

Environmental Aspects of Baltic Sea Motorways

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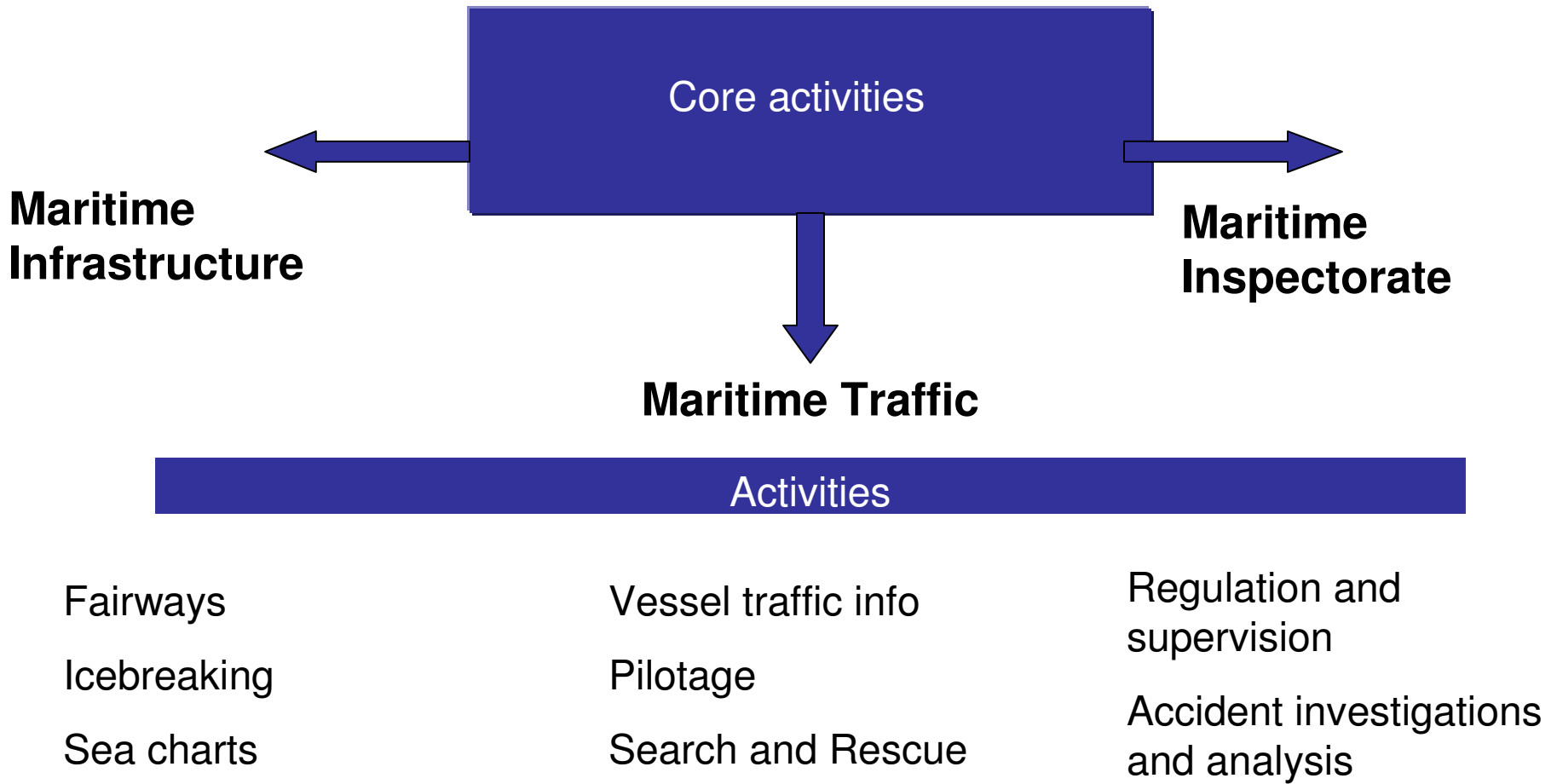
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Greening Motorways of the Sea

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Government commissions

- Safe and accessible fairways
- Safe ships
- Search and rescue coordination
- Maritime sector responsibility
- Fee financing



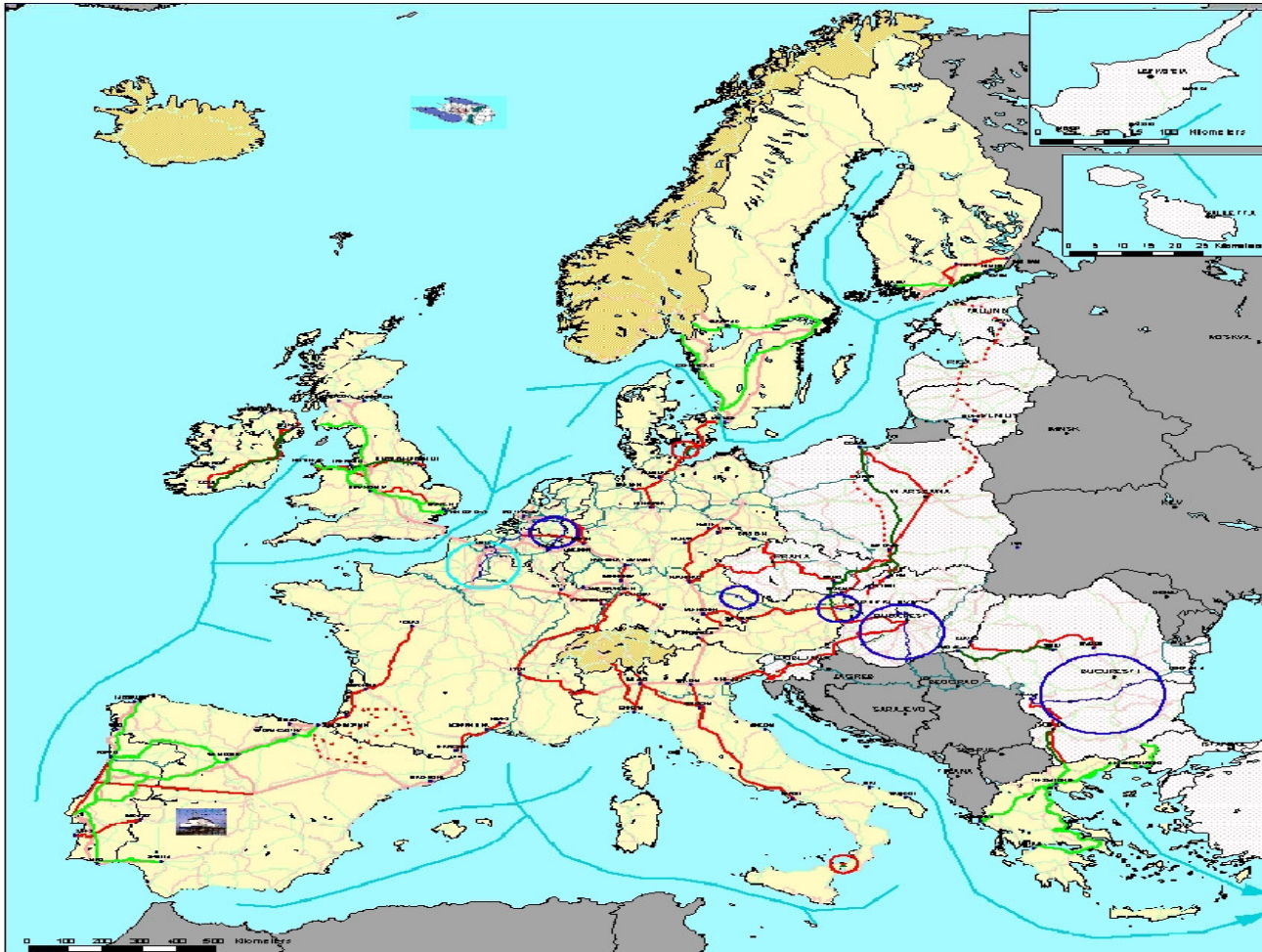
Driving forces of the Motorways of the Sea

- The EU vision of the single market
- The enlargements of the EU / increased intra-EU trade
- White papers on a common transport policy in the EU (1992 and 2001)
- Focus on intermodality and short sea shipping

Instruments for promotion of maritime transport in the European Transport System

- Programme for strengthening of the role of sea transport in the European transport system
- Marco Polo
- Development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T)
 - Increased EU-funding for priority cross-border projects (up to 20%)
 - New guidelines for TEN-T was decided in April 2004 incl. the Motorways of the Sea concept

TEN-T priority projects



Source: Van Miert report, 2003

What is the Motorways of the Sea concept?

- One of thirty priority projects in TEN-T
- Aims at increased cohesion, access to peripheral and island regions, reduction of road transport
- Concentration of goods flows
- Transnational projects of European interest:
 - Projects with a wider benefit (icebreaking, information systems etc.)
 - Port-to-Port projects
- Four Motorways of the Sea regions

What kind of infrastructure is eligible for support?

- Infrastructure for direct land access and sea access to ports
- Port infrastructure
- IT-based systems for logistics and traffic management
- Facilities for icebreaking and dredging

Requirements for Motorways of the Sea projects

- Common European Interest
- Participation by a minimum of two EU member states
- Ports should be TEN-T Sea Ports Category A
- Public-Private-Partnership
- The aid should not lead to distortions of competition

Baltic Sea Winter Motorways

The objective is to safeguard a well functioning maritime transport system in the Baltic Sea all year around by increased strategic and operational icebreaking cooperation

To find win-win situations are necessary in order to achieve a fruitful cooperation between the Baltic Sea countries within the icebreaking area

There is a win-win situation in the Swedish-Finnish icebreaking cooperation

A joint Baltic Sea
icebreaking service

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Conclusion

- The Motorways of the Sea concept is still under elaboration
- The concept is a platform for further cooperation in areas of wider benefit
- The port-to-port projects are still to be identified and developed
- The Motorways of the Sea concept supports the cooperation on maritime policies and infrastructure planning in the Baltic Sea region