



EUSALP

4th Meeting

Action Group 4 Mobility

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Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Minutes

Note: the order of agenda topics in the minutes does not reflect one to one the actual order of events, but is maintained for the purpose of clarity.

Agenda Topic 1 – Welcome & AG4 State of Play

The Action Group Leader (AGL) **Mr Ewald Moser** welcomed all participants to the 4th meeting of the Action Group 4 and thanked the host, the Bavarian EUSALP Presidency, represented by **Mr Harry Seybert**, for hosting the EUSALP AG Forum. H.Seybert gave a few words of welcome. The AGL **Mr Patrick Skonieczki** also welcomed the participants and briefly presented the programme of the AG Forum as well as the agenda of the 4th AG4 meeting. The AGL then gave a special welcome to first time attendants, the AG4 members Mr Jens-Uwe Staats (replacing Ms Katharina Erdmenger) representing the German Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, Mr Giovanni Campeol representing the Region of Veneto, the guest speakers and two visiting participants from academia.

The AGL **Ms Johanna Thöni** took over, approving the minutes of the 2nd and the 3rd meeting of the AG4. Both documents will be put online on the EUSALP website (<http://www.alpine-region.eu/>).

The website which is online since December 2016 offers the possibility to share documents via an online document sharing platform. The platform is accessible for all Action Group Members via a common log in. Members are not allowed to publish contents, which is the task of the AGL. Members have access to the group calendar, the contact book as well as to the file sharing area of all Action Groups. The AGL proposes that this tool will be used to share documents in order to avoid excessive data transfer via e-Mail. The AG4 agreed on three different access authorizations: (1) documents open to public access, (2) documents open to access to all platform users and (3) documents restricted only to the use of AG4 members. The login details for accessing the shared space together with a guideline on the access rights will be sent out to the AG4 members and uploaded on the document sharing platform after the meeting. There were no objections by the AG4 members to this proposal.

The AGL informed that Action Groups are required to provide a yearly report, by the end of March, to the Executive Board. The report for the year 2016 will be in form of the AG4 Work Plan. The factsheets

as core part of the Work Plan have been approved by the AG4, having considered the feedback provided by members and sent to the AlpGov Lead Partner who is in charge for the finalization of the joint report to the Executive Board (EB). It was clarified that even though the activities of the AG4 for the next years have been approved, the Work Plan (factsheets) is not a static document and AG4 members are welcome to present/submit further projects from their Regions/States which are going to be considered under activities C1, C2 and D1.

The AGL also verbally approved the AG4 Rules of Procedures (RoP) as there were no objections from AG4 members. The RoP for the AG4 have been sent to the AG4 members via e-Mail previous to the meeting. It is a dedicated set based on the general EUSALP Rules of Procedures provided by the EB and includes underlined text representing the mandatory parts; all other sentences are regarded as a flexible framework and have been adapted to the needs of the AG4. After approval, the entire set of the AG4 RoP are considered mandatory and contribute to the successful functioning of the AG4.

Three specificities to the AG4 RoP were mentioned:

- Art. 2 concerning the mandate: All AG members with DMC have to provide a written commitment by the nominating State/Region which has proposed their membership.
- Art. 4(4) concerning Members in Advisory Role: The RoP give the possibility to involve stakeholders based on an agreement in the working process of the AG4 as member in advisory role. The AG4 agreed on further involving the organizations CIPRA and CEI as AG4 Members in Advisory Role (without DMC) in the work process of AG4.
- Art. 4(1) AG Meetings: to guarantee effective AG4 Meetings, the number of participants has to remain manageable. The AG members are invited to send one representative for each member Region/State to represent their position.

Some questions on clarification were put forward by **J. Staats** and **Mr Franc Zepic** (Slovenia) and were answered sufficiently by the AGL. **It was concluded that the AG4 RoP is a dynamic document that can be adapted during the next years, if needed.** The date of approval will be added to the document to keep track of possible changes.

The AGL gave an overview of past and upcoming events attended by the AGL relevant to the AG4.

25.11.2016: EUSALP Monitoring Workshop organized by the European Commission on how to monitor the successful implementation of the EUSALP Action Plan. The successful working of the AGs cannot be simply measured by using the indicators proposed by the EUSALP Action Plan. Consequently, the AG4 proposes for their activities (factsheets) more realistic indicators and targets which will also be further developed in the frame of activity A2 "Target system".

25.01.2017: Workshop on embedding the macro-regional strategies into the post 2020 EU cohesion policy, organized by the European Commission. The EC will finalize the cornerstones of the new legislation on EU Structural and Investment Policy post-2020 by Easter, i.e. April 2017. The proposal by the Bavarian EUSALP presidency to draft a position paper in this matter will be further discussed within the Executive Board.

27.02.2017 INEA Connecting Europe Facility Transport Blending Info Day: The [2017 CEF Transport Blending MAP Call for Proposals](#) (opened on 8 February 2017) makes €1 billion of funding available for projects of common interest in the transport sector aiming at maximizing the leverage of private

involvement and capital in the delivery of CEF Transport projects. The AGL will participate in this Info Day and will provide a summary to the AG4 members.

14-15.03.2017 Joint Meeting of Transport Coordinators of the EU macro-regional strategies. The meeting will be aiming at bringing together Coordinators of Transport for exchanging practices and experiences across macro-regions. Even more, the meeting shall help identifying and discussing on shared challenges that hamper smooth implementation of the respective actions and would require to be addressed in a coordinated way. The AGL will participate in this meeting and provides relevant feedback to AG4 members.

The iMONITRAF! network is now under the lead of Tyrol until the end of 2018, allowing for further synergies with AG4. The Annual Report 2016 is also available online on the [iMONITRAF! website](#) and will be sent around to the AG4 members

Close synergies have started with **Interreg Alpine Space projects**. The AGL attended the eMOTICON Kick Off and will also participate in a roundtable discussion of the ASTUS Launching Conference. The INTERREG Meet & Match Forum will bring together stakeholders to build new project consortia in light of the 3rd project call. Due to limited capacity, only two representatives per Action Group shall participate. The AGL plans to attend, and an additional member can take part, if interested in a project proposal.

The AGL provided an update on current EU consultations and encouraged members to take part in the surveys on the Connecting Europe Facility and Combined Transport, encouraging to make a reference to EUSALP. The AGL also shared news on the Revision of the Eurovignette Directive, which will be taken up by the European Commission and Parliament in the 2nd quarter of 2017. The AGL will keep the AG4 members posted in developments.

Mr Ovidio Martini (South Tyrol) informed members of recent developments in Italy related to rail pricing by explaining the situation dating back to October 2016 of possible, but not confirmed, track-price increases concerning the transport of freight and passengers. The possibility of drafting a joint declaration in the name of AG4 was proposed. Such a political statement should also consider the view of the Alpine Convention Working Group on Transport and could also give visibility of EUSALP as such. Some doubts were raised by members whether the decision to raise prices on international train journeys (both passenger and freight) can be considered final. This cannot be confirmed. It was agreed that Mr Martini will keep a close eye on the developments in this regard before drafting a joint declaration. As proposed by **Mr Alberto Cozzi** (CEI), it was decided that as a first measure, **the AGL will collect information comparing the different rail pricing systems in the Alpine states** (link to activity B2 "Integrated incentive system modal shift").

Mr Marco Onida (European Commission), referring to the results and challenges highlighted in the Commission report on the implementation of the four macro-regional strategies (MRS) adopted on 16.12.2016 pointed to the achievements so far of EUSALP and AG4, which overall attracts high interest and a high number of participants to the meetings. Regarding AG4, he drew attention to the current under-representativeness of the Western Alps Regions. National states (transport ministries) should also be involved, since their absence limits the possibilities of the Action Group. The purpose of the implementation report, which will be published on a biannual basis, is to closely monitor the implementation of the MRS and their progress. The Council is expected to provide conclusions on the Report within the 1st half of 2017.

Agenda topic 2 – Interconnecting public transport information and ticketing

Two external experts, **Mr Stefan Mayr** (ARGE ÖVV) and **Mr Stefan Markl** (BayernFahrplan), contributed to the meeting by presenting two best practice examples on interconnecting public transport information and ticketing. Both Verkehrsankunft Österreich (VAO) and Bayern-Fahrplan provide travel information platforms with the objective to contribute to modal shift by providing detailed travel information integrating different modes of transport, aggregating the data from the different transport operators. For further details please refer to the attached presentations.

S. Mayr's presentation encouraged the AG4 to work further on this activity and to identify a way to combine different already existing information systems on a smaller scale and, in a further step, plan for a travel information software covering EUSALP. S. Mayr highlighted that the main challenge is not the technical development of the suitable software itself but rather the political challenges and restrictions. It is also expected that the signing of the EU directive on ITS expected for 2017 will facilitate data exchange. The success factor of the VAO project was the bottom-up approach. The EU strategy for the Danube Region is already working on a similar approach and could provide valuable input for further steps. **The AGL will get in contact with the respective transport coordinator of the Danube region.**

S. Markl stressed the fact that the calculation of tariffs for longer journeys including several carriers is still almost impossible because of existing barriers between service providers. Customers have high expectations on travel information systems and seek for the possibility to purchase tickets directly on the information portal. The question about selling tickets is however a political question and should be raised and solved at the respective level in order to provide a sustainable service. A further challenge is the sharing of real-time information on connecting trains and cross-border connections e.g. in the case of delays. This kind of information is often under protection and withheld from external users. S. Markl also informed about a Germany-wide information and ticketing system called DELFI scheduled to be launched in 2018.

As a next step, success factors and barriers from existing cross-border transport systems will be identified and collected.

Agenda topic 3 – Interreg Alpine Space Programme

Ms Anne-Séverine Lay (Alpine Space JS) briefly mentioned that the 3rd call will be published in April 2017. Since in the last call, only three transport related projects (ASTUS, AlpinnoCT, eMOTICON) were selected, the Terms of Reference for this call will involve a topic on transport, trying to match priority topics of EUSALP. The Meet & Match Forum on 21-22 March 2017 in Milan will provide an opportunity for partners with a project idea to attend and network. The AGL will participate in this meeting and will provide a summary to the AG4 members. **There will also be the possibility to submit a project proposal for the 3rd project call of the Interreg Alpine Space Programme which could focus on the topic of interconnecting public transport information (see Agenda topic 2).**

Agenda topic 4 – Cross topic Initiatives

A1 – External costs

Ms Helen Lückge (Climonomics) presented a state of the art of existing studies on external costs, referring to GRACE and CEREMA. The presentation then illustrated two options on how an update on external costs in mountain areas could be conducted under EUSALP, considering ongoing activities in the WG Transport of the Alpine Convention.

Ms Nathalie Morelle (Alpine Convention) gave a short introduction on the current situation regarding the application of already existing studies on external costs in the Alpine area. The Working Group on Transport of the Alpine Convention foresees to entrust the Cerema agency with a further study.

Mr Xavier Olny (Cerema) presented the approach proposed for this new estimation of the external costs of transport (focus on air and noise pollution) in mountainous areas, based on available data and models, illustrated by examples from the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region.

The Alpine Convention WG on Transport is focusing on air quality and noise co-exposure, while AG4 could focus on other indicators. AC may not have quantitative results before the next Mobility Conference. **Therefore as a next step, the AGL will commission an in-depth analysis on external cost factors, taking into account existing studies, and in particular GRACE.**

NB A. Cozzi, appointed representative of the Italian region Liguria, informed the AG that Liguria is willing to contribute to the activities A3 on public acceptance of modal shift, B3 link between pricing systems and the use of innovative technologies and C2 Infrastructure for combined transport (terminals).

A2 – Target system

H. Lückge presented a proposal for the activity on the development of a common target system for the AG4. Due to time constraints, **the overview graphic of the proposed system was not discussed during the meeting but will be sent out to members for feedback after the meeting together with a questionnaire.**

A3 – Public Acceptance

The discussion on the activity A3 is postponed to the next meeting, as the activity will not start before June 2017. Nevertheless, the AGL encourages the members to participate and contribute in the implementation of this activity.

Agenda topic 5 – Modal shift

H. Lückge presented a proposal for the activity “extension of Toll Plus proposal”. This will also provide the basis for developing an incentive system for modal shift (activity B2) and the activity on pricing systems and innovative technologies (activity B3).

A. Cozzi, appointed representative of the Italian region Friuli Venezia Giulia, informed that both Liguria and FVG do not support any increase in rail pricing fees. Moreover, Mr. Cozzi informed that Friuli Venezia Giulia opposes any increase of tolls on motorways as foreseen by the activity “extension of Toll Plus proposal”.

F. Zepic addressed the topic of regional transport in the Toll Plus proposal and how to address the injustice of different prices at different corridors. It was informed that both iMONITRAF! and the Suivi de Zurich Process are dealing with this topic and will be trying to develop a proposal within the existing legal framework.

As a next step, AG4 members will be asked to indicate their final interest for the inclusion of the relevant corridors.

Agenda topic 6 – Methodology for a systematic assessment of individual projects

Mr Helmut Adelsberger (InfraConceptA) gave a presentation on a proposed methodology for project assessment relevant to activities C1, C2 and D1. Each member will be able to assess their own projects based on this methodology and in line with the common target system (A2). The aim of this activity is to achieve a common selection of priority projects to be recommended by the AG4. The draft methodology will be sent out to AG4 members for written feedback and comments. **H. Adelsberger** said that it might be difficult to apply the same methodology in each country, mainly because of data inconsistencies, and should therefore entail some degree of flexibility. **A. Cozzi** said that Friuli Venezia Giulia will send a powerpoint contribution on ports and intermodal connections.

NB on slide 13 the unit for non-renewable energy consumption will be changed from “t oil” to “toe” (tonnes of oil equivalent).

The proposed methodology will be sent out together with an illustrative project assessment to the AG4 members. Members will be requested to provide detailed feedback and given the possibility to submit additional projects for assessment.

Agenda topic 7 – Presentation of Projects by the Veneto region

Ms Stefania Sorze, representing the in-house company of the Veneto Region Sistemi Territoriali SPA, presented the projects of Veneto on behalf of Mr Giovanni Campeol. She thanked the AGL to accept the late presentation proposal and apologised for the delay due to internal clarifications regarding the representation of Veneto within the AG4. The five project proposals that were presented are:

- Prolongation of motorway A27
- Dolomites train (Circuit)
- Railway Primolano-Feltre
- System of Cycle paths around Garda
- Railway and road connections to the Port of Venice

The ensuing discussion revolved around the prolongation of motorway A27 which, as argued by **Mr Andreas Pichler** (CIPRA), is not coherent with the Transport Protocol of the Alpine Convention. **H. Adelsberger** added that the project is not coherent with the Work Programme of the AG4 which was defined in coordination with all AG4 members. **E. Moser** (Tyrol) stated that Tyrol does not support the A27 project proposal, as was already expressed at political level by the Governors of Tyrol, South Tyrol and Trentino. **Mr Ralf Kühn** (Salzburg) also expressed his disapproval of the project. **F. Zepic** added that the AG4 should focus on projects of smaller scale but with relevance and added value at macro-regional level.

G. Campeol underlined that EUSALP is a horizontal organization and all the Regions and States should have the same hierarchical position. Each region has the right to submit its projects without any vetoes from other regions of EUSALP and any decisions taken by AG4 cannot be taken in a “democratic” way but in a technical way, checking if a project is coherent with the objectives of EUSALP (not the Work Programme of the AG4 which was defined in coordination with all AG4 members). The strategic objectives of EUSALP must be respected without eliminating from the table of discussion of the AG4 the infrastructures of transport such as intra-Alpine roads, the seaports, the inland ports and the airports. EUSALP is not a “closed system” but “open”, it should be possible to modify or implement the decisions taken if new issues of Regions arise. Veneto Region would bring its issues (intra-Alpine traffic, maritime ports,...), coherent with the geography of EUSALP and TEN-T objectives, to the AG 4 discussion. **G. Campeol** will work to widen the relationship on the issues which arose during the 4th meeting of the AG4 highlighted in a written report which will be sent shortly to all members of the Action Group (the document was sent to members on 8 May 2017).

The AGL concluded that among the five projects presented, the prolongation of the motorway A27 could not be included in the project list for AG4. Mr Campeol argues that no decision was taken neither in a “democratic” nor “technical” way.

Supplementary written statements following the meeting

Ms Maria Celestina Antonacci (Province of Trento) underlines that the projects “Dolomites train” and “Railway Primolano-Feltre” also involve the Provinces of Bolzano and Trento and the project “System of cycle paths around Garda Lake” the Lombardy Region, too. In particular, these projects promote sustainable mobility especially in tourism and are strictly connected to the development of three TEN-T corridors, and in the case of the Garda Lake project recognised at national level. For parts of these projects, planning and financial commitment of the Province of Trento already exists.

Ms Carmen Springer (South Tyrol) would like to remind that during the Italian EUSALP national coordination meeting which took place in Rome on 29th of July 2016 it has been stressed that national or international projects which have already been rejected cannot be considered in the work plan of the EUSALP AGs. South Tyrol will therefore reject any proposal concerning new transalpine roads/highways.

M. Antonacci adds that on behalf of Mr Mauro Gilmozzi, Provincial Councillor for Infrastructures and Environment, Trentino rejects and will not support any project of transalpine road/highway.

Mr Marco Onida (European Commission) states that in the view of the European Commission, the statement from Veneto is not in line with the RoP (one country, one vote rather than liberty for each single region to bring projects) as well as the Work Programme of AG 4. Furthermore, the prolongation of the A27 Highway is not consistent with the objectives of EUSALP (nor of EU transport policy). The position decided at the meeting should therefore be maintained.

Agenda topic 8 – Next steps & any other business

The AGL informed that the 5th meeting will take place on 20 June 2017 in Trento. The meeting host **M. Antonacci** added that detailed information will soon be sent out.

Additional documents to the Minutes:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Presentation by AGL: AG4 State of Play
3. Presentation by Ovidio Martini: Rail pricing increase in Italy for international transport
4. Presentation by Stefan Mayr: VAO Verkehrsankunft Österreich
5. Presentation by Stefan Markl: Bayern-Fahrplan Dynamic Passenger Information On Public Transport
6. Presentation by Helen Lückge: Proposal for activity “External costs”
7. Presentation by Xavier Olny: Cerema - External costs of Transport
8. Presentation by Helen Lückge: Proposal for activity “target systems”
9. Presentation by Helen Lückge: Proposal for activity “extension of Toll Plus proposal”
10. Presentation by Helmut Adelsberger: Infrastructure for Sustainable Transport and Interconnecting Public Transport Operation – Project Assessment
11. Presentation by Stefania Sorze: Projects of Veneto
12. Participants 4th AG4 meeting
13. Participants AG4 meets ASP projects meeting

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