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Outline

- What actions did the ICN undertake?
- What can be learned from the engagement of stakeholders?
- What can be learned about regional development?
- What can be learned about policy making on climate change?

ICN Actions

- ICN used its international and local networks to reach a wide audience of local governments, regions, national authorities, NGO's, transnational organisations and experts within BSR.
- As well as raising awareness and building capacity in this way, the idea of green mobility has “spilled over” from the TENTacle project to become a central theme of the ICN.

Lessons from Stakeholders

“It is very important for a small rural municipality like Valga to be part of such a big international project. It gives hope that life in border areas is not dying out if planning the transportation in the area is well thought out.”

VALGA MUNICIPALITY

Lessons from Stakeholders

“Our primary goal was to lift “the missing link”, meaning the railway between Örebro and Oslo, to the priority level of TEN-T. The result is that the ministers for infrastructure in Norway and Sweden has put that demand to the EU department responsible for the next revision a TEN-T in 2021.”

URBAN HERMANSSON, TRANSNORDEN.

Lessons from Stakeholders - VIDZEME

- Capacity building through participation in the project partner meetings, conferences and seminars.
- Networking with other partners.
- Opportunity to develop the Mobility Investment Plan.
- The project also stimulated cooperation with the Ministry of Transport of Latvia.
- Awareness raising

Regional Development

- In the short term regional development in Vidzeme, Valga and on the Swedish side of the Central Borderland is not going to benefit from the CNCs. Indeed these areas are likely to lose competitiveness, in relative terms, as the CNC hubs benefit from improved interconnectivity.

Policy on Climate Change

- In Valga there was receptiveness to ideas for greener transport, supported by some local action.
- In Vidzeme, the sparse population means the car remains dominant and public transport is poor.
- In the Borderland the case for high speed rail divided opinions but excited young people.

Overall

- A successful project.
- Well done everyone.

