

Vision

- ## The Northern Maritime Corridor
- a means of efficient, safe and sustainable transportation,
 - connecting coastal areas and
 - enhancing regional development in the North Sea Region and the Northern Periphery area.



The Participants

- 20 coastal regions in 8 countries around the North Sea and Northern Periphery
- In addition work is being done to include 3 Russian regions as associated partners
- Supported by 2 INTERREG III B programmes: North Sea and Northern periphery.
- Lead partners: Rogaland County Council, and Executive Committee of Northern Norway ("Landsdelsutvalget")



Challenges in the NMC

- Transfer of goods from road to sea:
 - Intermodality
 - Direction balance
 - Concentration of goods, hubs
 - Regular/daily/speedy services
- Decision making backlog, “the hen and the egg”
- Risks of ship wreckages and accidents in vulnerable areas
- Cooperation and competition at the same time

The Core of the NMC Project

To provide an **arena** for

- key actors that can
- take and/or influence the variety of decisions to be taken
- in order to implement competitive intermodal maritime transport
- in a door-to-door perspective



Objectives of the NMC

To transfer goods from truck to ship by:

- Promoting intermodal systems
- Improving the direction balance
- Establishing regular/daily/speedy services that meet the need of the industries
- Concentrating goods to relevant hubs



Opportunities for Maritime Regions in the Northern Waters

- The NMC is an arena for the industries, ports, transporters and ship owners to develop consistent decisions
- NMC connects the resources of the North to the consumers of the South
- The exploitation of oil and gas resources in Northern Norway and especially the vast resources in North West Russia, represents major commercial possibilities



Economy

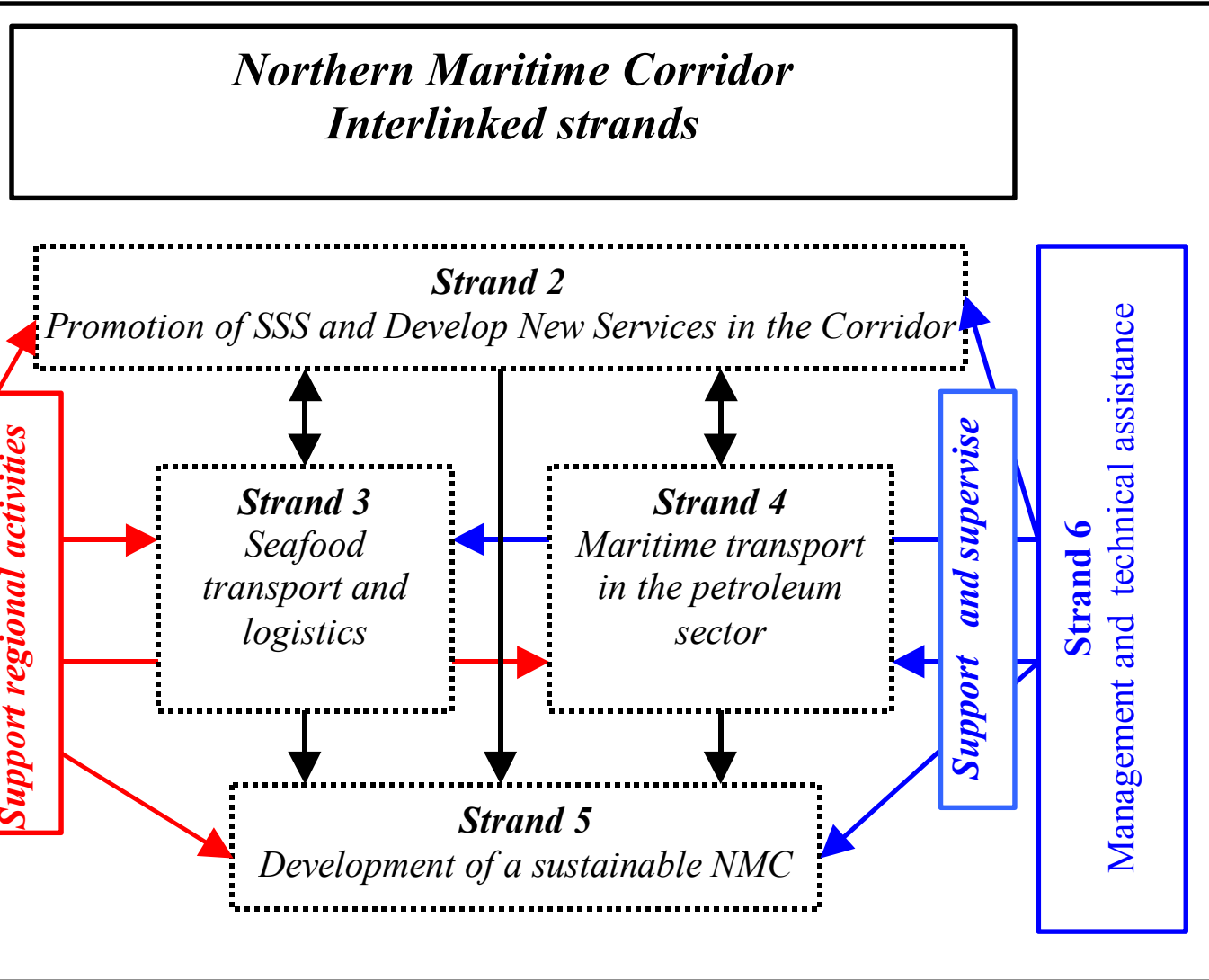
- Total budget 4,8 mill Euros, 50% from the regions and 50% from INTERREG III B programmes
- Project period: June 2002 – Dec 2005



Activities in 6 Strands:

1. Regional maritime clusters (one in each region)
2. Promotion of SSS (short sea shipping) and develop new services in the corridor
3. Seafood transport and logistics
4. Maritime transport in the petroleum sector
5. Development of a sustainable maritime corridor
6. Management and technical assistance

Relations between Strands



Core Activities

- Review the present situation, utilising existing knowledge
- Conduct SWOT analysis
- Assess potentials, and develop scenarios and transport concepts
- Assess impacts
- Facilitate networking and negotiations of new services etc.
- Develop action plans



Defined Expected Results

- Each region: Developed and agreed on a regional action plan for promoting short sea shipping
- Business negotiations and agreements on new services and routes
- Increased awareness on the possibility of intermodal maritime transport in the corridor among "truck" and land based goods owners
- Policy recommendation from NMC regarding harmonising risk management

Tangible Results

- NB: Achieve more than new studies and talking!
- Key actors in the regional clusters agree on strategies for SSS (intermodality, local port structure, new routes, types of vessels etc.)
- Network established between key actors in the regional clusters in the different countries
- Network established between key actors in the NMC area (industries, transporters, ship owners, ports)
- NMC web-portal facilitating contact and communication between actors
- Increased awareness about intermodal maritime transport



Tangible Results (cont.)

Agreed action plans for promoting and implementing competitive maritime transport:

- Routes (with relevant frequency, good direction balance etc.)
- Set of hubs for optimal concentration of goods
- Intermodal door-to-door solutions
- Particular action plans for seafood transport
- Particular action plans for petroleum sector transport

Decision by transporter(s) to open new routes, in cooperation with goods owners and ports

Strategy document for risk management in the NMC area, basis for national level regulations



Longer Term Impacts

- Increased market share for sea transport
- Reduced emission of CO2 etc.
- Risk management system implemented for the NMC area
- Industrial cooperation and development within and between the North Sea Region and Northern Periphery Area

