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The Finnish-Swedish Bothnian Arc Association, the City of Oulu, and the Council of Oulu Region together with a broad set of stakeholders, are organising the Finnish-Swedish European North Transport Forum (ENTF) in Oulu on 21-22 September 2023.

The European North Transport Forum will conclude an interactive Finnish-Swedish co-operation process in the Bothnian Arc in 2022-2023. As a result, a joint vision and goals for the Bothnian Arc transport system has been completed and will be presented at the forum. To ensure a continuous dialogue also in the future, we aim to launch a Finnish-Swedish cross-border transport forum within the Bothnian Arc region. We are stronger when we work together.

The European North Transport Forum will gather decision-makers, transport system experts, regional stakeholders, and representatives from the business sector from EU, Finland, and Sweden. In the forum's programme, we shall discuss the position of the Bothnian Arc in the European TEN-T network; the role of a functioning and sufficient infrastructure and transport as a driver for sustainable growth, business development and attractiveness; and the challenges and prospects of developing a cross-border transport system.

For more information and registration:

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PROGRAMME

Thursday 21 September at TULLISALI, Tyrnäväntie 16

- 11.30 Registration and lunch**
- 13.00 Opening words**
Seppo Määttä, *Mayor of City of Oulu*
Daniel Smirat, *Chair of the Bothnian Arc Association, Chair of the Luleå Municipal Assembly*
- 13.10 Presentation of the joint vision and co-operation for Bothnian Arc Corridor 2040**
Sampo Kangastalo, *Head of Development Services, City of Tornio*
- 13.30 TEN-T core networks meeting at the border**
Catherine Trautmann, *European Coordinator for the TEN-T North Sea-Baltic Corridor*
- 14.00 Bothnian Arc transport corridor in the northernmost part of Europe and the Barents region**
Maria Stockhaus, *Member of the Swedish Parliament, Member of the Committee on Transport and Communications, Member of the Swedish Delegation in the Nordic Council of Ministers*
- 14.30 Questions and discussion**
- 14:45 Coffee break and networking**
- 15.30 Borderless traffic and infrastructure**
Inna Berg, *Transport System Expert, Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency*
Nils Ahlm, *Strategic Planner, Trafikverket, Region Nord*
- 16.15 Borderless transport vision seen from the rails**
Joakim Berg, *Managing Director, Norrtåg AB*
Juho Hannukainen, *Director of New Traffic, VR Group Ltd*
- 17.00 Closing words**
Mirja Vehkaperä, *Chair of the Oulu City Board, Member of the Committee of Regions*

Radisson Blu, Restaurant Toivo, Hallituskatu 1

- 18.30 Cocktails and networking**

Friday 22 September at TULLISALI, Tyrnäväntie 16

- 8.30 Opening words of the day**
Jukka Kujala, *Mayor of Tornio*
Nina Waara, *Mayor of Haparanda*
- 8.45 Bothnian Arc transport corridor in the northernmost part of Europe and the Barents region**
Minna Kivimäki, *Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Communications*
- 9.00 Well-functioning transport connections and infrastructure, an enabler of industries**
Tiina Haapasalo, *Chief Policy Adviser, Confederation of Finnish Industries*
Linda Nilsson, *CEO, Norrbotten Chamber of Commerce*
- 9.30 Insights into infrastructure and transport from a business perspective**
Marjut Linnajärvi, *VP Sales and Operations, Nurminen Logistics*
Peter Flymalm, *H2 Green Steel: Infrastructure and logistics for the first new steel mill in Europe in 50 years*
Göran Carlsson, *Member of the Board, Port of Luleå*
- 10.00 Coffee break and networking**
- 10.30 Importance of co-operation in transport and infrastructure in the regions, panel discussion, hosted by Liisa Ansala, CEO Lapland Chamber of Commerce**
Jussi Rämet, *Regional Mayor, Regional Council of Oulu*
Glenn Berggård, *Vice Chair, Regional Council of Region Norrbotten*
Jussi Huotari, *Transport System Expert, Centre for Economic Development, Transport, and the Environment*
Henric Fuchs, *Executive Manager, Bothnian Corridor*
- 11.15 A review to infrastructure issues from the security point of view**
Brigadier General Juha-Matti Ylitalo, *The Finnish Defence Forces Logistics Command*
Brigadier General Claes Isoz, *The Swedish Defence Forces Logistic Command*
- 11.45 Launching for a new cross-border transport forum**
Paula Qvick, *Director, Planning Unit of Regional Council of Lapland*
Mats Aspemo, *Head of Authority, RKM Norrbotten*
- 12.00 Closing words**
Ari Heikkinen, *Vice Chair of the Bothnian Arc Association*
- 12.15 Lunch**