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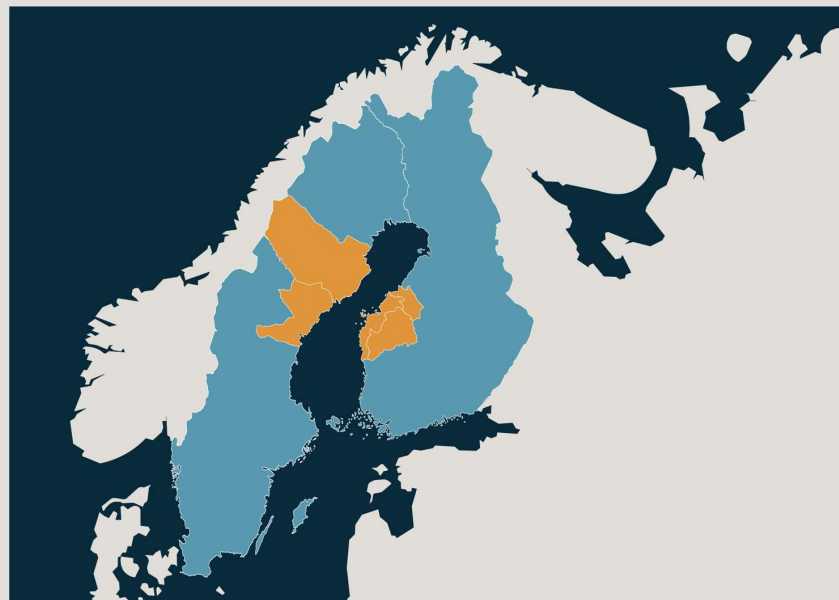
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## Mapping the Kvarken region on TEN-T network



Umeå (SE) is an urban node on Scandinavian-Mediterranean core network corridor (pink). Vaasa (FI) locates in the catchment area of North Sea – Baltic core network corridor (red). (Map by TENtec)

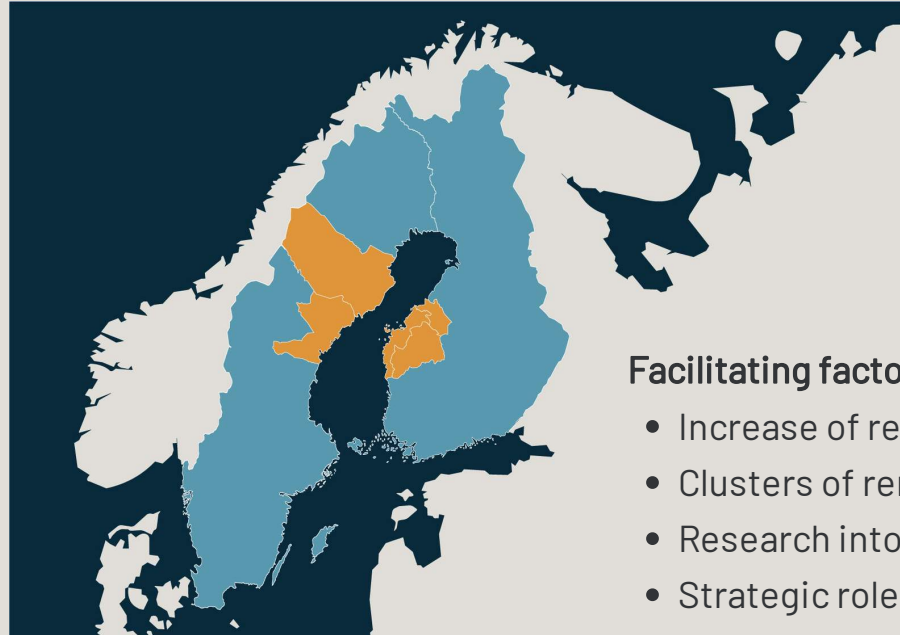


The distance between Umeå (SE) and Vaasa (FI) is 80km and only 25km between the nearest islands. The entire Kvarken region extends over a distance of 550km over Sweden and Finland. (Map kvarken.org)

# Towards a new geography of east-west connections

## Compelling factors:

- Changed patterns of consumption, work and travel
- Imbalance of global political situation
- Disturbance in supply chains
- Scarcity of components and goods
- Price and availability of electricity
- Battle against climate change



## Facilitating factors:

- Increase of renewable energy in transport
- Clusters of renewable energy production
- Research into greening transport and energy
- Strategic role of cross-border urban nodes
- Finding strength in alliances