

Report on transport at BSSSC Board meeting 22 September 2026, Jon Halvard Eide, Agder Region in NO

One Journey, One Ticket initiative is part of the Passenger Package that the European Commission presented in May. The proposal aims to make cross-border rail travel easier by enabling passengers to book journeys involving multiple rail operators through a single ticket, while benefiting from full passenger rights throughout the journey. This is an important initiative, which also the BSSSC board has called for previously. It has a big potential for improving cross-border mobility, but it remains to be seen how it would function in practice

https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/one-journey-one-ticket-full-rights-commission-simplifies-europe-wide-travel-booking-and-train-travel-2026-05-13_en

The Scandria Alliance <https://scandria-alliance.eu/>, which is an arena for transport cooperation between regions and cities from FI, SE, DE and NO – also including BSSSC regions, organised a **conference with the title “Cross-border Connections in Northern Europe” in Oslo on 18 May**. The conference brought together more than 100 decision makers and experts from politics, regional authorities, and European institutions to discuss the future of cross-border infrastructure in the northern part of the Scandinavian-Mediterranean TEN-T Corridor. The event was hosted by the Eastern Norway County Network.

Conference participants urged the adoption of bold long-term visions, decisive political action, and innovative financing to deliver major infrastructure projects. They also called for a stronger regional voice in national and European decision-making. The conference speakers furthermore highlighted the increased importance of cross-border transport resulting from the current geopolitical situation, and they agreed that strengthening military mobility will provide synergies to regional development and help to decarbonise transport.

A clear message from the Oslo conference is that close collaboration among cities, regions, industry, research and European stakeholders is essential to build resilient transport networks that safeguard Europe's connectivity and future growth.

<https://scandria-alliance.eu/2026/05/26/oslo-transport-conference-highlights-key-role-of-cross-border-connections-for-resilience-and-growth/>

The **CPMR Transport Working Group** is organising an online meeting today **22 September**.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss key developments shaping EU transport policy, including the **Connecting Europe Facility**, the **EU Port Strategy**, the **European Maritime Space**, the **EU Emissions Trading System** and exchange views with European and regional stakeholders on issues of strategic importance for CPMR Member Regions.

CPMR BSC Transport Working Group is organising a Seminar: What's Next for EU Transport? CEF 2028–2034 and One Journey, One Ticket, Brussels 28 September

The seminar will explore the implications of the “One Journey, One Ticket initiative which is mentioned in the beginning of the report, for regional connectivity, sustainable mobility and passenger rights in the Baltic Sea Region. Among the

speakers is a MEP from Sweden who will share insights into the on-going discussions in the European Parliament, as well as a staff member from the EC DG Move. The event will also provide an opportunity to exchange views on how the initiative can contribute to a more integrated European transport system.

The seminar will also include discussions on the upcoming negotiations concerning the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) 2028–2034 and the key challenges and opportunities that stakeholders are likely to face in shaping the future of European transport connectivity.

The Connecting Europe Days 2026, Europe's mobility flagship event, is taking place from 28 September to 1 October in Brussels,

This event will bring together politicians, financial institutions, industry representatives, transport stakeholders and the European Commission to discuss concrete measures and exchange good practices on creating a competitive, resilient, safe and sustainable transport sector in Europe – as well as infrastructure funding and financing through the CEF and European Investment Bank.

In an increasingly unstable geopolitical environment, conference sessions will examine how transport and connectivity policies contribute to competitiveness, strategic autonomy and resilience of essential supply chains, enable military mobility, and strengthen Europe's ability to act with partners beyond its borders.

Participants will see state-of-the art innovations first-hand at an exhibition of EU-funded projects.

https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/main-events/connecting-europe-days-2026_en

The Scandria Alliance is organising side-events in conjunction with the CED.

A delegation from the CPMR, including the North Sea Commission President, will meet Ms Gesine Meissner, European Coordinator for the European Maritime Space (EMS), and DG Move staff on the occasion of the Connecting Europe Days 30 September to exchange views on the implementation of the EMS Work Plan and on the European Commission's agenda for maritime transport policy. The EMS initiative is expected to shape the future coordination of maritime transport infrastructure, connectivity and decarbonisation policies across Europe's sea basins, with direct implications for peripheral, insular, remote and outermost maritime regions.

The EU Drone Summit in Brussels 9 – 10 November will bring together high-level representatives from the EU institutions, Member States and industry to take stock of progress under the EU Drone Strategy 2.0 and help shape the next steps towards a competitive, innovative and secure European drone market.

The Summit will open with technical sessions and industry-focused workshops examining the practical, regulatory and operational challenges that must be addressed to enable drone operations to scale safely across Europe. The second day, will focus on high-level policy and strategic discussions on the future direction of the EU's drone policy, industrial competitiveness, security and technological

capabilities. It will consider how Europe can move from a strong regulatory and policy framework towards faster implementation, market development and deployment.

https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/eu-drone-summit-2026-save-date-2026-11-09_en