# The Oresund bridge

Shaping the future of the European core network corridors

Milan, 24th october 2016

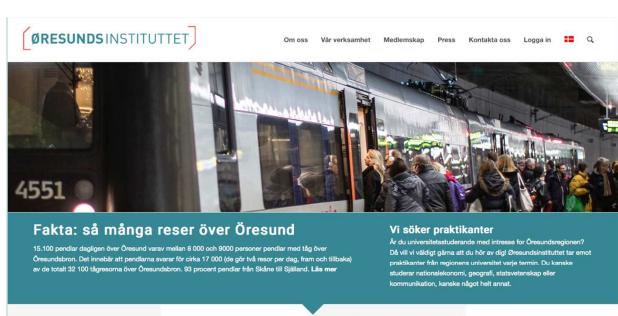
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#### **Øresundsinstituttet**

- Independent Danish-Swedish knowledge centre
- Non-profit organisation financed by member fees
- 100+ members from government authority, regions, municipalities, universities and business
- Analysis, facts and news focusing on Greater Copenhagen (Oresund region) in a Danish-Swedish, Nordic or European context

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Fakta: Effekterna av id- och gränskontroller mellan Skåne och Själland

20 oktober, 2016 Längre restid, färre avgångar i rusningstid och ökad trängsel...

Fakta: 322 000 färre danska jobb

#### **Analys**



#### Konferens



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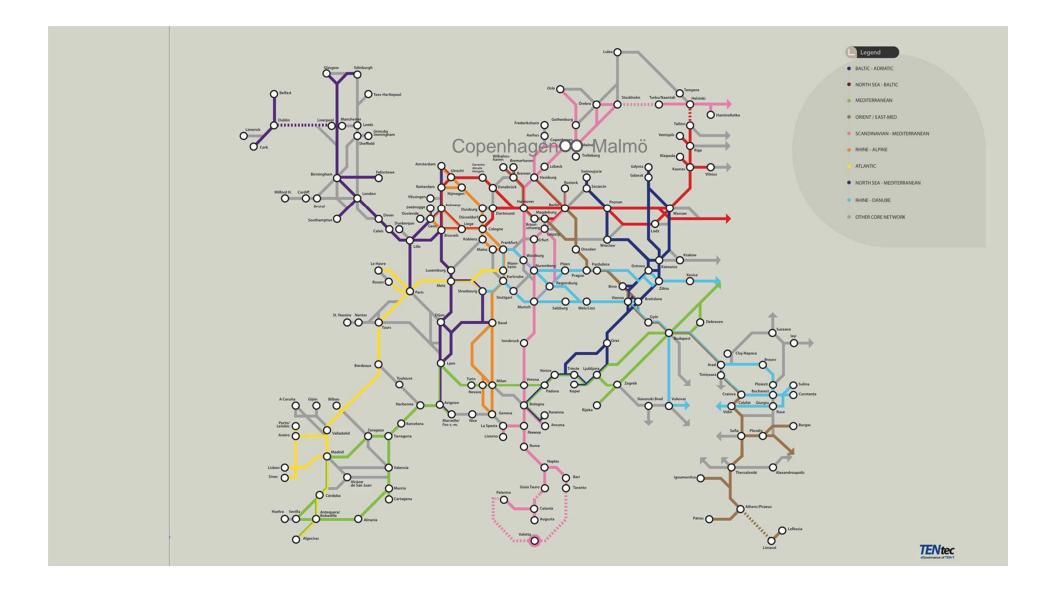
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Tisdagen den 15 november anordnar Øresundsinstituttet ett nätverksmöte...

Real Estate Øresund fyller 10 å

#### Nyheter





#### The Oresund fixed link

Connects Denmark and Sweden

Consists of

4 km immersed tunnel

4 km artificial island

8 km cablestayed bridge



#### **Timeline**

23 March 1991 The governments of Sweden and Denmark sign an agreement to build a fixed link across Øresund

August 1995 Bridge construction commences

1 July 2000 Inauguration



### **Financing and costs**

- Øresundsbro Konsortiet owns and operates the Øresund Bridge and 50/50 per cent owned by the Swedish and Danish states
- Øresundsbro Konsortiet took out loans to finance the construction costs
- State garantee model gives low interest rates two AAA economies
- In 2000 net debt was DKK 19.6 billion plus an debt of DKK 10.5 billion from the construction of the landworks



## Financing and costs

Bridge tolls paid by road users is going to finance construction and operation costs

The Swedish Transport Administration and Rail Net Denmark pay a fixed annual amount (indexed) for the use of the railway

Cars up to 6 metres 48 EUR cash payment – 22 EUR BroPass annual subscription

Expected to be repaid by 2033



#### Reasons to build the Oresund fixed link

In the 80's European Round Table
of Industrialists at the initiative of
Pehr Gyllenhammar, the CEO of Volvo,
advocated strongly for a fixed link
between Denmark and Sweden



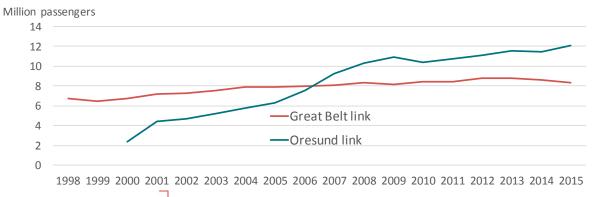
 After the decision to build the bridge the vision of a common labour and housing market between Zeeland and Skåne emerged



Regional development and commuter travelling in focus

## An amazing project

- Build in time and on budget
- A bonus to get the employees to stay untill their last day
- Traffic volumes higher than the traffic forecasts, even though average toll per car is lower
- More train passengers than on the Great Belt link



## Intense social dialog during construction phase

- Environmental impact assessment in Denmark and Sweden
- Public relation and information services were seen as critical to get success
- A policy of having credible, open and proactive reports on what happened
- ....also when things went wrong
- as when tunnel segment 12A was dropped



### **Building in urban area**

- 100m wide, 9 km long motorway of the Danish landworks cutted through an urban area
- 250 houses were expropriated
- A local information office with a spokesman of the local community
- The spokesman had direct access to the site manager to solve problems
- Many complains were prevented



#### **Public celebration**

- A whole week the public got access to the bridge
- Walking, bicycling and
- a bridge run with 80,000 contestants
- The bridge run has been repeated 6 times (2002-2006, 2010)



## Thanks!

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