



Resolution of Euroregion Baltic supporting the establishment of the Motorways of the Sea in the Baltic Sea Region

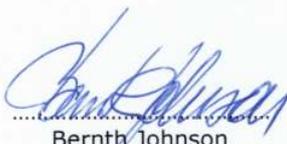
In accordance with the Joint Statement of Euroregion Baltic (ERB), regarding upgrading of the TEN transport corridors in Europe, adopted by the Council on 30th March 2006, the Council monitors the activities taken within the concept of the Pan-European Transport Corridor across the Euroregion Baltic – as the fast development zone.

On 8th January 2007, two projects were submitted to the governments of Sweden, Poland and Lithuania within the area of Euroregion Baltic, i.e. "Baltic - Link Motorways of the Sea Karlskrona – Gdynia" and "Motorways of the Sea Klaipeda - Karlshamn". These two projects represent necessary prerequisites for economic growth in the South East Baltic Sea Area. The future development of these sea links are of vital importance for the cohesion, integration and progress in the Euroregion Baltic.

These recent initiatives towards the establishment of "The Motorways of the Sea" in the Baltic Sea Region should be seen as a framework for the "short sea shipping" linking the seaports inside the Euroregion Baltic. We consider these links to be crucial components in the improvement of integration and welfare in the Baltic Sea Region, recommended both in the Transport and Maritime European Policies.

We appreciate the Swedish partnership of the Baltic Link Association and the Polish partnership of the Amber Road Cities Association, along with a large number of other stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region and partners of the "Motorways of the Sea Karlskrona – Gdynia" project. We also appreciate the successful partnership between Sweden and Lithuania that has developed into the project of "Motorways of the Sea Klaipeda - Karlshamn". We recognise the importance of the two initiatives for the regions and countries of the whole Euroregion Baltic.

We hereby state that these two projects are given the full support of Euroregion Baltic, and express our belief they should be approved and successfully implemented.



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