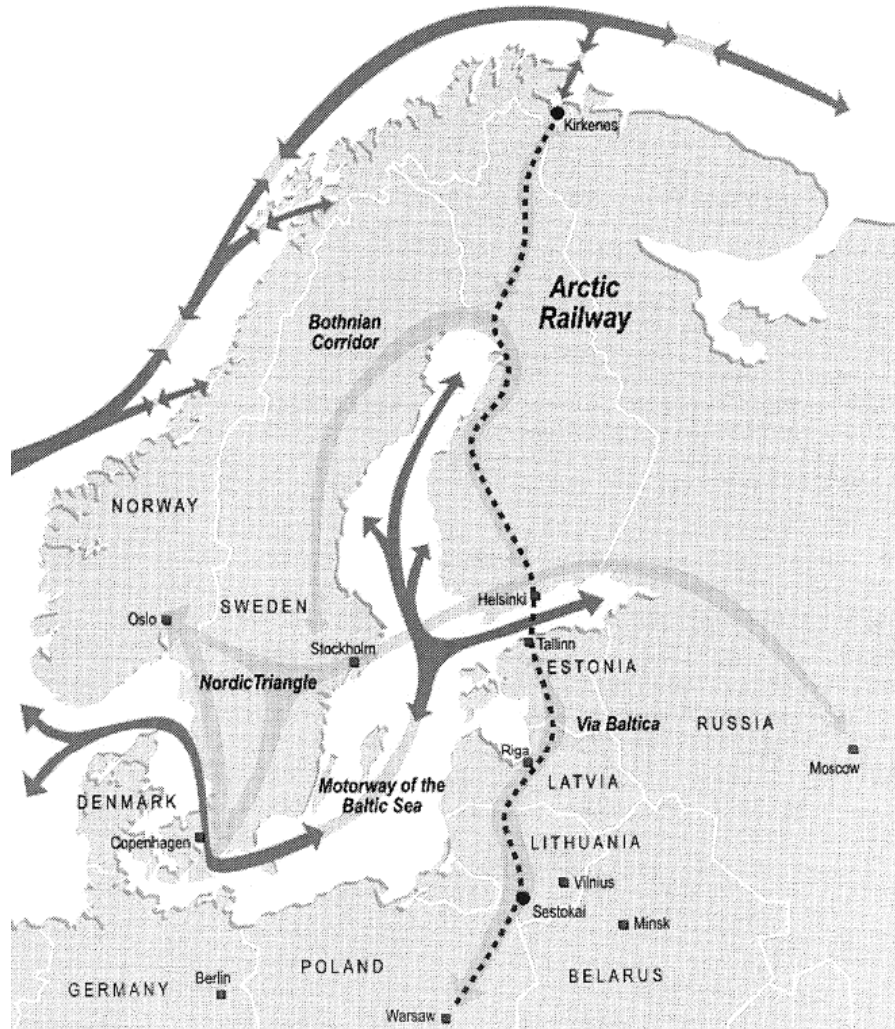


Strategic Role of the Arctic Region



International logistics value networks and markets

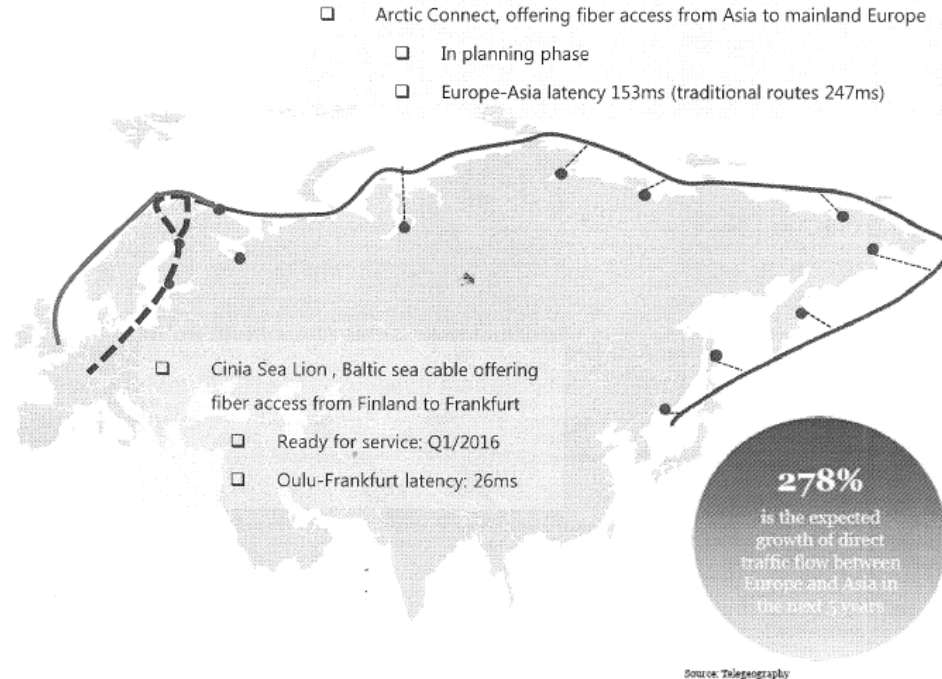


The Northern Data Hub for Arctic Connect

- ❑ For enabling major investments into Finland it is crucial to invest into the development of the Northern Finland backbone fiber network from Helsinki to Oulu and up north to the Norwegian border, in addition to Baltic Sea –cable, to create the Arctic Connect.
- ❑ The Arctic Connect combined with the Baltic Sea –cable under deployment would create the shortest direct route from Asia to mainland Europe.
- ❑ City of Oulu is investing into attracting major international datacenter investments into region, and is very well positioned to be key Data Hub for datacenters.

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- ❑ **Investment needed for creating the “missing link” from Helsinki to Oulu and to the Norwegian border, with redundant routing, approximately 25M€.**



278%

is the expected
growth of direct
traffic flow between
Europe and Asia in
the next 5 years