

## Swedish-German cooperation on electricity connection: Hansa PowerBrigde

On Thursday plans for a new high voltage interconnector – Hansa PowerBridge – between Sweden and Germany were revealed at Svenska kraftnät's Annual Stakeholder Meeting in Stockholm. On Friday the CEOs of Svenska kraftnät (Swedish National Grid), Mikael Odenberg, and the German Transmission System Operator 50Hertz, Boris Schucht, signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the German Embassy in Stockholm. The signing was made in the presence of Mr. Rainer Baake, German State Secretary at the Ministry for Economics and Energy and Mr. Christian Pegel, Minister for Energy in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

"The main objective under the MoU is to examine the feasibility for a new link between Sweden and Germany. Such an interconnector would be another step towards a better integrated European grid. It will allow for increased electricity trade between our countries and contribute to the security of supply", said Mikael Odenberg, CEO of Svenska kraftnät, and Boris Schucht, CEO of 50Hertz in a joint statement.

"This project is very special to us since such a new interconnector between Germany and Sweden makes sense both from a commercial and from an environmental point of view. It links directly the huge storage potentials in Sweden to the wind electricity production centres in North-East Germany, thus creating value for both partners", said State Secretary Rainer Baake.

The new interconnector is intended to be put into operation within the next decade.

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