

CEF Success Story, Gothenburg. An evolving city of the future

With its 533,300 residents – 23% of which born outside of Sweden – Gothenburg is Sweden's second-largest city. The so-called Götaland Line connects it to the capital Stockholm, creating a single area of 8-million inhabitants. The presence of the largest port in Sweden and the strong international atmosphere make Gothenburg an evolving city that is open to the world.

TEN-T as an important enabler

The TEN-T, funded under the **Connecting Europe Facility**, was an important enabler of the process of modernization of transport infrastructure in West Sweden. Gothenburg has a long track record of **TEN-T funded** projects. Focus has been investments contributing to the Gothenburg Urban Node and for improving the maritime links at the port of Gothenburg. TEN-T funding contributed to the creation of a network for enhancing education in the maritime sector (TrainMos), the promotion of green logistics (SWIFTLY Green), and the decarbonization of the transport sector (GREAT, Go4Synergy in Liquefied Natural Gas). Other examples of TEN-T funded projects include the construction of the Marieholm Tunnel and the development of the Sustainable Motorways of the Sea (MoS) connecting Immingham (UK) and Ghent (Belgium) to Gothenburg.

Suggestions for the future CEF

Financing innovative solutions is the main way to achieve significant levels of decarbonization of the transport systems. For this reason, the continuity of investments is key. This holds true particularly in the case of infrastructure: the further development of the Urban Nodes of the TEN-T Network should be a priority. Furthermore, the Motorways of the Sea should be focused on the core ports so that MoS infrastructure investments are well integrated across modes and with port city needs. Synergies should be created with the European Regional Development Fund and the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme. Finally, local and regional actors should be actively involved both in projects and in the policy definition of the future Connecting Europe Facility.