

LOVIISA CITY and REFEC – project

THE REFEC PROJECT AIMS at reinforcing the establishment of Eastern Finland - Eastern Estonia transport corridor. One solution to make the corridor cargo flow more efficient could be establishing a transport connection between ports of Loviisa (FI) and Kunda (EE).

THE PROJECT INCLUDES concrete measures to support Loviisa-Kunda transport connection: port operative and investment plans | roadmap to comply with the regulatory requirements and needed licences | best practise transferred 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). **BENEFITS:** faster, more fluent transportation and direct connections between eastern parts of Finland and Estonia, relieving the pressure of growing heavy traffic (traffic jams, emissions, noise, 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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OTHER PARTNERS:

University of Turku, Finland Centre for Maritime Studies, Brahea Centre at the University of Turku

Port of Kunda, Estonia

Posintra Ltd, Finland

ASSOCIATED PARTNERS:

Port of Loviisa Ltd, Finland

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