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## Uppgradering av transportkorridoren Baltic Link till Europaväg

Med stöd av bifogade dokument hemställer Baltic Link Association, ideellt nätverk av näringsliv, regioner och kommuner, att Regeringen vill verka för uppgradering av väg 27 (Göteborg -Karlskrona) också innefattande färjelinjen till Gdynia och väg 6 (Gdynia-Gdansk) till Europaväg. Hemställan skall ses i skenet av nyligen av EU godkänd Motorways of the Sea ansökan Karlskrona-Gdynia.

Ansökan om ändring av nationell väg till Europaväg skall göras av regeringarna i respektive land till FN (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) i Genève.

Baltic Link i sin helhet består av transportkorridoren Göteborg-Karlskrona-Gdynia/Gdansk-Lodz som är en del av TEN-T prioriterade transportstråket för väg och järnväg nr 23 och 25 i Polen.

Ordförandena för Baltic Link Association och dess motsvarighet i Polen, Amber Road Cities Association, undertecknade den 23 juni 2010 gemensam skrivelse i ärendet till respektive regeringar.

Baltic Link Association översänder skrivelse från de två organisationerna för vidare handläggning inom Näringsdepartementet.

### För Nätverket Baltic Link Association

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Ordförande

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Bilaga. Hemställan om uppgradering av Baltic Link korridoren i Sverige och Polen till Europaväg



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## Upgrading of the transport corridor Baltic-Link to E-road

### Request

With support from the attached documents we ask the governments of Poland and Sweden will work for the upgrade of Highway 27 (Gothenburg - Karlskrona), the ferry link Karlskrona-Gdynia and the road linking the ferry terminal in Gdynia with the national road 6 (Gdynia—Gdańsk) to an European route, which is part of the transport corridor Baltic-Link. Application should be made by the respective governments to the UN, "United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, UNECE in Geneva.

Baltic-Link street in its entirety consists of the transportation corridor, Gothenburg - Karlskrona - Gdynia/Gdańsk, Łódź, where the Polish part of the road is part of the Trans-European Network priority by the so-called A1 motorway (E 75), together with the rail axis Gdansk-Vienna, i.e. priority projects No. 23 and 25 in the TEN-T. On the Polish side the link between ferry terminal and the national road 6 Gdynia and Gdansk is missing, why this also should be included in the new European route together with ferry link Karlskrona - Gdynia.

### Background

The network of Baltic-Link Association has for several years by the EU projects SEBTrans and SEBTrans-Link worked and pursued issues relating to freight flows, terminal structures and transports in the Baltic region. On December 8, 2009, granted on the "Motorways of the Sea" application - Baltic-Link Motorways of the Sea, Karlskrona-Gdynia - as the Baltic-Link Association with support of the Swedish and Polish governments submitted to the commission.

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The network consists of municipalities, regions, ports and businesses along the Baltic-Link corridor and today the network has 23 members, see attached brochure.

The network of Amber Road Cities Association is composed by 10 cities located along the E-75 road. ARCA is involved in several political initiatives (including involvement into preparation of EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region) and EU projects: "A-B Landbridge" and "South-North Axis" - within the Central Europe Programme 2007-2013 - with common vision of Trans-European Motorway (TEM) connecting North-Central and South -South-East Europe. See attached brochures.

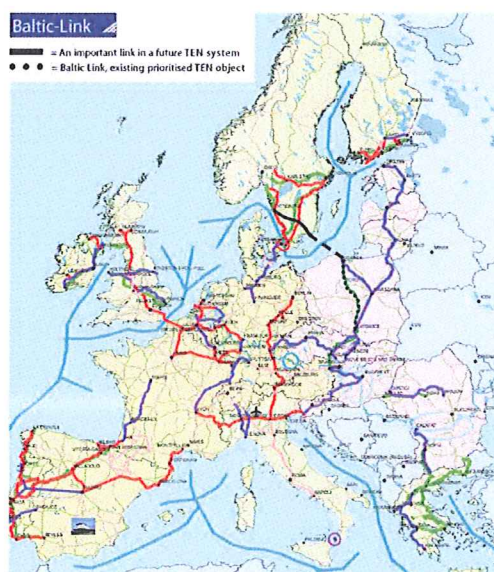
According to what we experienced in our contacts, it is possible to obtain three-digit European route status (e.g. E127) on the roads connecting access roads, two or more major transportation routes and European routes to each other.



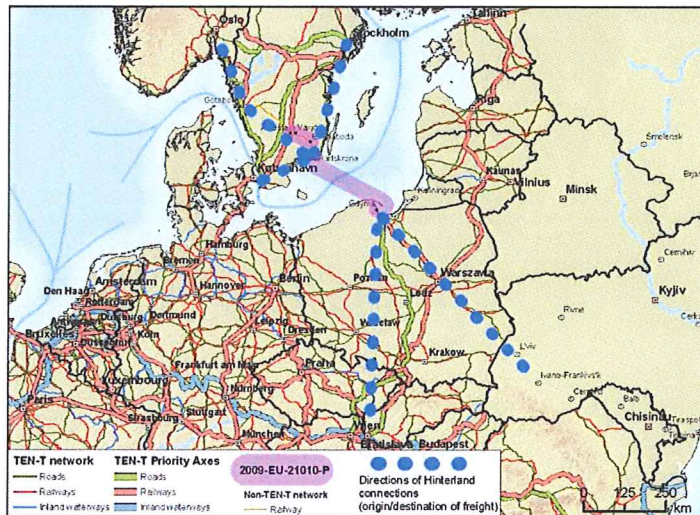
Regarding the transportation route Baltic-Link, Highway 27, is an unequivocal fact that the road connecting the E6, E20, E45, E4 and E22 with each other in Sweden. In addition, the route Baltic-Link, connecting those Swedish European routes with the European routes E28, E75 and E77 in Poland.

*"Connecting Roads (Class-B roads) are European routes between two European roads, reference roads or intermediate roads. They are usually relatively short (50-500 km), some are a bit longer. These roads are numbered with three digit numbers where the first number is the same as the nearest reference road to the north of the current road and the second number is the same as the nearest reference road west of the current road."*

The transport corridor is also of importance to the establishment of connections between the TEN-T roads in the Baltic region.



The ferry link Gdynia - Karlskrona is also a part of the “Motorways of the Sea” concept adopted by the European Union. The aim of this concept is to introduce new intermodal maritime-based logistics chains in Europe.



The work undertaken has attracted international interest and recognition from many sources and political groupings, among others has the Steering Committee of Corridor VI within the Pan European Corridor system expressed their interest and support for the work that has been done within the network. The substantial support is given by Euroregion Baltic.

All stakeholders including all members of the Network Baltic-Link Association and the Amber Road Cities Association is now united on the need to upgrade and visualise the transport corridor Baltic-Link to a European road.

For the Network Baltic-Link  
Association

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Chairman of Baltic-Link Association  
Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Karlskrona

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**Mr Cezary Grabarczyk**  
**Minister of Infrastructure**

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**Dear Minister,**

I hereby submit the common proposal of **Amber Road Cities Association** and **Baltic Link Association** in Karlskrona, to grant E European road status – with its justification to the transport corridor Goeteborg – Karlskrona – Gdynia (identified in Sweden as so-called “Baltic Link”).

The proposal was accepted and signed during the conference “Baltic-Adriatic Transport Corridor” organized in Gdynia on 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the presence of 7 voivodeship self-governments, unions of cities, economic institutions and universities.

I enclose 2 copies of the proposal with schedules in English in order to initiate further proceedings with its Polish translation.

Respectfully

**Wojciech Szczurek – Chairman of ARCA**

**Mayor of Gdynia**

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for your attention

**Mr Tommy Olsson – Chairman of “Baltic Link Association” – Karlskrona, Sweden**

