#### Nordic Roadmap case study Gothenburg – Frederikshavn Perspectives on public support opportunities

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#### **Stena Line in numbers**



6,100 employees



20 ferry routes 6 owned ports



40 vessels 33,300 yearly sailings



SOU+ energy saving projects



2.1 million freight units



1.8 million cars



6.5 million guests



19 billion SEK in turnover





#### **GOT-FRE** service

- Stena initiated RoPax concept, has operated service between Gothenburg and Frederikshavn for more than 50 years
- Today two RoPax ferries operates the 40+ NM service
- A few concept studies for the service have been performed focusing on e.g., electrification and hydrogen
- Stena Line introduced methanol at the Gothenburg – Kiel service in 2015



Nordic Roadmap Pilot aim:

Identify key barriers and next steps to turn the Gothenburg-Frederikshavn ferry route into a green shipping corridor by promoting most relevant fuel and propulsion solutions to be introduced near to mid-term.

### Key barriers for turning the Gothenburg-Fredrikshavn ferry route into a green shipping corridor:



#### Main barriers / challenges

- High investment
- Economical risk Uncertain second market value
- Power capacity
- Green methanol availability
- Fuel cost

- Biofuel availability
- Fuel cost

#### **Costs and demand – a key challenge**

- Shifting to renewable fuel and propulsion options in shipping increases costs significantly
- Cost and risk sharing between shipping actors and society needed
- Green shipping corridors: a starting mechanism for the marine fuel transition





## Rough Cost Gap Estimate for Gothenburg-Fredrikshavn ferry 2025-2040, baseline vs e-methanol



### **Challenges identified**

- Cost gap need to be reduced
- A complex puzzle of funding sources
- Current implemented policies not enough to support large-scale marine fuel shift in the short-to-mid term
- Existing support systems generally lack focus on green shipping corridors or shipping in general





### Way forward

- Establish level playing field and enable the introduction of Nordic green shipping corridors
- Policies for closing the cost gap
- Risk sharing mechanisms for investments
- Use existing support systems to the extent possible
- But existing support systems need to be aligned with green shipping corridors concept or marine fuel transition
- More public funding needed
- Support build-up of green marine fuel production capacity as well as sufficient power supply in ports





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# Thank you!

