

City of Loviisa and the REFEC project

The REFEC project aims at reinforcing the establishment of an Eastern Finland–Eastern Estonia transport corridor. One solution to make the corridor cargo flow more efficient could be to establish a transport connection between the ports of Loviisa in Finland and Kunda in Estonia.

The project includes concrete measures to support the Loviisa–Kunda transport connection:

- port operative and investment plans
- a roadmap for compliance with the regulatory requirements and needed licences
- best practises adopted from similar connections in the Baltic Sea Region
- ferry scheduling and route option plans
- integrating potential shipping companies to contribute to the business model(s).

The cargo potential of the corridor is analysed and the impact of the developed corridor is verified (cargo volume using the corridor and Loviisa–Kunda connection, reduced travel time and socio-economic impacts). The benefits are faster and more fluent transportation and direct connections between the eastern parts of Finland and Estonia as well as relieving the pressure of growing heavy traffic (traffic jams, emissions, noise and dust) in the city centres of Tallinn and Helsinki. The decreased mileage in transports means also less CO₂ emissions.

PROJECT FACTS

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