

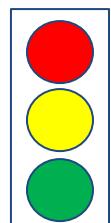
# Action plan for Road Freight Transport

## Plan for period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2028

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When doing the follow-up of the action plan, the traffic light system can be used as an indicator of work progress. Simply copy the appropriate color and place it in the title column of the corresponding year.



### 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, transhipment 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

### Focus Areas and Planned Actions 2025

#### Reporting and follow-up on the action plan

Focus Areas	Planned Actions	Short Report on the Completed Plans by 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2025
1. Energy-efficient haulage on roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Alternative energies and vehicle powertrains, biofuels and electrification, including how national support funds are used.</li><li>b. How to reduce the negative impacts of freight transport,</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Jan: WG meeting 2: Discuss the concrete four topics: Form minor working groups and select coordinators for the groups.</li><li>2. May: WG meeting 3: Status meeting teams, all topics</li><li>3. Oct: WG meeting 4:</li></ul>	<p>We have had two teams-meetings and one physical meeting, as planned.</p> <p>Learnings from the two teams-meeting is that before the meetings a suggestion for topics must be sent out before the meeting.</p>

<p>such as emissions, road construction, noise and 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>Physical seminar in 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 industry 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>	<p>The physical meeting was very good. Good networking and exchange of knowledge in our area of work.</p> <p>We have four sub-groups (SG) based on the four focus areas. We still miss a coordinator for one SG (Benefits of automation and digitalization), but we still have time.</p> <p>We have had 5 meetings in the SG1 (Energy-efficient haulage on roads) and 3 meetings in SG2 (Combined transport, road infrastructure to node hubs).</p>
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Focus areas and Planed Actions for 2026		
Focus Areas 2026	Planned Actions 2026	Short Report on the Completed Plans Deadline <b>1st November 2026</b>
<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>SDG's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target 9: "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation"</li> </ul>	<p>1. Feb: WG meeting 6: Status meeting teams, all topics</p> <p>2. Jun: WG meeting 7: Physical seminar in Copenhagen with focus on Combined transport: Overview over Nordic hubs and how to use combined transport more.</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>	<p>All meetings for 2026 are planned and SG2 is on plan with the next physical meeting in 2026 regarding Combined transport, road infrastructure to node hubs.</p> <p>The focus meeting in SG4 (How to promote secure and safety on roads, vehicles and drivers) is to be planned early 2026</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target 12: "Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns"</li> </ul>		
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Focus areas and Planed Actions for 2027		
Focus Areas 2027	Planned Actions 2027	Short Report on the Completed Plans Deadline <b>1st November 2027</b>
<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 Oslo with focus on Benefits of automation and digitalization (SubGroup 3)</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>	<p>All ordinary meetings for 2027 are planned.</p> <p>The plan is a physical seminar in Oslo in June 2027 (TBD).</p> <p>We still need a coordinator for the SG3 (Benefits of automation and digitalization).</p>

Focus areas and Planed Actions for 2028		
Focus Areas 2028	Planned Actions 2028	Short Report on the Completed Plans Deadline <b>1st November 2028</b>
<p>4. How to promote secure and safety on roads, vehicles and drivers</p> <ul 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> </ul> <p>SDG's:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Feb: WG meeting 14: Status meeting teams, all topics</li> <li>2. Apr: WG meeting 15: Status meeting teams, all topics and plan for Via Nordica</li> <li>3. Jun: Via Nordica in Tampere</li> </ol>	<p>All ordinary meetings for 2028 are planned</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>		
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## Appendix 1. Calender overview

Year	Month	Where	Topic	Remarks
2024	Sep	Teams	Form and discuss minor working groups and select coordinators for the groups.	Meeting 1. Minutes ok
2025	Jan	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	Meeting 2. Minutes ok
2025	May	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	Meeting 3. Minutes ok
2025	Oct	Gothenburg	<i>Focus on Energy-efficient haulage on roads (SG1)</i>	Meeting 4. Website ok
2025	Dec	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	Meeting 5
2026	Feb	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	Meeting 6
2026	Jun	Copenhagen	<i>Focus on Combined transport (SG2)</i>	Meeting 7
2026	Oct	Teams	<i>Focus on How to promote secure and safety on roads, vehicles and drivers (SG4)</i>	Meeting 8
2026	Dec	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	Meeting 9
2027	Feb	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	Meeting 10
2027	Jun	Oslo	<i>Focus on Benefits of automation and digitalization (SG3)</i>	Meeting 11
2027	Oct	Teams	Status and progress, all topics	Meeting 12
2027	Dec	Teams	Status and progress, all topics + plan for Via Nordica	Meeting 13
2028	Feb	Teams	Status and progress, all topics + plan for Via Nordica	Meeting 14
2028	Apr	Teams	Status and progress, all topics + plan for Via Nordica	Meeting 15
2028	Jun	Tampere	Via Nordica	