



EUSALP

5th Meeting

Action Group 4 Mobility

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Minutes

Agenda Topic 1 – Welcome & AG4 State of Play

The Action Group Leader (AGL) **Mr Patrick Skonieczki** welcomed all participants to the 5th meeting of the Action Group 4 and thanked the host, the Autonomous Province of Trento for hosting the meeting. **Mr Mauro Gilmozzi**, Councillor for Infrastructure and Environment of the Autonomous Province of Trento welcomed the AG4 members and emphasized the importance to promote modal shift and sustainable transport modes. The Councillor underlined that both the transit traffic crossing the Alps but also the internal mobility within the Alpine Region has to be considered in order to make the Alps a livable place. Mr Gilmozzi expressed his support to the important work of the AG4 towards these goals. He excused his absence for the rest of the meeting and referred to Ms Celestina Antonacci who will further represent the Autonomous Province of Trento during the meeting.

The AGL gave a special welcome to first time attendants, Mr Cesare Bernabei (Active Senior DG REGIO), Mr Antonio Pollano (Aosta Valley), Mr Andrea Rossetto (Veneto) as well as guest speakers Mr Jakob Dietachmayr (CIPRA International), Mr Patrick Dejaco (STA) and Ms Simone Messner (South Tyrol) and Mr Gabriel Klammer as representative of EUROCHAMBRES. It was also announced that Mr Alberto Cozzi, previously at CEI (Central European Initiative) has been appointed to represent Friuli Venezia Giulia as official AG4 member with DMC. CEI will continue as member in advisory role and will soon nominate a new representative. Guest speaker Ms Franziska Sielker (University of Erlangen) was excused and will present her dissertation on Macro-regional integration during the next AG4 meeting in October.

The meeting started with the introduction of the meeting agenda and the *State of Play* presentation by the AGL **Mr Skonieczki and Ms Johanna Thöni**, informing participants about the following points.

Admission of EUROCHAMBRES as new Member in Advisory Role to the AG4:

The AGL proposed the admission of EUROCHAMBRES as new Member in Advisory Role to the AG4. Following the request made by Mr Marco Onida about the role of EuroChambres in the meeting and to receive the documentation of its formal admission, the AGL responded that it will share the requested document with the AG4.

The admission of Members in Advisory Role in the Action Groups is encouraged by the EUSALP Action Plan and corresponds to the third objective of the AG4 “To develop cooperation and greater

integration”, by involving actors to strengthen cooperation and coordination among relevant institutions, stakeholders and already existing structures within the Alpine Region. The participation of EUROCHAMBRES in EUSALP AG4 Mobility is twofold. On the one side, to represent the position of the Chambers of Commerce of the Alpine Region within the AG4 by speaking for the Alpine enterprises and economic stakeholders in the field of mobility having an interest in the work of the Action Group; on the other side, to inform the chambers of commerce of the EUSALP territory about the work program and activities of EUSALP AG4. Mr Gabriel Klammer of the Tyrol Chamber of Commerce has been assigned the mandate to officially represent EUROCHAMBRES in the AG4 and is thus in charge of facilitating the exchange by participation in the AG4 meetings and activities.

The official letter of appointment by EUROCHAMBRES has been forwarded to the AGL and the required agreement between EUROCHAMBRES and the AG4 Leader (RoP Art. 4) will be signed after the approval by the AG. **The AG4 agreed with consensus to welcome EUROCHAMBRES as new and third Member in Advisory Role in AG4, in addition to CIPRA and CEI.**

Events – Workshops – Conferences:

The AGL gave an overview of past and upcoming events with involvement of EUSALP AG4 (For further information please refer to the presentation). **In 2018 Tyrol is taking over the EUSALP presidency**, a major focus of the presidency program will be on mobility. Further information on the program and upcoming events in the frame of the Tyrolean presidency will follow soon.

Ms Messner (South Tyrol) gave a short overview on the upcoming **2nd EUSALP AG4 Mobility Conference on 25th October 2017 in Bolzano**. Another important open event is the **first EUSALP Annual Forum** under the Bavarian Presidency in Munich, which takes place on 23-24 November 2017 in Munich (BMW World).

Public Consultations:

Current consultations in the field of mobility are the [Evaluation of Directive 2010/40/EU](#) on the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other modes of transport (Consultation period 5th May to 28th July 2017) as well as the EC Proposal on the [Revision of the Eurovignette Directive](#) (feedback from 31th May to 8th August 2017). **The AGL proposed to draft a feedback proposal on the Eurovignette Directive and to forward it to AG4 members.**

ARPAF:

The Alpine Region Preparatory Action Fund (ARPAF) is a preparatory action at the initiative of the European Parliament, which has decided to introduce an allocation of EUR 2 million in the 2017 budget. The draft proposal of the ARPAF implementation agreement has already been sent to the AG4 members. On 27 June 2017 a joint workshop of the Action Group Leaders on the use of the Alpine Region Preparatory Action Fund will take place. After that, the proposal will be discussed in the frame of the next Executive Board meeting on 3 and 4 July 2017.

The AGL presented a joint project proposal in collaboration with the AG5 on cross-border mobility with the focus on commuter travel, including studies on infrastructure and soft factors to improve the coordination of daily cross border passenger flows. The AG4 members can present project proposals in line with the eligibility criteria to apply for funding under the ARPAF.

Digital EUSALP:

In the frame of the Interreg Alpine Space Project AlpGov (Implementing Alpine Governance Mechanisms of the European Strategy for the Alpine Region) and within the work package “A collaborative digital environment”, all 9 Action Group Leaders in their function as project partners are

asked to develop a tool according to their specific needs, which can, in a further step be integrated or linked to the EUSALP Platform of Knowledge (PoK). The PoK is a professional integrated management tool for the Alpine area and is designed to monitor ongoing processes, projects and results produced by all Action Groups. A first mock version of the PoK is already published and accessible via log in on the EUSALP Website.

The AGL presented the idea to further develop the already existing iMONTIRAF! WebGIS (<http://webgis.eurac.edu/monitraf/map.php>) and to enlarge the tool to the needs of the EUSALP AG4. The EURAC Bolzano has been contracted to support the AGL for the next two years, in order to create a practical and helpful tool which can be published on the PoK. The activity just started and the **AG4 members are invited to familiarize themselves with the tool and to share their ideas with the AGL.**

EUSALP Newsletter service and online calendar:

The EUSALP Newsletter service will soon come into operation. Each AG has a short paragraph to communicate information on the Action Group via this tool. The AGL will forward the subscription link and encourages the members to forward this information to interested parties. Furthermore, the EUSALP Website offers the possibility to publish and promote upcoming events/workshops/conferences. **The AG4 members are invited to use this communication tool and to forward information to publish to the AGL.**

Governance Study on Mobility and Transport in the EUSALP :

In the frame of the Interreg Alpine Space Project AlpGov and within the work package “Enhancing shared Alpine governance”, the project partners are asked to commission a study on governance in the Alpine area in their respective field. The AG4 tendered the study to the Innsbruck Center of European Research (ICER). **The outcome of the study will be presented at the next AG4 meeting in Bolzano.**

Council conclusions on the implementation of EU macro-regional strategies:

Mr Marco Onida (DG REGIO) summarized the Council conclusions¹ that were adopted on 25 April 2017 which reiterate the need for strengthening the link between macro-regional strategies and funding sources, for reinforcing MRS objectives at national and regional level, and for better coordination with respect to the multi-level governance system. The member states that are critical of MRS are typically those that are not included in any of them, mainly those from Western Europe.

Railway track pricing in Italy for international transport:

Ms Messner (South Tyrol) gave a short update on the issue **of increased railway track pricing in Italy** which will be introduced in 1 January 2018. It is foreseen that the increase will impact both international and national freight and passenger transport, staying in line with EU regulations. It was reiterated that it is difficult to compare track prices between different countries and should be further investigated in detail in order to argue against this measure.

Agenda topic 2 – D1 Interconnecting public transport information and ticketing

AGL informed about the submission of the project proposal “STRIPE” (Seamless TRavel options for Intelligent Passenger mobility in the Alpine SpaceE) in the frame of the 3rd call of the Interreg Alpine Space Programme. If successful, the project would run for three years starting in mid-2018, focusing

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/de/policy/cooperation/macro-regional-strategies/

on connecting different regional and national travel information platforms for cross-border services. The project consortium consists of partners from Austria, Italy, Slovenia and Germany, and the project idea is supported by the EUSALP AG4 (Work Plan activity D2) as well as the Bavarian EUSALP Presidency.

Mr Dejacó (STA) presented the BINGO project on travel planning, real time information and ticketing, highlighting the importance of applying existing EU standards. For contactless ticketing however there are no existing EU standards. He supports the idea of the EUSALP AG4 project proposal to focus on integrated travel information.

Agenda topic 3 – B1 – B2 – B3 Modal Shift

Ms Helen Lückge (Climonomics) informed the AG4 about the EC proposal on the Revision of the Eurovignette Directive published on 31 May 2017² and highlighted the key elements from the point of view of the iMONITRAF! network. These are the distance-based approach on tolls and the flexible approach on external cost charging.

iMONITRAF! Is currently focusing on a proposal on how regulations for exempting regional transport in the context of Toll Plus can be defined. A study is currently underway to help develop a proposal and the main findings of the study will be reported to the AG4.

As a next step for the activities on Toll Plus in the frame of AG4, the AGL proposed that a survey will be sent around on the core elements of the iMONITRAF! Toll Plus proposal. The AG4 members will be able to clarify their position towards Toll Plus by identifying barriers and points of contention for each core element. The aim is to identify critical issues, need for further analysis and, finally, to develop a common position at EUSALP level on the issue of Toll Plus.

Agenda topic 4 – A1 External Costs

Ms Lückge presented the first findings of a study on external costs in mountain areas which is currently being conducted by INFRAS and Herry Consult for AG4. It provides an update on the GRACE study (2006) and intends to derive new mountain factors for external costs in Alpine regions. The following cost categories are analysed: air pollution, noise, nature and landscape, accidents and climate change. First findings show that considerably new data sources and approaches are available to update the mountain factors. **The results of the study will be presented to the AG4 in October 2017.** Results of this initiative will be used as common basis for the design of policy instruments and strategies, such as Toll Plus or the development of an integrated pricing system for freight transport as proposed in the AG4 Work Plan.

² The Commission proposal for the revision of the Eurovignette Directive is part of the EU Mobility Package “Europe on the move - An agenda for a socially fair transition towards clean, competitive and connected mobility for all”. The publication on 31st May 2017 includes a first series of 8 legislative initiatives specifically targeting road transport:

https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/road/news/2017-05-31-europe-on-the-move_en

Mr François Lamoise (France) informed about the study on external costs for air pollution and noise conducted by the Alpine Convention Working Group on Transport which will be ready in June 2018. An update will be given at the next AG4 meeting in October.

Agenda topic 5 – A3 Public acceptance

Ms Lückge and **Mr Dietachmayr** (CIPRA International) gave a joint presentation on a methodology to launch the proposed activity on public acceptance. Overall, the activity has the objective to consider and improve public acceptance for common policies and projects supported in the frame of EUSALP AG 4, reaching out to relevant stakeholders and the public, and including a broader viewpoint on the design of new infrastructures and policy instruments. In order to design targeted stakeholder formats, a better understanding of existing conflicts that hinder public acceptance needs to be derived in a first step. The concept of “conflict maps” could be used to visualize and map existing and future conflicts of different scales for transport infrastructure and policies at corridor level. These “conflict maps” can then serve as common planning tool for specific stakeholder events. It was proposed to launch a survey to collect of conflicts from members in a multi-step process. **Mr Bernabei** (DG REGIO) supported the proposal and highlighted that the participation of all members in the survey would be important to create a relevant model.

The activity on public acceptance will further benefit from synergies with the Interreg ASP project AlpinnoCT, for which CIPRA International will organize a series of dialogue events as an interactive format involving relevant stakeholders. Such events could also be organized in the frame of EUSALP AG4, with the proposal to hold a first session during the next AG4 meeting on 24 October 2017.

The next step will be a survey to collect a list of status quo conflicts from AG4 members and to present and discuss a first draft of a conflict map at the dialogue event during the next AG4 meeting.

Agenda topic 6 – A2 Target system

H. Lückge summarized the results from the collected feedback on the proposed target system. It became clear the focus of the target system should be on modal shift targets in freight, public transport infrastructure and environmental targets (air, noise, CO₂). AG4 members are welcome to provide additional feedbacks. **Mr Pollano** (Aosta Valley) stated that for his region, connectivity to services and infrastructures outside the main corridors (TEN-T core and comprehensive network) are the main issues. Aosta Valley railroad is old and should be renewed, like many other regional railroads in North West of Italy, connecting these territories to the main corridors; therefore EUSALP strategy should also forecast initiatives in this direction. **M. Onida** (EC) reminded that the Action Plan of EUSALP explicitly refers to regional railways which need to be developed as a complement to TEN-Ts.

As a next step, the AG4 should agree on a specification with quantified targets on selected criteria that can be brought forward to a political feedback round. **At the next AG4 meeting, the revised overall target system and proposals for specific targets will be presented in written format by the AGL.**

Agenda topic 7 – C1 – C2 – D1 Methodology for a systematic assessment of individual projects

Mr Helmut Adelsberger (InfraConceptA) presented the proposed methodology for project assessment relevant to activities C1, C2 and D1. He illustrated the methodology with the example of the rail-road terminal Hall in Tirol (C2). As regards the indicators, the scope of this assessment was still incomplete, because data collected and analysed so far did not allow a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis. For the future, it seems that performing a multi-criteria analysis, giving weight according to the feedback received on the target system may be more appropriate.

At the next meeting, Mr Adelsberger will present a more comprehensive assessment, illustrated with one project for each of C1, C2 and D1. In order to achieve comparability of the projects, it is the intention that finally all projects of the categories C1, C2 and D1 be assessed according to the same methodology.

Mr Rossetto (Veneto) requested to change the title of the activities arguing that only rail were included under C1, excluding other modes. He suggested as alternative title for C1 “infrastructure for freight and passenger transport”. He argued that roads, ports and airports should also be considered.

Mr Adelsberger noted that the priority topics were commonly selected at the Kick-Off meeting, with a clear majority, and that all members were included in the process of defining those topics as well as the titles for the activities. The AGL **Mr Ewald Moser** added that the Work Plan was fixed in the context of the AlpGov project, while the list of projects of AG4 members can be enlarged in the process of AG4. **Veneto Region submitted to the AG4 a statement on the AG4 Work Plan expressing their positions and requests. The AGL will send a statement in response (in annex to the minutes).**

Mr Rossetto affirms that the argumentations presented once again by AGL have been already faced in the document made by prof. Campeol “Economic development and mobility...” sent on May 8th 2017 after Garmisch Meeting and that received no reply.

Mr Onida states that although the content is not necessarily in line with the EC priorities on transport (in particular as regards the proposed new transalpine highway), the methodological critique contained within are understandable, since and that the AG4 must remain an open forum where possible synergies have to be identified. He expressed the need to bring up projects that are of common interest. In this respect, the macro-regional process is ongoing and the Work Plan should be flexible. However, **Mr Bernabei** added, the EUSALP Action Plan cannot be derogated and the principles of EU policies such as multimodality and climate change mitigation have to be kept. The **AGL** confirmed that the work of AG4 is in line with those principles. He also referred to the distinction between C1 being passenger transport and C2 for freight transport, which does not exclude any particular mode. **Mr Onida** affirms that, if no particular mode is excluded, there is no reason not to change the title. **Mr Franc Zepic** (Slovenia) noted the importance of road infrastructure and proposed criteria that are more simplified, such as those in TEN-T. **Mr Adelsberger** responded that only some indicators and data that he managed to obtain for the terminal Hall in Tirol were presented today. The full assessment would also include indicators linked to TEN-T and the macro-regional dimension.

Mr Davide Maresca (Liguria) supported Veneto in the need for flexibility and drew attention on the importance of ports; there are ongoing discussions between Italy and Switzerland to connect the port of Genoa with the Swiss railway network. **Ms Anne-Severine Lay** (ASP Joint Secretariat) came back to the importance of defining common targets (e.g. on CO2) in the assessment of individual projects which should not exclude the individual interests of regions. **Mr Bernabei** added that environmental impacts should be a main focus.

The AGL summarized that the main points of the target system (environment, modal shift, accessibility) should be the focus of and suggested to reduce the assessment to the main indicators relating to those targets. At the same time, the assessment should focus on effects that are more than local and that bring an added value to the macro region. AG4 members are invited to send additional projects for the systematic project assessment.

Agenda topic 8 – Logistic System of Friuli Venezia Giulia

Mr Cozzi gave a presentation on the network of logistic nodes (rail-road terminals and ports) in FVG region and the intermodal links with other regions in the EU and the world. The objective is to better coordinate the organisation of the nodes in the region and to better connect them to the other nodes in EUSALP such as Koper, Venice and Fürnitz. The top priorities of FVG are to reduce the number of heavy-goods vehicles and to increase efficiency of intermodal traffic with the support of ICT.

Agenda topic 9 – Conclusions

After consideration of the comments of the AG4 members the final version of the minutes of the 4th AG4 meeting was approved.

The EUSALP Action Groups met their reporting obligation towards the Executive Board by submitting the first Annual Report in March 2017. The report is published in the online file sharing area, accessible via personal log-in.

The AG4 members gave their approval to the publication of the pictures taken during the meeting.

Upcoming events are:

24.10.2017 – 6th EUSALP AG4 Meeting in Bolzano

25.10.2017 - 2nd EUSALP AG4 Mobility Conference in Bolzano

23.11.2017 - First EUSALP Annual Forum under the Bavarian Presidency in Munich

It was requested that a draft programme of the Mobility Conference shall be shared with the AG4 members and to also invite the transport coordinators of the other macro-regional strategies.

Ms Nathalie Morelle (PSAC) added that on 18-19 October 2017, the Austrian Presidency of the Alpine Convention organizes a conference on mobility and tourism in Werfenweng (Salzburg).

Additional documents to the Minutes:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Presentation by AGL: AG4 State of Play
3. Presentation by Simone Messner: Railway track pricing in Italy for international transport
4. Presentation by Patrick Skonieczki: Interconnecting public transport information and ticketing
5. Presentation by Patrick Dejaco: Project Bingo
6. Presentation by Helen Lückge: Activity “Toll Plus” – extending regional proposal
7. Presentation by Helen Lückge: External costs in mountain areas

8. Presentation by Helen Lückge and Jakob Dietachmayr: Proposal to launch activity A3 “public acceptance”
9. Presentation by Helen Lückge: Results from feedback round “target system”
10. Presentation by Helmut Adelsberger: Methodology for a systematic assessment of individual projects (C1 – C2 – D1)
11. Presentation by Alberto Cozzi: FVG Logistic System
12. Participants 5th AG4 meeting
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