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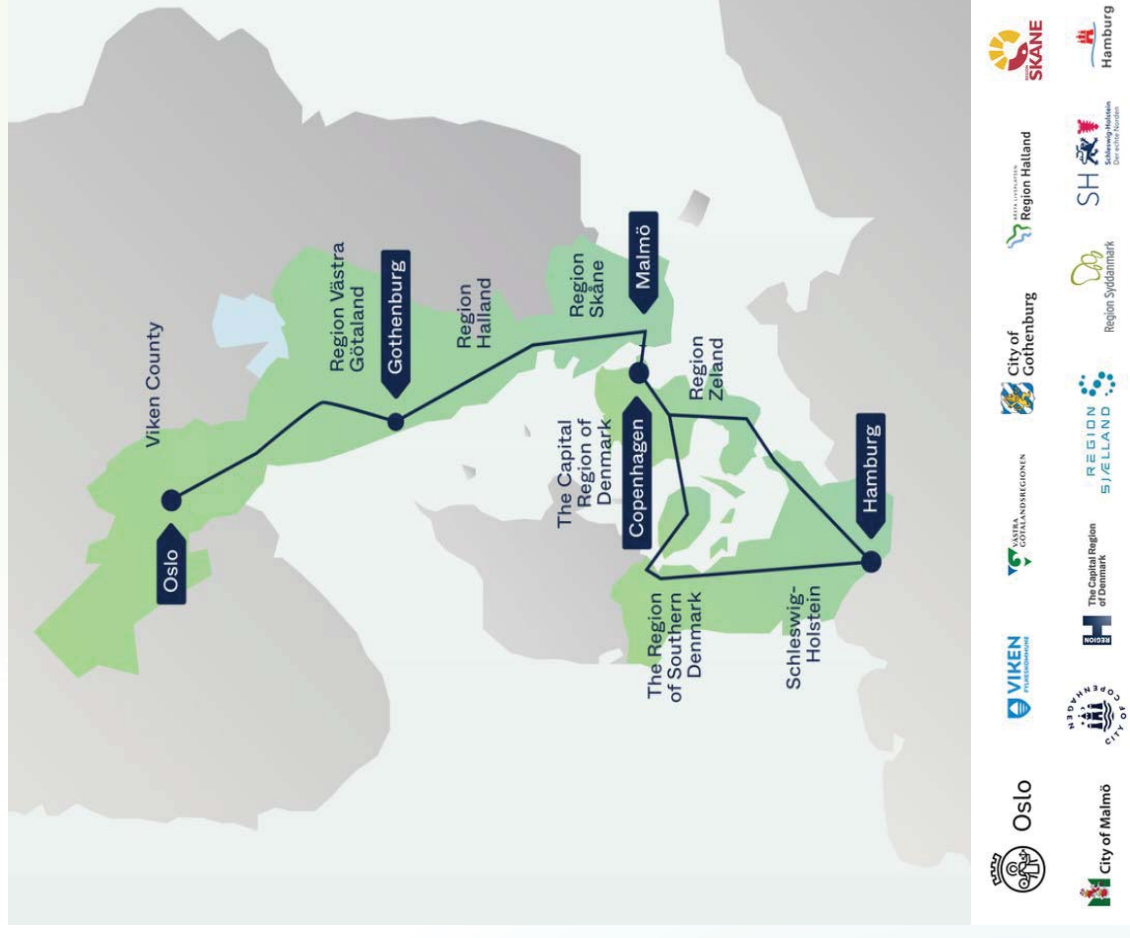
Connecting cities and regions for a greener future



# We are STRING

- Creating a new, green megaregion in Northern Europe
- Deliver on United Nations' SDG's 11: Sustainable cities and communities.
- 14 million inhabitants
- OECD identified STRING as an area with extraordinarily strong competencies within green solutions.
- 13 regions and cities between Hamburg and Oslo

Vision: We strive to be a globally acknowledged Green Hub and a leading implementer of sustainable infrastructure.



# STRING megaregion: Why & How?

- OECD: Future growth centres in megaregions
- Competitive voice at EU level and on the global market
- Framework to recover from the COVID pandemic
- STRING-OECD policy paper with tangible recommendations for all levels of governance
- Two important characteristics:
  - A joint internal market
  - Sustainable infrastructure connectivity



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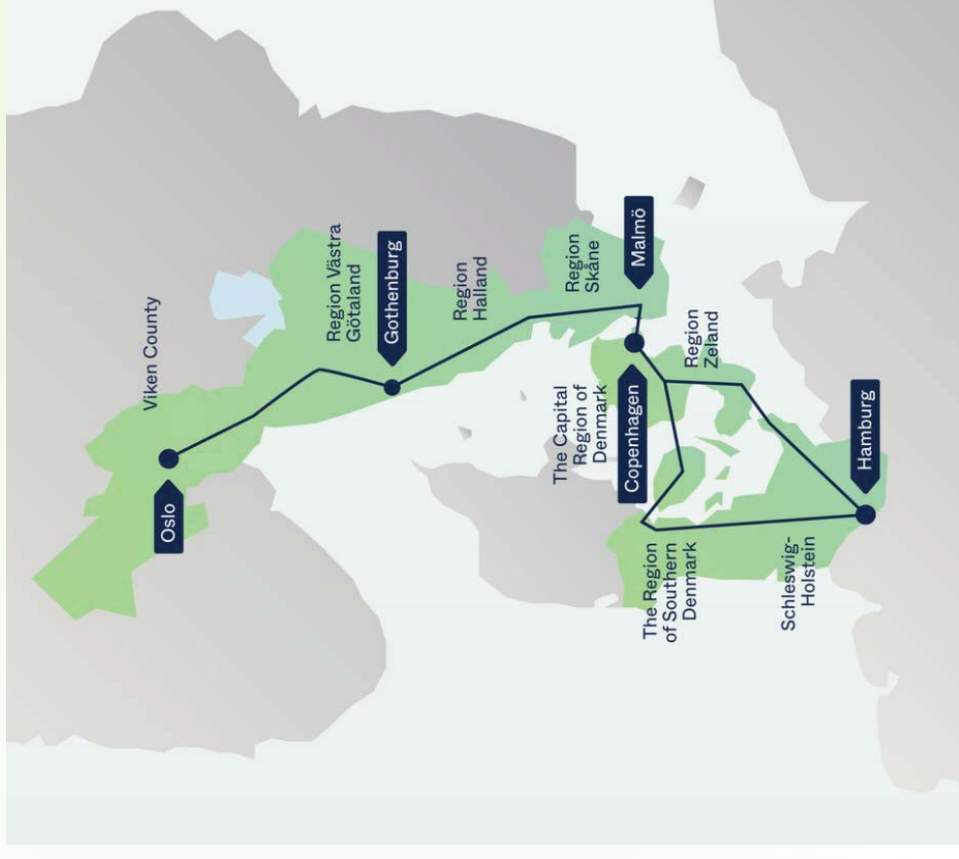
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# Green Hub: Joint innovation & marketing strategy

According to an analysis by the DTI, STRING can be identified as a **internationally acknowledged**

**Green Hub:**

- 4000 green tech companies + 50 new every year
- 8 times more green tech publications than global average
- Tripled number of green tech patents over past 20 year
- Fehmarn Belt Fixed link = window of opportunity to break down silo thinking across borders

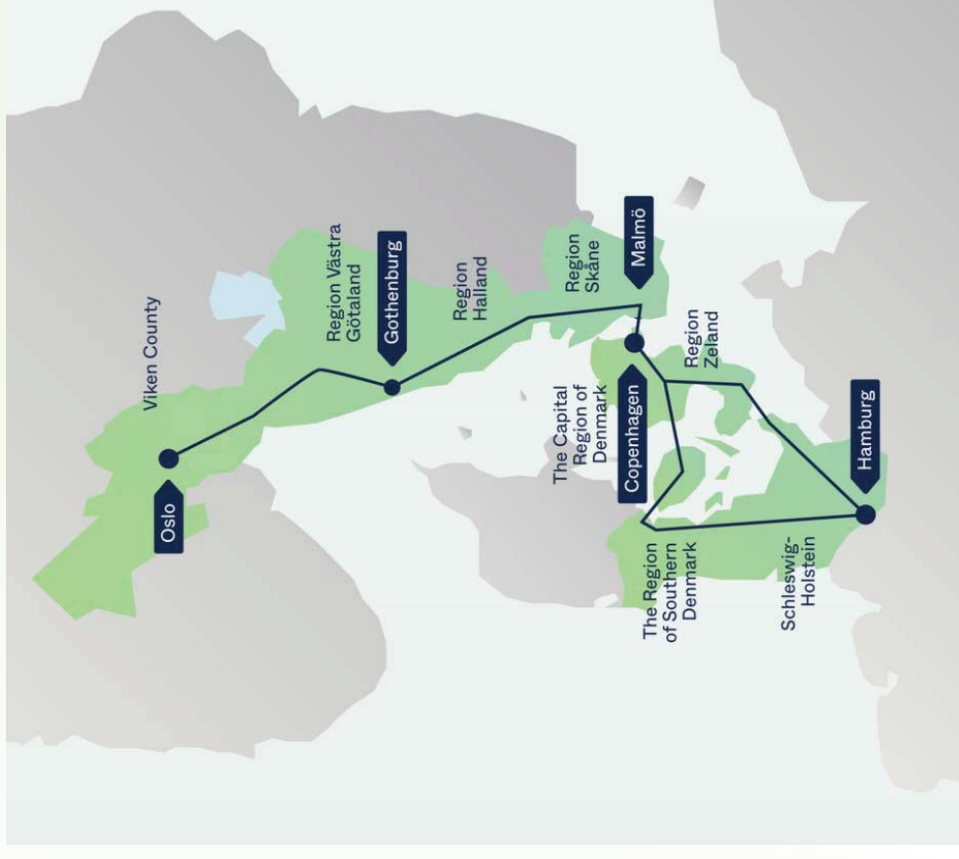




# Green Hub: Joint innovation & marketing strategy

A joint action plan to position STRING as an international Green Hub:

1. **Mapping** of STRING's green tech sector ✓
2. Joint **national agreement** between the four STRING countries
3. Joint **value proposition**
4. Investing in **attracting** and retaining green tech **companies** and skilled **workers**
5. **Linking test facilities** for more green innovation
6. **Institutionalising green investment** in STRING with:
  - Investment organisations
  - Clusters
  - Public-private partnerships



## Interconnected transport infrastructure

- **Fehmarn Belt Fixed Link:**  
Maximising benefits of the tunnel as game changer for connectivity and trade in Northern Europe.
- **Double tracked railway between Oslo and Gothenburg**  
Improving railway stretch between Gothenburg and Oslo with double tracks
- **Fixed Links across Öresund:**  
Promoting new fixed links across the Öresund accounting for increased traffic flows in the wake of the Fehmarn Belt Fixed Link.
- **Hydrogen Corridor:**  
Decarbonising the EU transport system with a network of refuelling station for hydrogen heavy duty vehicles along the EU ScanMed TEN-T corridor.



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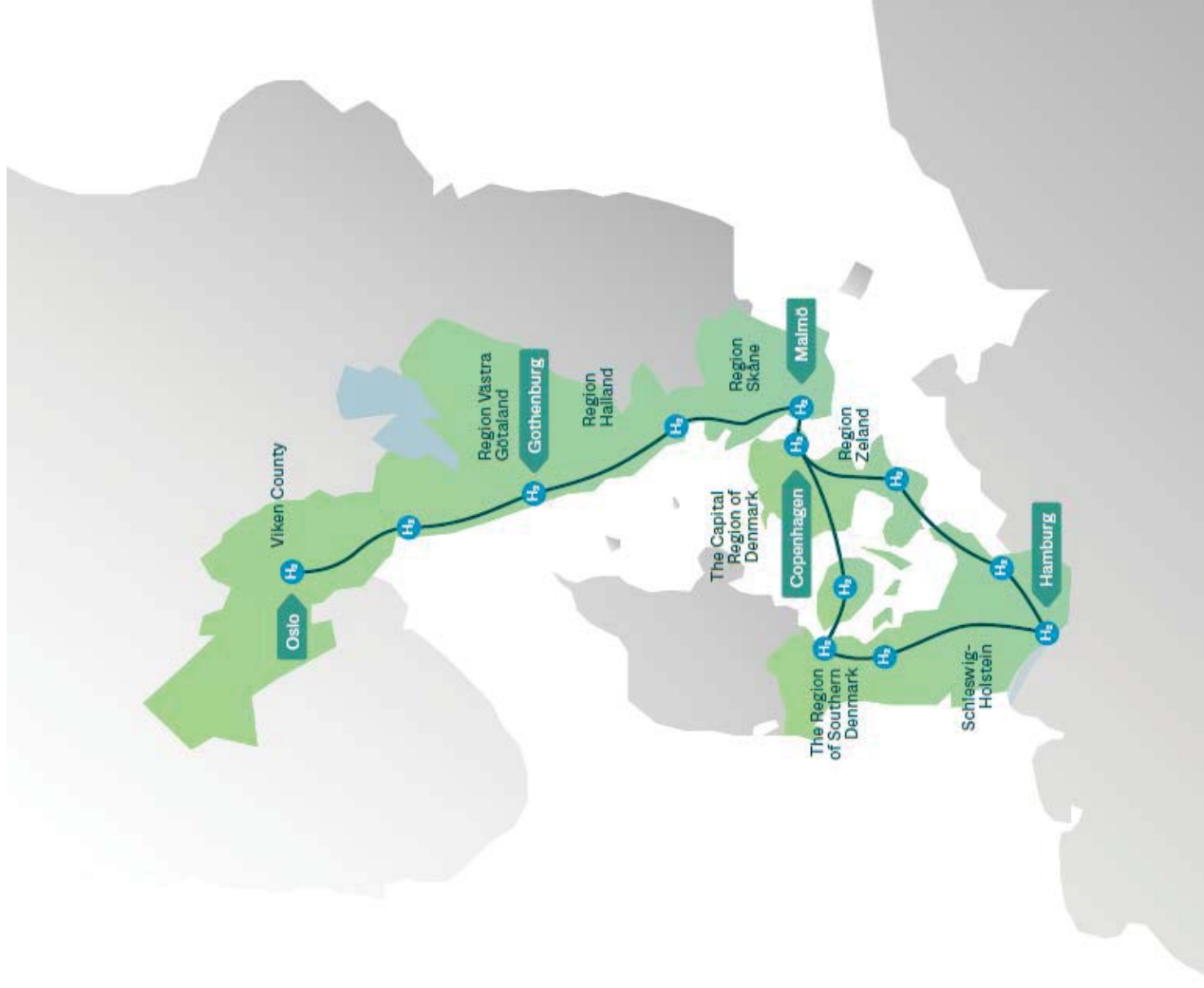
- Leveraging on the Femern Fixed Link by eliminating further bottlenecks
- Joint transport commission for cross-border transport planning
- Action plan on alternative financing opportunities
- Use European railway systems to scale up circular economy



# A frontrunner region for hydrogen

## STRING Hydrogen Corridor

- A min. of **12 hydrogen** refuelling stations
- Fleet of up to **570 hydrogen heavy-duty vehicles**
- Public-private partnership along the hydrogen value chain.
- **Regional innovation**
- **Attracting investments, talent and businesses** to Northern Europe
- Answer to **EU climate targets** and alternative fuels directive
- **Sustainable cross-border infrastructure** strengthening trade in Northern Europe
- Establishing of entirely **new industrial branch**
- Implementing EU, national and regional **H2-strategies**
- International flagship project for the **production, application and export of hydrogen**







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