



# EUSALP

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

### Action Group 4 Mobility

#### June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Bozen/Bolzano

#### Minutes

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#### **Agenda Topic 1** – Opening of the Meeting and Welcome Speeches

On behalf of the Region of South Tyrol **Mrs. Springer** welcomed all participants to this meeting, which should lay the basis for the further activities. She apologized Mr. Arno Kompatscher, President of South Tyrol, and Mr. Florian Mussner, Assessor for Mobility of South Tyrol, who could not attend the opening of this meeting, due to the Regional Government session taking place at the same time. They would join us later in the course of this meeting, to hold their welcome speeches (which however are reflected in this chapter of the minutes).

**President Kompatscher**, in his speech held at about 11:00, welcomed and thanked all participants. He pointed to his intention and his commitment to promote sustainable mobility and organization of transport in the very special sensitive environment of the Alpine space, which would have to be protected. Making reference to the traditional experience of Alpine regions in this respect he stated the goal of AG 4 to find appropriate common response to these particular challenges.

**Assessor Mussner**, speaking at 12:30, emphasized his vision of mobility as a factor of communication and the commitment of South Tyrol for public transport. Mobility should be sustainable and lead across borders. In this context he mentioned the Brenner Base Tunnel, a complex project taking into account also social, economic and environmental aspects. Pointing to the close cooperation within the EUREGIO and within EUSALP he wished our AG much success for the future considering the connections with neighboring regions.

**Mr. Moser (AGL)** thanked Mr. Kompatscher and Mr. Mussner for their speeches and for their strong support already during the formation of the Action Group Mobility. He underlined both Mr. Kompatscher's role as a mentor of EUSALP and driving force for AG 4 and Mr. Mussner's function as the member of the Government of South Tyrol responsible for mobility (from public transport to the European transport policy). He emphasized Mr. Mussner's strong commitment for modal shift policy and the optimisation of cross border connections in public transport.

## **Agenda topic 2** – Statements DG REGIO and DG MOVE

The AGL also welcomed the participants and gave the floor to Marco Onida from the DG REGIO. **Marco Onida** reported from the last meeting of Action Group Leaders in Brussels, the AlpGov Project and the TEN-T Days in Rotterdam. He also mentioned that AG4 is the best AG in participations from the EUALP members.

Then the AGL referred to a mail from **Mr. Ruijters** (DG MOVE) who had expressed his interest in AG 4 and his hope that he would be in the position to attend next time.

Further the AGL, with view to the fact that there were several participants the first time in an AG meeting, invited the participants to a short “tour de table”. He also mentioned a mail he had received from **Prof. Campeol** (Veneto) only the night before and expressed his hope that the latter could present this in the next meeting.

**Mr. Rinderknecht** (Switzerland) asked about the voting procedure in the AG, in case this will become necessary at some point. How many members of the AG, representing States and Regions, would be allowed to vote? He pointed to the fact that for example Switzerland would consist of 26 cantons, Austria 9 Bundesländer, Germany only 2 Länder, while Slovenia would be one country and one Region at the same time. There would be a need to work in a balanced way, nevertheless.

**Mr. Onida** referred to the draft minutes of the last Executive Board meeting. Although no official decision has been taken, the principle “one country one vote” seems unquestionable.

Mr. Rinderknecht agreed, adding that the procedure used at the first meeting was not common, though its results can be accepted.

Mr. Onida stated that at the EB meeting, the main points discussed were:

Representativeness: members with decision making capacity and, in this context, status of AG members not coming from national/regional administrations (universities, chambers of commerce, associations, NGOs, etc.); members with advisory capacity

Representation and missing countries: balanced representation must be ensured against challenges at stake and necessary involvement of key players. Relevance of partners represented a key issue, along with a clear mandate allocated to them. As a corollary, quorum: four countries are required in all cases.

The AGL mentioned that Austria has not appointed a representative in AG4. Mr. Onida replied that this is to be taken up in the framework of the EB with national coordinators.

Finally, Mr. Onida reminded that members of AG4 who have not done so yet are expected to provide a written mandate from their administration (already mentioned at the first meeting and included in the minutes).

In the discussion the AGL pointed out that the work of EUSALP AG4 should be done by EUSALP regions and countries without thinking in Member States and that he will try to find a consensus way of decisions to reach a broad common understanding for mobility otherwise members of the AG will be lost on the way.

**The AGL explained the sequence of the meeting with some little changes and the participants agreed to the proposed Agenda. The minutes from the Kick-Off were accepted by the participants without any comments.**

**Agenda topic 3** – Presentation proposal of Item 7 (secondary networks)

**Mr. Adelsberger** presented a guideline of general principles how to handle this question, however in practice, this guideline should be adapted with sufficient flexibility to the particular needs of each region. He invited all participating regions to prepare proposals for the next meeting how to improve secondary transport infrastructure and its interconnections with TEN-T, in analogy to the following example from Trentino, which **Mrs. Mattolin** (Trentino) then presented, namely a railway tunnel project Rovereto – Riva di Garda and, as a long-term vision, the “Treno dei Dolomiti” railway project.

The discussion was decided to do together with Item 10.

**Coffee break**

**Agenda topic 4** – Presentation proposal of Item 10 (public transport)

Again **Mr. Adelsberger** started with a general presentation to give some guideline for proposals to be elaborated by the attending regions until the next meeting, similar to item 7. A corresponding example was then presented by **Mr. Martini** (South Tyrol) showing a great variety of measures taken in South Tyrol including improvements of regional railways and establishing a unified tariff and ticketing system.

In the discussion which followed **Mr. Rinderknecht** emphasized the importance of border crossing ticketing. As an example he said that from Bern to Bolzano/Bozen it had not been possible to buy a direct ticket via Internet due to lacking interoperability of the ticketing systems of different operators. This was generally also supported by **Mr. Lamoise** (France) and **Mr. Seybert** (Bavaria) because of their own experience. Mr. Rinderknecht also drew the attention to the coming development of ERTMS especially between core/main and secondary network.

Also **Mr. Rankl** (Vorarlberg) made also reference to cross border transport – ticketing and information. His suggestion to prepare a common presentation with the German and Swiss regions around Lake Constance was generally welcomed.

**Mr. Mosser** (Styria) thought on a presentation with a 4 regions project for railway/highway concerning TEN-T and interconnections together with Carinthia.

Asked by **Mrs. Morelle** from the Alpine Convention about the goal of this exercise, Mr. Adelsberger explained that concrete, realistic proposals, which could become best practice examples should be collected and adjusted across regional and state borders. The AGL reminded that the process would still be in its preparatory phase and added that ideas should be collected to be transposed into other regions. There should be a way for all regions to learn from each other. He asked members to prepare a list of examples to items 7 and 10 they would intend to elaborate for the next meeting.

**All members of the AG agreed to this approach for Items 7 and 10; so the AGL will prepare and circulate a list where the members will register their “best practice examples and visions” which will be presented by them at the next Action Group Meeting / Mobility Conference.**

**Lunch Break**

**Agenda topic 5** – Presentation proposal of Items 3 & 8 (environmental impacts and toll systems)

The AGL introduced Mrs. Lückge who will consult the AG4 for this topic. She is an independent economist with her office Climonomics in Germany. She works as consultant for economic issues of transport and energy since several years. She supported the iMonitraf! Network in content and strategic issues.

**Mrs. Lückge** presented her deliberations on this topic. With a compilation of background information collected from all EUSALP countries and regions and based on the approach to define a clear impact-response chain, she had clustered its different elements and defined work focuses, which are:

1. Need for an Alpine-specific approach,
2. Public acceptance (modal shift – infrastructure and soft measures),
3. Transport/mobility pricing for Alpine region,
4. Revenue use and the role of innovative technologies;

According to these work focuses she proposed 2 – 3 activities to be carried out within scientific studies, coordination or participative processes and testing/demonstration.

**Mr. Rinderknecht** thanked for this presentation and pointed to strong links with Alpine Convention, Zürich Process and other ongoing activities. This should be taken into account also for the timeline of the works and all actors should have knowledge thereof to avoid overlaps. All the background information should be endorsed by the members of the AG4 in an appropriate way.

The AGL emphasized that there is very little knowledge of public acceptance of modal shift as well as corresponding infrastructure and soft measures. As regards transport pricing and toll systems, there would be several AG members who are involved in this topic already due to existing processes.

**Mr. Seybert** claimed for linking to the work of others. We should be aware that transport pricing is mainly in the competence of national governments. But public acceptance may be very good for regional level.

According to **Mr. Maresca** Liguria is working on these questions. Regional, national and EU levels would be needed.

The AGL proposed that members should elaborate a list in which of the four work focuses the individual members would be interested, similar to the list for items 7 and 10. The AGL suggested that members should read and complement the draft background paper, which will be finalized and distributed by the AGL.

**All members of the AG agreed to this approach for Items 3&8; so the AGL will prepare and circulate a list where the members will register their interest in activities which will be presented, discussed and decided at the next Action Group Meeting / Mobility Conference.**

**Agenda topic 6** – Work Plan and Work Programme

According to the AGL there will be 3 AG meetings per year, one out of them to be accompanied by a Mobility Conference the following day. **The next (3<sup>rd</sup>) AG 4 meeting is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Innsbruck and a Mobility Conference for November 9<sup>th</sup>.** The proposal for the events 2016-

2019 is shown at the last slide of the presentation in the appendix. The Mobility Conference will serve to include also the political level, stakeholders and possibly public society and to give politicians the possibility to exchange their opinions.

He further explained that the European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino will support the AGL with adequate resources. You will feel that in the future with more man and woman power. And it is planned to spend about 1 million Euro for the 3 years budget of the AG4 including € 100.000,- per year available from the AlpGov Project. Of course the members of AG4 are invited to contribute. We should use the Alpine Space Programme and other resources for financing projects. Other macroregional strategies also got money from the European Parliament and this option is still possible also for EUSALP.

The last meeting of the AGL took place in Brussels from 15./16.6.16 back to back with the Kick-Off Meeting of the AlpGov Project, which was approved successfully. The AGL reported that they all started working and with which tasks and problems they are confronted. The many members of AG4 show the big interest of countries and regions in the field of mobility.

**Mr. Onida** stated that Macro-Regional Strategies should identify projects which can be funded from other sources. Upon a question of Mr. Adelsberger about the possibility to issue “letters of recommendation”, he replied that it would be important that the AG identifies or initiates projects but also cares about its follow-up.

**The participants agreed to the proposal for Work Plan and Work Programme.**

**Agenda Topic 7** – Any other business

The AGL thanked South Tyrol for hosting and preparing the meeting. The AGL further announced that we would write and distribute the minutes with all presentations attached. He thanked all participants for coming and closed the meeting.

**Additional documents to the Minutes:**

1. Presentation Ewald Moser (20160628 AG4 2nd Meeting PPP Work Plan em.pdf)
2. Presentation Helmut Adelsberger Item 7 (20160628 AG4 2nd Meeting PPP Item 7 ha.pdf)
3. Presentation Paola Mattolin (20160628 AG4 2nd Meeting PPP Item 7 pm.pdf)
4. Presentation Helmut Adelsberger Item 10 (20160628 AG4 2nd Meeting PPP Item 10 ha.pdf)
5. Presentation Ovidio Martini (20160628 AG4 2nd Meeting PPP Item 10 om.pdf)
6. Presentation Helen Lückge (20160628 AG4 2nd Meeting PPP Items 3&8 hl.pdf)
7. List of participants (20160628 AG4 2nd Meeting Participants.pdf)
8. List of AG4 Members (20160707 AG4 Members.pdf)

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The following pictures show the core members of the AG 4 who participated at the 2<sup>nd</sup> AG Meeting.



Many thanks to all participants from the whole EUSALP area.