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New EUSALP AG4 Work Plan 2019 to 2022

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10th EUSALP AG4 Meeting
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- **Introduction to the new EUSALP AG4 Work Plan**
- **Summary of feedback from the survey (Parts 2 “Horizontal Activities” and 3 “Structure”)**

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Introduction to the new EUSALP AG4 Work Plan

The process on developing the AG4 Work Plan for the mandate 2019-22 has been launched, with the aim to:

- Review the structure of our topics and priorities
- Better identify activities where EUSALP can make a difference
- Strengthen the involvement of external stakeholders and experts
-building on the AG4 results achieved so far!

Timeline

9th AG4 Meeting, 6-7 November 2018, Brussels

Common brainstorming on how to approach new Work Plan

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Discussion on content (Thematic Areas & horizontal activities) and structure (sub-groups?)

11th AG4 Meeting, 4 June 2019, Innsbruck

Finalisation of common AG4 Work Plan 2019-2022

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PART 2: Horizontal Work Plan Activities

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Members' Feedback on Monitoring Activities

- Many AG4 members expressed **interest** in this activity
 - Most members agreed with proposed activity and **indicators**
 - Most members reported on **situation** in their regions
 - **iMONITRAF!** as a good basis
 - Indicators on the **population exposed** to certain negative emissions differentiated between road and rail
 - Data collection could be enriched by providing also some figures that are valid not only referred to the corridors but also to the **regions**
 - Focus on collecting data from **all the regions** in EUSALP
 - Interest of transport planning authorities in **availability and comparability** of traffic data
 - Importance of improving **reliability and consistency** of data
 - **Different** monitoring systems for motorways, railways and maritime traffic in FVG
 - **Continuous** data collection in Trentino
 - In reference to iMONITRAF! Annual report 2018: **general growth of traffic** passing through Ventimiglia, Brennero and Tarvisio, due to growing economy
 - Veneto, developing a Regional Transport Plan, would provide the contacts for Veneto **measuring stations**
 - Vorarlberg indicates links to its **regional traffic counts**
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Assuming a more active role in policy development

- Replies **overwhelmingly positive**
- EUSALP as **interface** with the political level
- Aim to **strengthen** representation of **Alpine regions' interests** in European policies
- Idea to form **"Brussels AG"** (EUSALP members' Brussels offices, one coordinator for each AG): specific updates on Community issues; AG4 mandates its Lead to deepen specific topics with European Institutions
- Proposal of **early warning and permanent consultation** by AG4; AG4 as permanent stakeholder in transport topics at EU level
- Reference to **permanent representative in Brussels**
- Suggestion that all regions should involve their **political representatives**
- Reference to regional legislation office's EU monitoring
- Federal Office of Transport monitors Swiss policy issues, data publicly available

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AG4 Funding Opportunities

- General agreement on **fundamental importance**
- Suggestion: AG4 meetings as locus of **discussion and development of project proposals**
- Necessity to investigate **eligibility criteria and availability** of funds (TEN-T, cohesion policy, Horizon2020)
- **AG4's role:** information, dissemination, and partner search without itself running projects
- Need to analyze **effectiveness of incentives** and to **adapt EU funding** programs to EUSALP
- Examples for success in Switzerland: Interreg Alpine Space or Swiss Agglomeration traffic programme (co-financing of infrastructure projects in neighboring foreign regions)
- Idea to **link** EU funding regimes and activities at (macro-) regional level
- Aim to **align projects** into the right direction from the beginning
- Importance of ensuring a **high bankability** and **financial coverage** level of projects

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External Communication of AG4 Activities and Results

- Information on the AG4 is generally **not** yet available
- Many **agree** to provide such information in the future
- **Content:**
 - Large public **events**
 - Invitation to stakeholders to give **input**
 - Pointing out **direct benefit**
 - **Social media**
- **Issues:**
 - Language
 - Budget

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PART 3: Structure - Subgroups

- Proposal generally welcomed, however with some concerns (work load and coherence) and hardly any interest in subgroup leadership; preference for ad hoc activities instead
- Caution to **restrict number** of subgroups and of participants
- Importance of **smart working** methods (call/video conferences, mail exchange, etc.)
- Examples of **successful** subgroup work
- Additional Subgroup topics:
 - **Electrical mobility, Autonomous driving, air quality in transport measures**
 - **Remote territories and physical connection**
- Caution not to **narrow interests**
- Importance of **concise and effective** results
- Suggestion to include **external experts** to ensure practicable results
- Importance of **clear rules**



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION! QUESTIONS?

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