

# 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





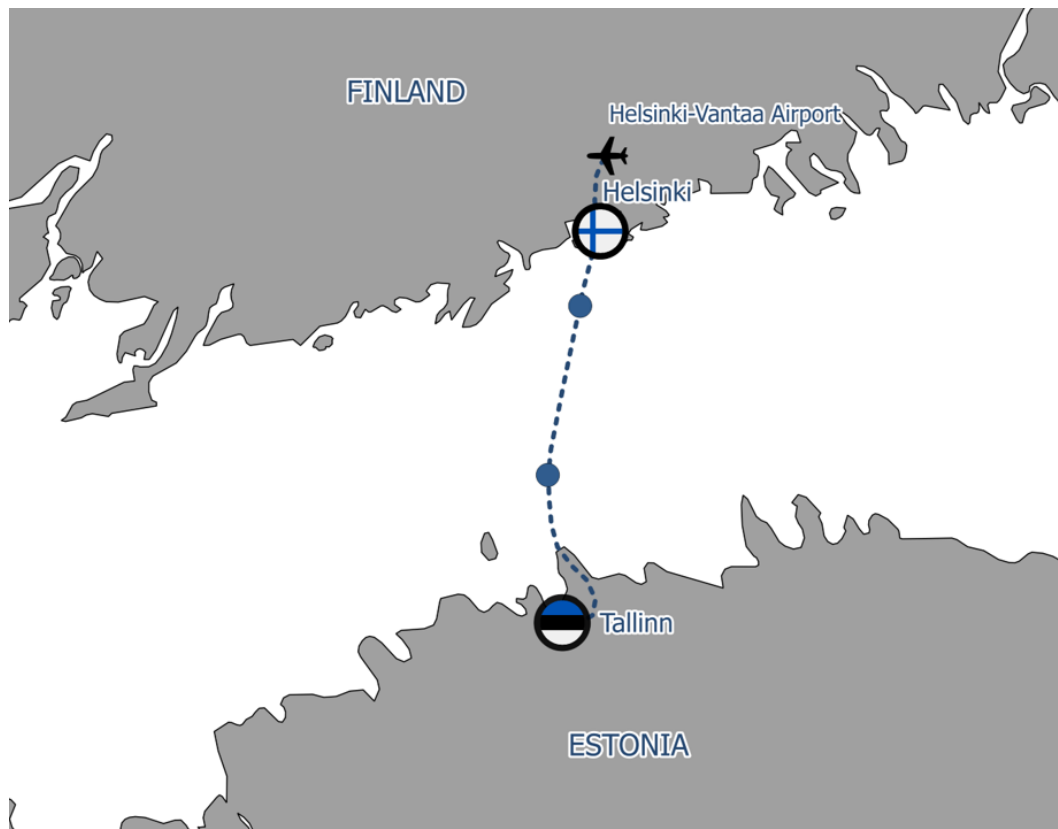
# The Arctic railway connection from Kirkenes to Brussels

- 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!



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