



Uudenmaan liitto
Nylands förbund

Helsinki-Stockholm connection

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Helsinki-Uusimaa – a Metropolitan Region

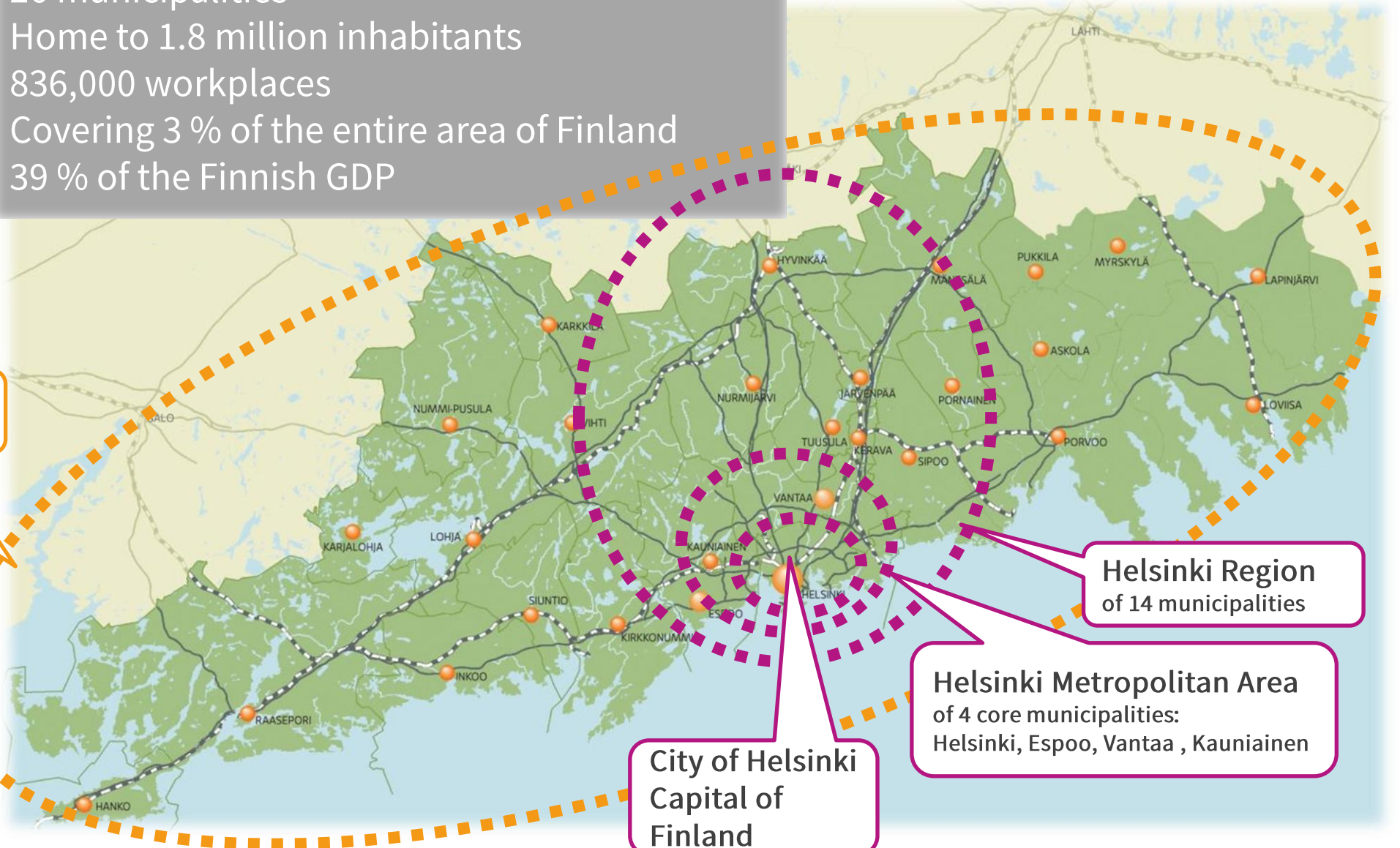
26 municipalities
Home to 1.8 million inhabitants
836,000 workplaces
Covering 3 % of the entire area of Finland
39 % of the Finnish GDP

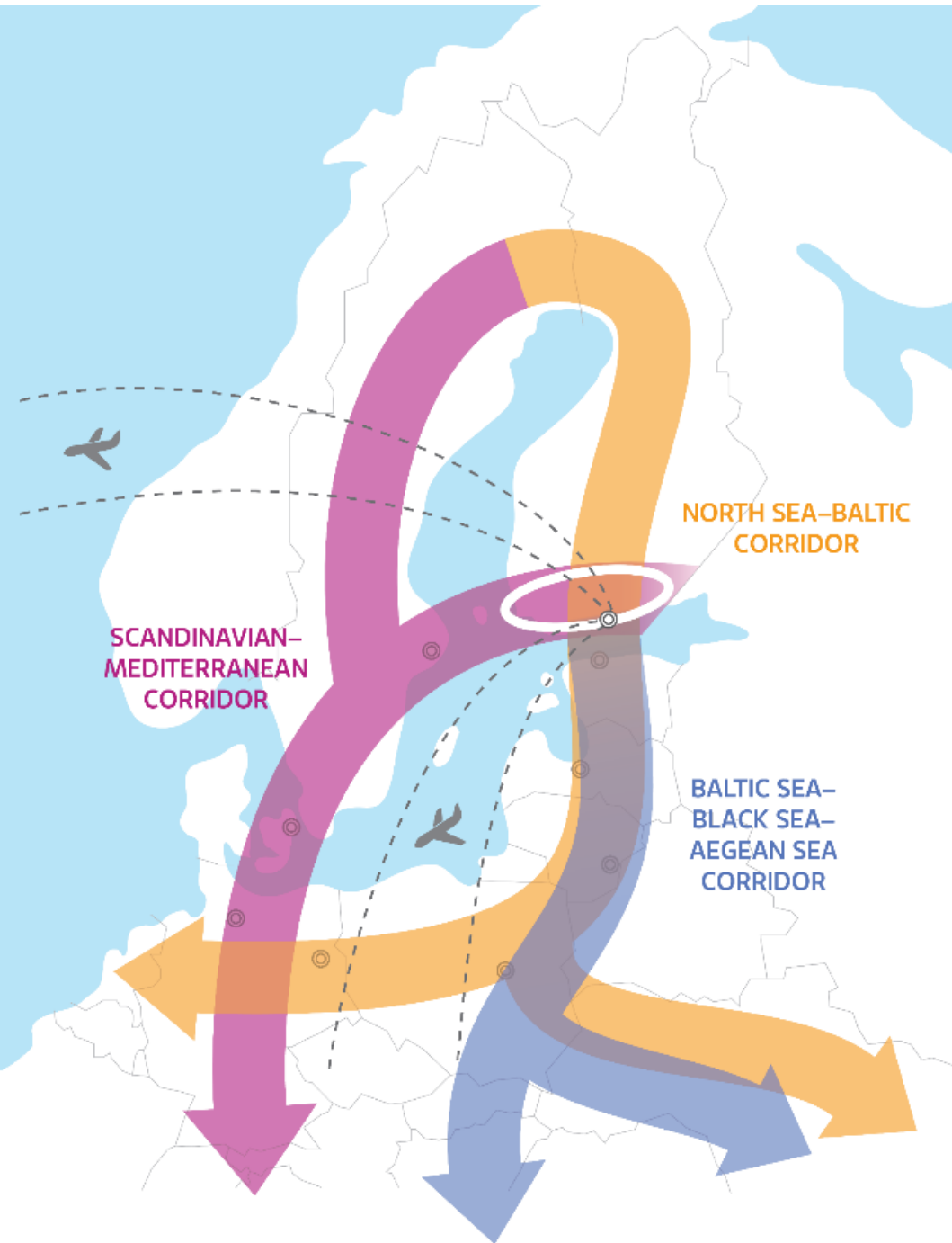
Helsinki-Uusimaa Region
of 26 municipalities

Helsinki Region
of 14 municipalities

Helsinki Metropolitan Area
of 4 core municipalities:
Helsinki, Espoo, Vantaa, Kauniainen

City of Helsinki
Capital of
Finland

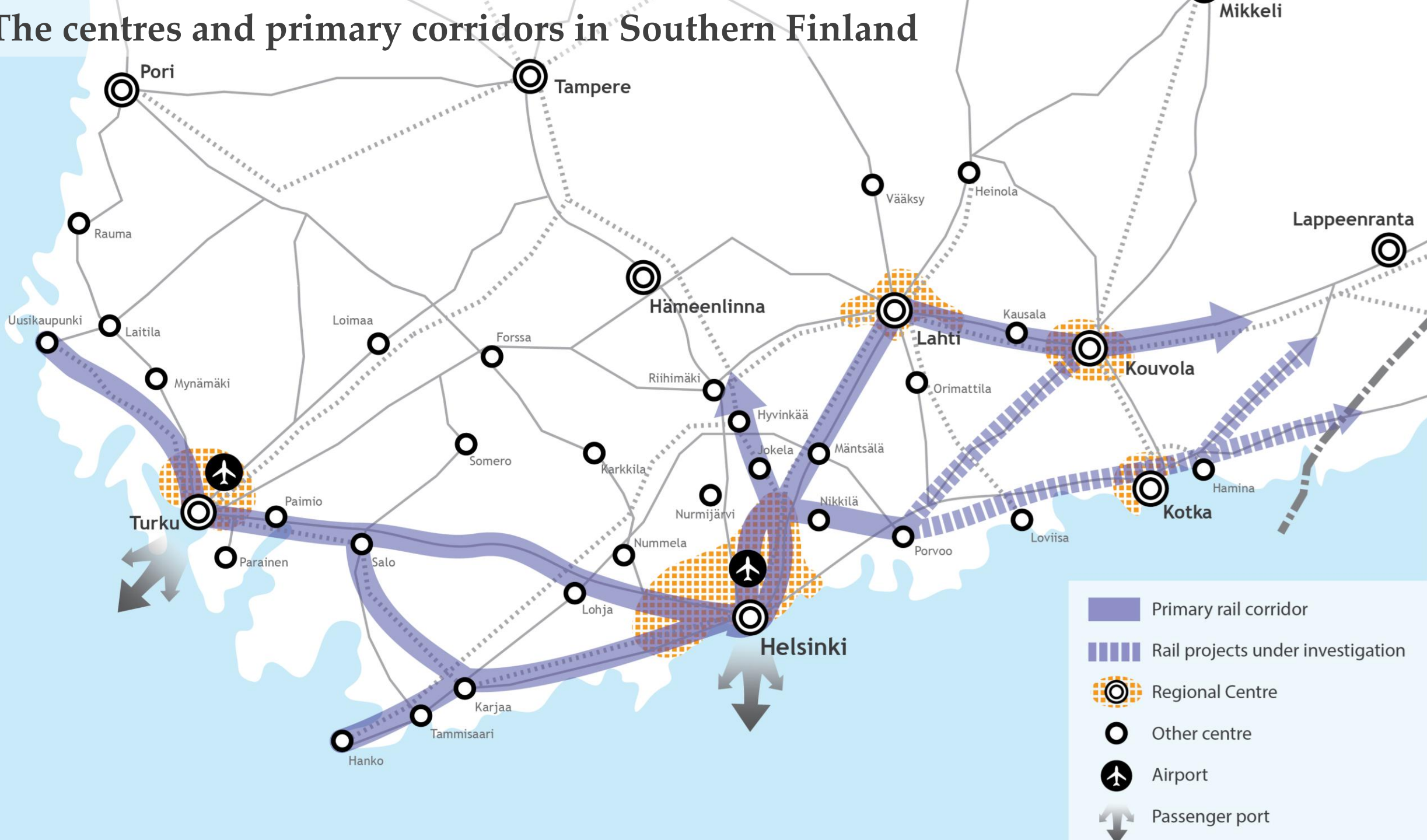




International accessibility

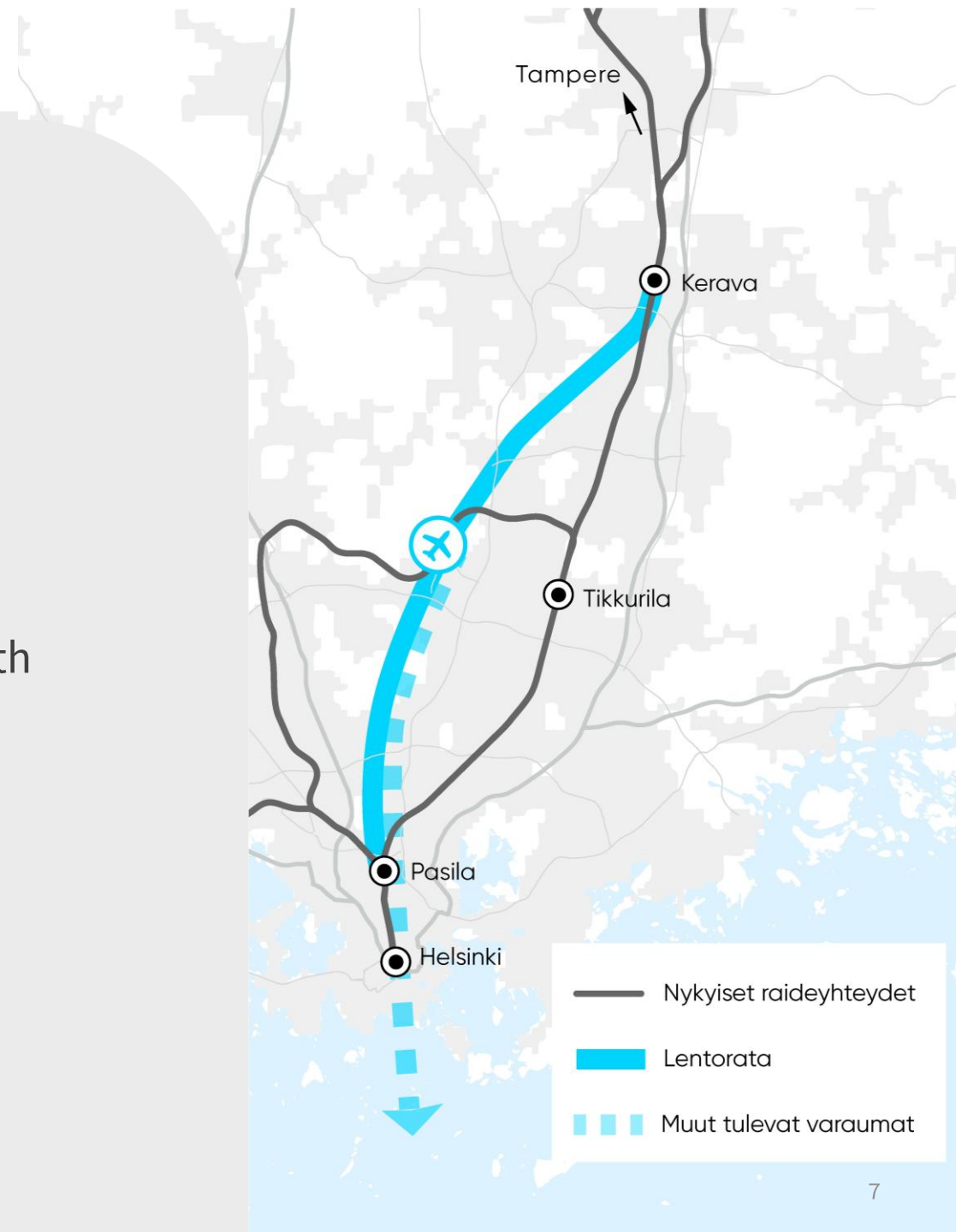
- From an international perspective Helsinki - Uusimaa is located on the crossroads of three European Transport Corridors:
 - Scandinavian - Mediterranean
 - North Sea – Baltic
 - Baltic Sea - Black Sea - Aegean Sea
- The Helsinki-Vantaa Airport is TEN-T airport.
- The ports of Helsinki, Hanko and Inkoo are TEN-T ports.
- Uusimaa is the most central hub of the Finnish transport system, both internationally and nationally.
- Connections to Russia have been cut off on the TEN-T network.

The centres and primary corridors in Southern Finland



Airport Line

- The Airport Line is a new, planned 25-kilometre rail connection that will connect Helsinki Airport to long-distance train traffic.
- The Airport Line will create direct long-distance train connections to the airport and enable faster train connections to the airport.
- Airport Line is part of ScanMed corridor and connects with NSB corridor.
- Politically most accepted of the Finnish rail projects and ready for building decision.
- The implementation of the Airport Line should begin during the next government term.
- 1st priority project currently for the Helsinki-Uusimaa Region



Summary

- The Helsinki – Stockholm connection is one of the key cross-border corridors and major infrastructure projects relevant for the Helsinki – Uusimaa Region.
- The bunch of Finnish large high-speed rail projects should be seen as long-term system development, not as individual project decisions.
- Finland, and Helsinki - Uusimaa as its central hub, have a central position in European North. Finland should be seen as Europe's gateway to the North, to the increasingly important Arctic region.



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Thank you



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