

# EUSALP

## 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### Action Group 4 Mobility

### 21 October 2019, Genoa

### Minutes

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#### Opening

**Alberto Pellissone** extended a warm welcome and delivered regards from [Giovanni Toti \(President of the Regional Government of Liguria\)](#) and [Andrea Benveduti \(Regional Councilor for Development\)](#).

#### AG4 State of Play

The AG4 **approved the agenda** and Patrick Skonieczki **excused the absent members** (Italy, Slovenia, Carinthia, Salzburg, South Tyrol, Styria, Vorarlberg, ASP).

#### Tour de Table

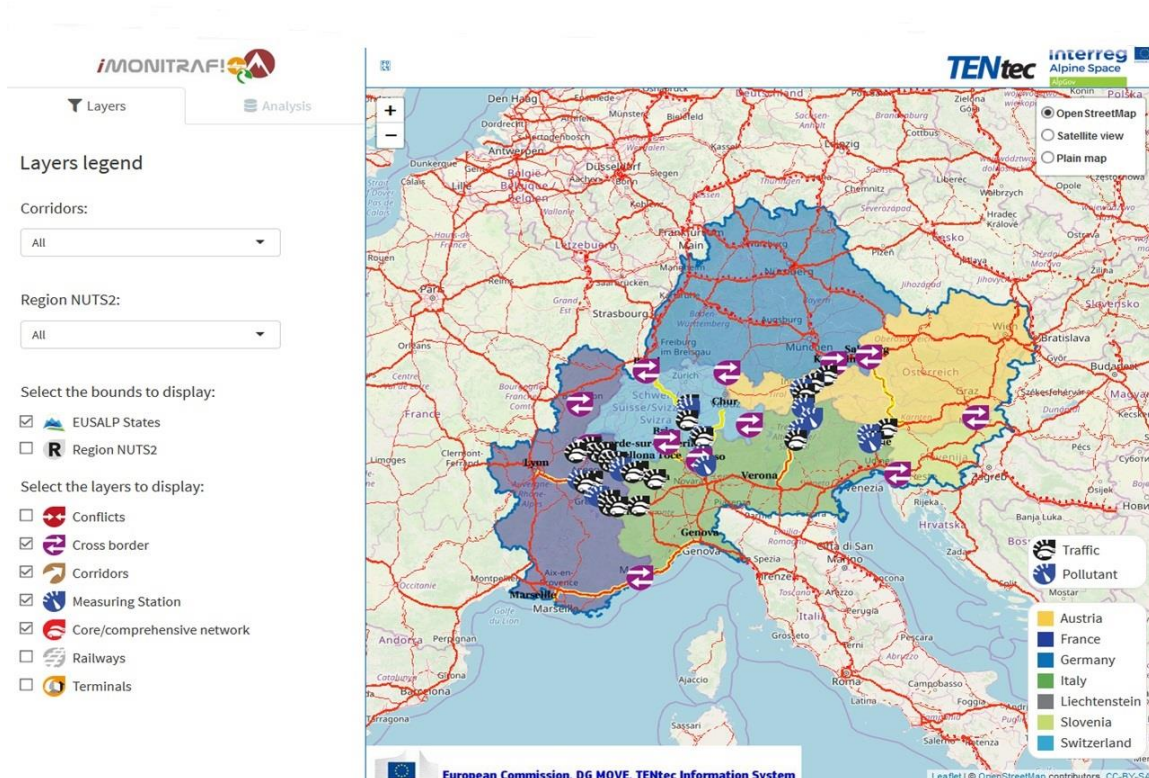
- EUSALP AG4 Co-Leaders **Olivier Margouet and Xavier Garcia (Region Sud-PACA)**: call for tender on alternative fuels; future EUSALP AG4 events in their region
- **Rafaelle Cattani and Jacopo Ricciardi (Liguria)**: [Transport Conference](#) the next day
- **Matteo Brumati (Piedmont)**: agreement on renewable fuels, digitalization, and modal shift with Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes
- **Helmut Adelsberger (InfraConceptA)**
- **Alberto Cozzi and Rossana Precali (Friuli-Venezia-Giulia)**
- **Dorothea Palenberg (blue!)**: [AG4 financial study](#) and establishing a financial dialogue within AlpGov
- **Laura Pretto (Trentino)**
- **Harry Seybert (Bavaria)**: development of climate legislation including transport related issues
- **Francoise Lamoise (France)**
- **Nathalie Morelle (Alpine Convention)**
- **Annalisa Cevasco (ANCI Liguria)**: goal to involve municipalities as stakeholders in EUSALP
- **Paolo Dileo (CEI)**: Completion of all CONNECT2CE pilot activities. New Interreg project led by CEI and focused on improving IT-SI public transport connections
- **Gabriel Klammer (EUROCHAMBRES)**: [Austrian Ministry for Transport](#) plans informative road show end of this year/beginning of next year
- **Kaspar Schuler (CIPRA International)**
- **Karoline Hurnaus and Patrick Skonieczki (AGL)**: new contact in the **European Commission DG REGIO** [Olivier Baudelet](#); [Johanna Thöni](#) now working for [MEP Herbert Dorfmann](#) ("Friends of EUSALP"); continued **modal shift measures in Tyrol** (driving ban, extension of rolling road between Wörgl and Brennersee / Trento; extension of weekend driving ban for HGV; extending public transport with the order of 19 new trains and six operable across the border improving the connection to Italy; start of planning phase and call for tender for H<sub>2</sub> fueled train in the Zillertal valley)
- **Helen Lückge (Climonomics)**

The AGL shortly presented the recent [Council conclusions on the implementation of EU Macro-Regional Strategies](#). To Dorothea Palenberg's enquiry, he explained that there was no regular contact but exchange between the different MRS (several events with MRS transport coordinators held by [Interact](#), AG4 Task Force working method inspired by another MRS). On the other hand, due to the involvement of regions in EUSALP a direct transfer of knowledge from other MRS (only member states involved) seems challenging at times.

Then, he delivered updates from the **Alpine Space Programme Joint Secretariat**. The following projects were approved under the 4<sup>th</sup> call of the Alpine Space Programme:

- **AlpGov 2**: only little funds (ca. € 2.3 Mio total) so resources must be pooled effectively, also in the [new AG4 Work Plan](#)
- **LinkingAlps** (formerly STRIPE): lighthouse project with origins in the AG4, very technical focus and expertise, Tyrol as observer ensuring regular exchange with AG4.
- **e-SMART**: successor of [e-MOTICON](#)
- **[Future Trans**, which has also been supported by AG4, has not been approved but further opportunities for funding will be sought.]

Also, he extended the invitation to the [Final Conference of AlpInnoCT](#). Finally, he reported progress with **AG4 WebGIS**: integration of AG4 results as information layers ([conflict map](#), [study on empty container management by LINKS](#), traffic monitoring by [iMONITRAF!](#)). The goal of the so-called **Alpine Platform of Knowledge for Mobility and Transport** is to pool and visualize all relevant produced by EUSALP AG4. It will be online soon and will offer a great tool to visualize important traffic data for non- and experts.



*Screenshot of the new Alpine Platform of Knowledge for Mobility and Transport*

### Feedback on events attended by AGL & upcoming events

The AGL reported **past events** (including 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Alpine Convention WG Transport, [ARPAF CrossBorder](#) meetings, [iMONITRAF!](#) partner meeting) and **upcoming events** (including EUSALP meetings and [Communication Workshop](#), where the new [AG4 promotional video](#) will be shown; the 13<sup>th</sup> AG4 meeting in Innsbruck in February 2020 and the 4<sup>th</sup> Mobility Conference in the second half of June 2020 in Marseille).

### [EUSALP Presidency 2019 Italy](#)

Rossana Precali and Alberto Cozzi (Friuli-Venezia-Giulia) gave feedback on the very successful [Workshop on Connectivity](#) in Trieste on 26/09/2019 and Jacopo Riccardi (Liguria) gave an outlook on the next day's [Event](#) in Genoa. **Detailed event documentation** is available [online](#). The [EUSALP Annual Forum](#) in Milan on 28-29/11/2019 is not completely organized yet but there shall be a final event for the [ARPAF project CrossBorder](#).

### New EUSALP AG4 Work Plan 2020 to 2022

The AGL presented the latest proposal for the new Work Plan. Instead of sub-groups (inflexible structure, Rules of Procedure required, potentially inefficient), there will be flexibly structured **Activities** in the three thematic areas:

#### TA1 – Smart clean logistics and combined transport to support modal shift

- Strategic framework: Policy measures to support modal shift (with special focus on Combined Transport)
- Masterplan ports and inland terminals

#### 2) TA2 – Accessibility on local and regional transport links on the secondary network

- Masterplan for secondary infrastructure

#### 3) TA3 – Smart and low-carbon mobility & innovative public transport solutions

- Innovative forms of public transport, real-time passenger information and ticketing
- Innovative propulsion systems and fuels
- Strategic initiative on cross-border mobility with possible focus on commuters and data collection
- Mobility and lifestyle, dynamic data collection

For example, the activity “*Masterplan for Secondary Infrastructure*” could be an informative map, integration into the WebGIS/PoK, or a linkage to the projects. Matteo Brumati asked to receive more information what this activity could contain. In addition to the thematic activities, there are four horizontal activities: 1) Monitoring activities, 2) Assuming a more active role in policy development, 3) AG4 funding opportunities, 4) External communication of AG4 activities and results. They shall be managed within AlpGov 2.

Olivier Margouet and Xavier Garcia gave a brief update on the Activity “*Innovative propulsion systems and fuels*” which will be coordinated by Region Sud-PACA. In that region, cruise ships and maritime transport will be affected by compulsory legislation in the 3 main ports by 2023. As a first

step, the Activity Coordinator will send out a brief survey to the AG4 members on the state of play of hydrogen fuel.

An official deadline for submitting the new Work Plan has not been communicated yet. **Prospective Activity Coordinators should prepare proposals for their activities by the next AG4 meeting in February in Innsbruck. A flexible template for such Activity Coordination proposals will soon be sent out by the AGL.**

### **Connecting Europe Facility Reflow Call**

Xavier Garcia informed about the [CEF reflow call](#) which has a total volume of € 750 Mio. **The deadline for submitting proposals is 26 February 2020.**

### **AG4 Financing Study**

Dorothea Palenberg presented the results of the AG4 Financing Study. The following four documents have been produced:

- Orientation paper
- Position paper „regional ERDF“
- Position paper „Interreg A“
- Commented AG4 Work Plan

Matteo Brumati (Piedmont) stressed the importance of differentiating infrastructural development funds from project funding. Dorothea Palenberg suggested that the AG4 should argue for the importance of transport in the Alpine Region instead of directly asking for certain funding priorities specifically. She added that ERDF funds were poorly coordinated internally, very isolated, and earmarked. **As next step, Dorothea Palenberg recommends concatcing all programme coordinators in the coming weeks and ensure a continuous financial dialogue over the coming months until the finalization of the funding programmes in the course of 2020. The AGL will send out guidelines how this process can be supported by AG4 members.**

### ***Coffee Break***

### **Welcome**

[Alessandro Piana \(President of the Regional Council of Liguria\)](#) extended a warm welcome to the AG4 and delivered regards from the entire Ligurian Regional Council.

## C2 Infrastructure for combined transport (terminals): Preparatory study to investigate and optimise multi-modal logistic chains

Andrea Rosa (LINKS) presented the results of the preparatory study to investigate and optimise multi-modal logistic chains, the dialogue events accompanying the research, and a conclusion and recommendations for the AG4 drawn from it. Also, he illustrated the suggested integration of these results into the WebGIS/PoK. The study reports have already been shared as part of the meeting file and will soon be published on the [EUSALP AG4 website](#).

Helen Lückge asked for details regarding the positive evaluation of the measure “balance flows of empty containers” and found the negative evaluation for “grey boxes/shared pools” surprising. Andrea Rosa explained that this was based on the information provided by the operators. He highlighted that besides the reservations of freight companies to share their data which would help efficiency in combined transport, one recurring challenge is that intermodal freight transport is competing with passenger transport for rail infrastructure. The findings of the study, especially the recommendations, will be a good basis for the new Work Plan activities under Thematic Area 1. **The AGL wrapped up the discussing by encouraging AG4 members to share the reports with relevant stakeholders in their region.**

## Interreg Central Europe Project LAirA

Jana Janson ([Stuttgart Region Economic Development Corporation](#)) presented the [Interreg CE project LAirA](#) (Landside Airport Accessibility). She suggested that the results (available online) might be transferred to airports in the EUSALP. The AGL added that this knowledge might also be transferable to functional areas without airports and that there would be synergies with the ongoing [ARPAF project CrossBorder](#).

## Methodology for a systematic assessment of individual projects

Helmut Adelsberger presented the Task Force’s proposal for the project assessment methodology to be agreed upon after written feedback. In the ensuing discussion, the following points were raised:

- To understand the methodology, it is best to simply try it out.
- The **workload** of doing these assessments is considerable (1/2 to 1 hour per project assessment to read the detailed description and to apply the scores).
- Consulting (an) **external evaluator(s)** is one solution but the question remains who should finance them to guarantee objectivity; the **decision-making capacity (DMC)** must remain with the members.
- Kaspar Schuler (CIPRA) expressed **remaining concerns: The project should be abandoned due to insufficient quality and insurmountable hurdles**, as he has experienced as a kindly accepted guest to the process. If nevertheless should be considered to continue the following improvements of quality have to be applied: (1) Restrict the assessment to projects sufficiently mature, with accurate official and trackable data (e.g. EIA, spatial planning agreements, compliance with international treaties). Put the immature ones on hold, and keep them in a status of applicants. (2) Don’t have the peers of other regions assessing the projects of their colleagues. They will do assessments of courtesy which will have no relevance. Get external experts as assessors instead. (3) We are talking about infrastructure



projects in the Alpine Space, a highly sensitive region for all kind of human impacts. This region is nowadays even more endangered by the climate crisis. Therefore the weighting of ecological criteria in the three performance pillars economy, society, and environment have to be weighted higher in comparison to the other two. (4) Thresholds in the final weighting to get the label: There should be no average numbers and such kind of aggregation of the outcomes applied. The outcomes in all the sub-weightings and scoring have to be shown separately and would have to be substantially above 50% positive. K. Schuler also makes aware that if there is no higher process quality to be reached the label will get dramatically criticized in the public and will fail. This will damage the reputation and credibility of the whole EUSALP.

- Patrick Skonieczki and Helmut Adelsberger proposed to continue with the **collection of the projects and a test run** as important next step within the next two months roughly. The Task Force recommends that labelling decisions should be based on the assessment **by min. 10 AG4 members from 2 countries**.
- Regarding **thresholds/weightings**, Helmut Adelsberger explained that the proposed process with collecting individual proposals on weights and then averaging these inputs had a normalizing effect and that the difficulty was rather the scoring; another proposal was to collect all members' amendments and the Task Force's respective reasoning while avoiding endless discussion.
- Nathalie Morelle (Alpine Convention) suggested that **non-DMC members and observers' comments** be collected as orientation but not integrated into the calculations and warned members to be aware of the **responsibility** that follows from granting the label. However, Aurelio Vigani and others argued that non-DMC members shall not comment and insisted on the principle of one voice for one region / country. Patrick Skonieczki, on the other hand, agreed with collecting non-DMCs' comments and argued that through the methodology the responsibility would be shared. Helmut Adelsberger added that consistent documentation was important. Alberto Cozzi agreed that this would ensure **transparency**.

**The AGL will carry on the process as described above. As next step, the AGL will collect the definitive feedback from members on the Task Force proposals to finalise the methodology.**

### **French EUSALP Presidency 2020**

Xavier Garcia and Olivier Margouet presented a draft of the **French EUSALP Presidency 2020 action plan** which includes five priorities within transport and mobility:

- To promote innovations and new technologies towards modal shift from road to rail, alternative logistic solutions and harmonizing measures towards combined transport.
- To make progress towards multimodal and crossborder solutions for passengers transport – state of play, convergence and maturity of open data solutions.
- To improve accessibility of remote alpine areas in coordination with TEN-T comprehensive network: experimentation of innovating mobility services and new forms of intermodality to ensure accessibility of remote and cross-border areas.
- To develop cable transport between valleys and mountain areas.

- To develop alternative fuel and electric recharge stations network for passengers and freight transport and to harness the local potential of renewable energy and hydrogen productions.

## **B2 Towards an integrated incentive system for modal shift Political statement “Towards a coordinated policy framework”**

Helen Lückge presented the **political statement proposal’s** content and the AG4 role in policy development. Alberto Cozzi’s commented suggesting considering **electricity taxation** across different modes (including maritime transport) and on the EU level. On the question who should sign the document, the AGL answered that the statement should be signed by representatives from regional and national level, comprising as many AG4 members as possible. For example, the AG6’s declaration was not signed by all members, so the document was carried just by the signatories. Regarding the timeline, obtaining signatures within the AG4 members’ organizations would take time. Several written feedback rounds starting the following week and approval by the EUSALP Executive Board will be necessary. The target should be the French Presidency’s declaration in Autumn 2020 or even the 4<sup>th</sup> Mobility Conference in June 2020. In conclusion, the AGL insisted on the importance of having a policy impact, even if it was a bit watered down. **It was agreed that a first feedback round with political representatives will be conducted by each AG4 member and that feedbacks will be sent to the AGL before Christmas.**

## **Guide to Freight Transport across the Alps**

Giancarlo Bertalero presented his project of writing a logistics guide for manufacturers in the Alpine Region, to be finished by the end of 2020/beginning 2021, and asked for the AG4’s support in compiling a technical document. Xavier Garcia recommended to contact – in France – regional policy officers for input. Helen Lückge referred to [iMONITRAF!](#) as data source for the guide. Helmut Adelsberger referred to the [Austrian Ministry for Transport’s](#) special unit on CT and intermodality. Answering Helens Lückge’s question, Giancarlo Bertalero said that the guide would be published in Italian initially but hopefully translated subsequently. Patrick Skonieczki insisted that this document had to be decided by the entire AG4 and that it should be a technical not political document. Matteo Brumati asked – in relation to the claim that SMEs often did not have a logistics manager – if there was any regulation for auditing processes in logistics. Although Giancarlo Bertalero could not definitively answer this question, he generally agreed to the idea. Alberto Cozzi referred to Chambers of Commerce for valuable input; Giancarlo Bertalero, however, suggested potential inter-institutional barriers between manufacturers and state institutions such as chambers of commerce. **The AGL will stay in contact with the author to see in which way the AG4 can contribute to the Guide.**

## **Update on the ARPAF Project CrossBorder**

Karoline Hurnaus (AGL) presented the latest results of the [ARPAF project CrossBorder](#) (available online). To answer Jana Janson’s question about incentives, the [Toolbox for company mobility management](#) is an example. Patrick Skonieczki added that the entire Alpine Region in itself accounts for nearly half of all cross-border commuting in the EU and mentioned that part of the project results will be shown in the WebGIS. Xavier Garcia added Monaco as a best practice for innovative solutions, such as working spaces in train stations outside dense urban areas. **As next steps, the project**



partners will finalise the political recommendations (WP5) and prepare a final project event at the EUSALP Annual Forum in Milan on 29 November 2019. The thematic will also be part of the new AG4 Work Plan.

#### Update on Alpine Convention Transport Working Group

François Lamoise (France, Alpine Convention) gave a brief update on the current mandate of the Transport Working Group of the Alpine Convention. The activities are focused on:

- Modal shift of Alpine freight transit until 2050
- Reduction of car-dependency (inner-Alpine and transalpine passenger transport)
- Reduced transport demand (passenger & freight)
- Contributing to the proposed 8<sup>th</sup> Report on the State of the Alps (RSA8) on Air Quality in the alpine valleys

The AGL pointed out **thematic links** with the AG4's work. Nathalie Morelle (Alpine Convention) added that in the current **study on the potential of new technologies for passenger transport** the focus lies on the reduction of car dependency, beyond alternative fuels, considering alternative technologies such as hydrogen trains and cable cars. Bavaria will organize a workshop in Munich as part of this activity and Harry Seybert stated that AG4 would be invited. Upon request by Patrick Skonieczki, Nathalie Morelle added that synergies and coordinated activities between the current French presidency of Alpine Convention and the French EUSALP Presidency in 2020 are planned. **The 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group Transport will take place on 22 November in Paris.**

#### Any other business & 13th AG4 meeting

**The 13<sup>th</sup> AG4 Meeting will take place in February 2020 (date tbc) in Innsbruck.**

The AGL thanked all participants for their contributions, announced written **feedback rounds** shortly, and closed the meeting.



**Additional documents to the Minutes are available for download on the online AG4 Document Sharing Platform:**

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