

Passage News

European expertise discussing low-carbon alternatives in maritime transports

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Experts of European maritime transports met in Helsinki on November the 22nd. The focus of the meeting was on the solutions for a low-carbon traffic. The event was hosted by the Uusimaa Regional Council, who is the Finnish partner of the PASSAGE project that has been granted EU-financing.

The project PASSAGE (Public Authorities Supporting low-carbon Growth in European maritime border regions) promotes low-carbon economies in five European strait regions. The Gulf of Finland is one of these straits. The Harju Region is a partner acting in Estonia.

– The straits are important hubs of traffic, and they have an especially large impact on carbon emissions, Ms **Elina Lomperi**, Project Planner, from the

Uusimaa Regional Council says. Our common goal is a broader implementation of best practices and competences around Europe, Ms Lomperi explains.

The four-year project was started in 2016. The meeting in Helsinki was the first thematic seminaar for the eleven project partners.

Apart from Finland and Estonia the project has partners from Denmark, Great Britain, France, Italy, Greece and Albania. The main partner is Pas-de-Calais County Council from France. The project receives funding from the EU Interreg Europe Programme. The project works with a total budget of 1,9 million euros.

The PASSAGE project meeting was part of the three day congress with European traffic experts and a local of the European Week of Regions and Cities. The smart traffic solutions between Helsinki and Tallinn, as well as the EU project that focuses on the feasibility of a railway tunnel between these cities, led to engaged discussions.

> [The PASSAGE project on the website of the Interreg Europe programme](http://www.interregeurope.eu/passage/)
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