

We feel that we have support for our wish to include the Boden-Kemi Project among the priority projects, and feel that the transport axes now under discussion provide satisfactory coverage for northern Sweden, with its large volumes of goods transports, in the text produced by the High-Level Group. In the report, section 6.5 Develop links with neighbouring countries, we perceive a absence of concrete plans as to how transport links with Norway and North-West Russia are to be developed. These areas are producers of energy and raw materials that are needed throughout the EU. Much is indeed written in Guidelines about providing good conditions for the entire Union and about linking peripheral areas with the centre. It is important to the internal market that the entire Union has its main goods routes in the transport axes.

We support the proposal from Sweden and Finland to include the Boden-Kemi Project among the priority projects, and wish to underline the importance of ensuring that the transport axes cover northern Sweden's intermodal goods transport routes. Well-developed infrastructure in the north can also help alleviate congestion in continental Europe.

Respectfully



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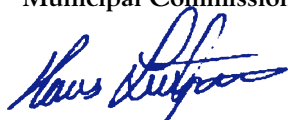
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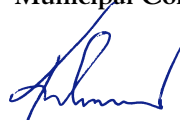
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