Ministry of Transport, Construction & Maritime Economy in Poland – Mrs Monika Niemiec-Butryn.



Prominent guests and speakers at the Final Conference

The Conference was well prepared and where held in the night club, C-view bar, at the top floor of the ferry and the project was finalised to the tunes and fanfare of the Final Countdown with Europe, for more pictures from the event, please visit the project website at www.balticlinkmos.com.

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The concluding presentation of the project showed that all activities, originally planned, now has been conducted and a lot of credit was given to the project for conducting the activities in time.

The activities conducted consists of investments in a new combined terminal in Alvesta, upgrading of the railway Coast to coast line part Emmaboda-Karlskrona in Sweden, rail investments and an intermodal terminal in the Port of Karlskrona, Sweden, electrification of Stena Lines ferries and road- and rail investments in the Port of Gdynia, Poland. The project has been a joint project between the two member States Sweden and Poland and the total project turnover sums up to over 108 million €.

All is now in place and are working smoothly!

The project in a world perspective

Since the last newsletter the project has conducted its last Management Board meeting, which was held in the beautiful scenery of Trieste in September. At the meeting some final planning was done for the upcoming Final Conference together with preparing for some final administrative issues regarding reporting etc. The location of the meeting was chosen in order to give the project the opportunity to visit the ports of both Trieste and Koper. The reason was to learn more about these ports plans for the future and also for the project to marketing and present itself towards these two important ports for the Baltic-Link corridor as such.



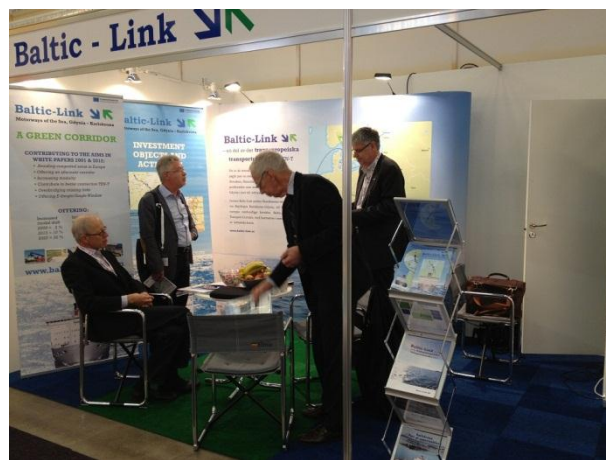
Satisfied delegates after well conducted meetings with two very important Ports in the region of Trieste

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In October the project participated in the transport fair Nordic Rail in Jönköping together with the Baltic-Link Association. The aim was to marketing the project and to spread the word that the Baltic-Link corridor now is established with new intermodal solutions in place thanks to the TEN-T fund.

The stand attracted a lot of visitors and as a whole the activity went well.



Pictures from the exhibition stand at the Nordic Rail fair

Some final words

Dear readers and followers, now we have come to the end and we would like to thank you all for following us all these years. This Baltic-Link Motorways of the Sea, Gdynia-Karlskrona project have been going on for more than three years now, but some of you have followed us during the whole 15 year long journey and we would like to thank you all for your patience and a special thank you to all of you who took the time to attend and glorify our Final Conference !

As you know by now.....please always look at: www.balticlinkmos.com



**Last, but not least, we wish you all a nice winter and a very
Merry Christmas!**



Until next time
Your project secretariat.....

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