

# Action plan for Road Freight Transport Plan for period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2028

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## Terms of reference

A working group will be established to exchange experience of more efficient, climate-smart, safe and economically sustainable road freight transport. The working group should address the following matters:

- a) Energy-efficient haulage on roads
  - Alternative energies and vehicle powertrains, biofuels and electrification
  - How to reduce the negative impacts of freight transport, such as emissions, road construction, noise and congestion, in relative comparison
- b) Combined transport, road infrastructure to node hubs
  - Interaction of infrastructure with other modes of transport such as rail, sea and air transport (e.g. rest areas, transshipment points, carrying capacity, terminals)
- c) Benefits of automation and digitalization
  - Better knowledge of haulage, e.g., through better data and information technology, to optimize the use of road infrastructure.
  - Vehicle technology that can make trucks more energy efficient
- d) How to promote safety on roads, vehicles and drivers
  - Heavy traffic & long vehicles and road design - challenges

## 2025 deadlines:

**Focus areas and Planned Actions: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**Reporting and follow-up on the action plan: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

Focus Areas	Planned Actions	Short Report on the Completed Plans
1. Energy-efficient haulage on roads  a. Alternative energies and vehicle powertrains, biofuels and electrification, including how national support funds are used.  b. How to reduce the negative impacts of freight transport, such as emissions, road construction, noise and	1. Jan: WG meeting 2: Discuss the concrete four topics: Form minor working groups and select coordinators for the groups.  2. May: WG meeting 3: Status meeting teams, all topics  3. Oct: WG meeting 4: Physical seminar in	

<p>congestion, in relative comparison</p> <p>c. HCT (High Capacity Transports)</p> <p>d. The Weights and Dimensions directive</p> <p>SDG´s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target 9: “Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation”</li> <li>• Target 12: “Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns”</li> </ul>	<p>Gothenburg with focus on Energy-efficient haulage on roads:</p> <p>An overview is made of which fuel is promoted in the various countries for heavy vehicles. What is the policy of the different countries in this area and especially why does the country have this policy, what is the forward-looking policy? This is also to help the branch to decide on which vehicle to invest in.</p> <p>How emissions reporting and emission is related to directives, like CountEmissionsEU-initiative</p> <p>4. Dec: WG meeting 5: Status meeting teams, all topics</p>	
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<p align="center"><b>2026 deadlines:</b>  <b>Focus areas and Planned Actions: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025</b>  <b>Reporting and follow-up on the action plan: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026</b></p>		
Focus Areas	Planned Actions	Short Report on the Completed Plans
<p>2. Combined transport, road infrastructure to node hubs</p> <p>a. Interaction of infrastructure with other modes of transport such as rail, sea and air transport (e.g. rest areas, transshipment points, carrying capacity, terminals)</p> <p>b. Cases:</p> <p>1) Combined transport (rail) Oslo-Bodø, zero emission Bodø-Tromsø (-&gt; Sweden and Finland via Narvik)</p> <p>2) Future transport logistics in the Barents Region (Narvik- Sweden- Finland ) (NATO etc.)</p>	<p>1. Feb: WG meeting 6: Status meeting teams, all topics</p> <p>2. Jun: WG meeting 7: Physical seminar in Oslo with focus on Combined transport</p> <p>3. Oct: WG meeting 8: Seminar on teams with focus on How to promote secure and safety on roads, vehicles and drivers.</p> <p>Maybe in cooperation with the NVF WG “traffic safety” and as an open webinar.</p> <p>4. Dec: WG meeting 9: Status meeting teams, all topics</p>	

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<b>2027 deadlines:</b> <b>Focus areas and Planned Actions: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026</b> <b>Reporting and follow-up on the action plan: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2027</b>		
Focus Areas	Planned Actions	Short Report on the Completed Plans
<p>3. Benefits of automation and digitalization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Better knowledge of haulage, e.g., through better data and information technology, to optimize the use of road infrastructure</li> <li>b. Vehicle technology that can make trucks more energy efficient</li> <li>c. The connectivity of and digital services to freight transports.</li> </ul> <p>SDG's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target 9: "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation"</li> <li>• Target 12: "Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns"</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Feb: WG meeting 10: Status meeting teams, all topics</li> <li>2. Jun: WG meeting 11: Physical seminar in Copenhagen with focus on Benefits of automation and digitalization</li> <li>3. Oct: WG meeting 12: Status meeting teams, all topics</li> <li>4. Dec: WG meeting 13: Status meeting teams, all topics</li> </ol>	

<b>2028 deadlines:</b> <b>Focus areas and Planned Actions: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2027</b> <b>Reporting and follow-up on the action plan: summer 2028</b>		
Focus Areas	Planned Actions	Short Report on the Completed Plans
<p>4. How to promote secure and safety on roads, vehicles</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Feb: WG meeting 14: Status meeting teams, all</li> </ol>	



<p>and drivers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Heavy traffic &amp; long vehicles and road design - challenges</li> <li>b. Diversity and recruitment in the freight transport sector. Challenges and what can be done</li> </ol> <p>SDG´s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target 5: "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls".</li> <li>• Target 9: "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation"</li> </ul>	<p>topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Apr: WG meeting 15: Status, all topics and plan for Via Nordica</li> <li>3. Jun: Via Nordica in Tampere</li> </ol>	
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## Appendix 1. Calendar overview

<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>2024</b>	Sep	Teams	Form and discuss minor working groups and select coordinators for the groups.	
<b>2025</b>	Jan	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	
<b>2025</b>	May	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	
<b>2025</b>	Oct	Gothenburg	Focus on Energy-efficient haulage on roads	
<b>2025</b>	Dec	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	
<b>2026</b>	Feb	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	
<b>2026</b>	Jun	Oslo	Focus on Combined transport	
<b>2026</b>	Oct	Teams	Focus on How to promote secure and safety on roads, vehicles and drivers	
<b>2026</b>	Dec	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	
<b>2027</b>	Feb	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	
<b>2027</b>	Jun	Copenhagen	Focus on Benefits of automation and digitalization	
<b>2027</b>	Oct	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	
<b>2027</b>	Dec	Teams	Status and progress, all topics + plan for Via Nordica	
<b>2028</b>	Feb	Teams	Status and progress, all topics + plan for Via Nordica	
<b>2028</b>	Apr	Teams	Status and progress, all topics + plan for Via Nordica	
<b>2028</b>	Jun	Tampere	Via Nordica	