Why Rail Baltica is important to Finland?

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Finland as a Nexus

- Arctic Ocean track and the Arctic telecommunications with Asia
- TEN-T Core Network development
- TEN-T Core Network extension around the Bay of Bothnia
- Tallinn tunnel, Rail Baltica, connections to Central Europe
- High-speed connectivity in growth centres
- Stockholm–Helsinki–St Petersburg / Connections to Russia and Asia
Nordic Point of View
The Arctic railway connection from Kirkenes to Brussels

- The Arctic railway is an European project that would create a closer link between the High North and continental Europe
- A Norwegian-Finnish Task Force to examine further steps 12/2018
The Helsinki-Tallinn Fixed Link

- FinEst Link feasibility study 2/2018
- Task force to examine the Tallinn tunnel project 5/2018
Development of the TEN-T network

- Trans-European Transport Network is the foundation for the EU's free movement and single market

- Finland has submitted a request for an extension of the North Sea – Baltic Core Network Corridor to the threshold of the Arctic (from Helsinki to Tornio)

- At present the core network in Finland does not meet the quality requirements for 2030

- The network's status will be reviewed in 2023 in a progress report and in 2025 a provision will be entered on further measures
Why Rail Baltica is Important to Finland?

• New connection for Finnish passengers and freight transport to and from Central Europe destinations and markets

• A vital part of the North Sea - Baltic TEN-T Core Network Corridor

• Rail Baltica is a prerequisite for North Sea Baltic CNC, Helsinki-Tallinn Tunnel and the Arctic railway connection

• Big planning and construction project located close to Finland

• One of the biggest EU/CEF funded infrastructure projects on going

• Will be an integrated part of the European rail network for competitive freight
Thank you!