EUSALP
7th Meeting
Action Group 4 Mobility
March 15th – 16th 2018, Innsbruck
Minutes

DAY 1

Agenda Topic 1 – AG4 State of Play

The meeting started with the introduction of the meeting agenda and the State of Play presentation by the AGL **Patrick Skoniezki** who gave a special welcome to first time attendants Federico Cavallaro (expert nominated by the Ministry for Environment, Italy), Alfred Nagelschmied (Styria) and Isabel Köhler (AG4 Lead Team). Mr. Skoniezki also welcomed the experts Sandra Carollo and Nicola Masotto (Veneto).

Approval of minutes 6th AG4 meeting

The AGL sent the latest version of the minutes of the 6th AG4 meeting to the Action Group members on 6 March 2018. No further written or oral comments were presented; hence the minutes are considered as approved and will be published online in the Document Sharing Platform.

Tour de table

Jens-Uwe Staats (Germany) informed about a new federal Government which also entails that EUSALP will move from the Transport Ministry to the Ministry of the Interior. Decisions about whether Mr Staats will remain in the AG4 will be taken in the coming weeks.

Christian Egeler (Switzerland) stated that the effects of the dosing system in Tyrol which will be presented could also impact traffic on the Swiss Alpine corridors.

Franc Zepic (Slovenia) informed that the Prime Minister resigned and that there is currently no government however no changes are expected regarding transport.

Ewald Moser (Tyrol) mentioned the recent elections with the installation of the new government which continues the former coalition of ÖVP and Greens.

Ovidio Martini (South Tyrol) will be the new contact person replacing Carmen Springer who will retire this year.

Matteo Brumati (Piedmont) sent the AGL a list of priority topics that the region would like to collaborate on in the frame of EUSALP. The list of topics can be found in annex to the minutes.

Alberto Cozzi informed the group that regional elections in the Friuli Venezia Giulia region will be held on 29th April 2018.

Nathalie Morelle (PSAC) informed that the WG Transport of the Alpine Convention is continuing collaborating with AG4, on topics such as external costs. She mentioned the latest review of the Eurovignette implementation published by the Alpine Convention's Working Group on Transport in 2016, which can be found in annex to the minutes. The **AGL** added that AG4 and the WG Transport should speak with a common voice on the issue of external costs, relevant in the current revision of the Eurovignette Directive. The next meeting of the WG Transport will take place on 16-17 May 2018 in Chamonix.

Feedback on events attended by AGL & upcoming events

The AGL provided an overview of past and upcoming events with involvement of the EUSALP AG4 (For further information, please refer to the presentation).

At the **EUSALP Annual Forum in Munich** the AG4 Leader presented the "Conflict Map". This map includes conflicts in alpine regions and represents an interactive Tool of AG4.

At the **2nd meeting of EU macro-regional Transport Coordinators**, participants exchanged on project labelling and how to improve linking programmes such as Interreg to the Strategies. The exchange will continue as upcoming meetings are foreseen. A summary report of the meeting is enclosed in annex to the minutes as well as a recent study on the links between MRS and Cohesion Policy.

Upcoming meetings:

Platform of Knowledge and EUSALP website Training session: 20 – 21 March 2018 in Milan
ARPAF Project Partner Meeting: 16 April 2018 in Innsbruck
AlpGov Project Partner Meeting: 17 – 18 April 2018 in Innsbruck
8th AG4 Meeting and 3rd Mobility Conference: 19 – 20 June 2018 in Trento

Next AG4 meeting & 3rd Mobility Conference

The 8th AG4 Meeting will take place on 19 June in Trento, followed by the 3rd Mobility Conference on 20 June (half day). Celestina Antonacci (Trento) presented the proposal for the focus topic which will be "secondary networks" and how to connect remote territories to the core network, as agreed by members. The proposal foresees a number of subthemes under two thematic areas. The objective of the conference is to involve all AG4 regions in the conference programme and to attract more political representatives or experts from EUSALP regions than in previous editions.

To prepare the content of the conference programme the main regional issues regarding secondary networks will be collected from the members. These issues shall be presented jointly under the suggested subthemes (see presentation). The coordination of the inputs for each should be carried

out with the collaboration of one coordinator per subtheme, coming from the AG4. Proposals are welcome.

An in-depth discussion on the subthemes is foreseen during the 8th AG4 meeting the day prior the conference.

The conference will be organized jointly by the host the province of Trento, together with the AG4 Lead Team.

The Save the Date and the official invitation by the President of the Province of Trento will be sent out shortly. **Marco Onida** (DG REGIO) suggested inviting also the TEN-T coordinators as they have an interest also in secondary networks.

Tyrolean EUSALP Presidency 2018:

The AGL informed about the Launch Event of the Presidency held on 7 February 2018 in Innsbruck-Igls which included the official handover from Bavaria to Tyrol, high-level political speeches and debates and a Workshop with Action Group Leaders and exchange with the Executive Board to prepare the Annual Forum, which will take place on 20-21 November 2018 in Innsbruck. The AGL will keep the AG4 members informed about upcoming activities. The AG4 priorities as defined in the Presidency Work Programme are modal shift with a focus on toll systems and interconnecting public transport information. The Presidency Work Programme was handed out during the meeting and can also be found in the annex.

Agenda Topic 2 – Interconnecting public transport operation: ARPAF project CrossBorder

The two year joint project between AG4 and AG5 with a total budget of € 680.000,-- will focus on reducing the negative impacts of transport caused by cross-border commuters who according to statistics travel predominantly by private car. Tyrol as project partner will ensure the link to the AG4. Members' support will be required to identify commuter hotspots in the Alpine Region, to assist in relevant data collection and to respond to surveys. Regarding the upcoming external study under WP2 (analysis of existing cross-border mobility networks for passenger transport, see also presentation) members were called to communicate any experts to carry out the study to the AGL.

Welcome Speech

The Vice President and Councilor for Mobility of Tyrol **Ingrid Felipe** welcomed the members of the AG4 and informed about the recent elections, at which the issue of transport became a dominant topic. With the ongoing EUSALP Presidency, Tyrol will strengthen its efforts to better cooperate with neighbouring regions on all issues related to traffic and transport. Furthermore, Ms Felipe expressed her personal wish for Tyrol to continue the lead the AG4 also after the three years period foreseen by the Action Plan.

Agenda Topic 3 – C1 – C2 – D1 Methodology for a systematic assessment of individual projects

Helmut Adelsberger (InfraConceptA / Consultant AG4) presented a new approach for developing a common methodology. Strictly based on EUSALP Action Plan, in line with its examples for AG4 projects and taking into account the common AG4 target system, this proposal rather aims rather at a project selection than a project ranking. The members agreed to the proposal to form a task force with some AG4 members (not more than 10 participants, not more than one expert per region / state / member). Some doubts were raised on whether an external mandate is necessary to perform the task, as there is existing technical expertise in the AG4. The AGL clarified that the role of the external expert shall be that of a moderator and mediator as an independent and neutral agent to facilitate the discussion. The expert shall be selected together with the task force. Part of the mandate could also include an analysis of potential funding sources of infrastructure projects. The following members raised their interest in joining the task force: Veneto, PSAC, AGL, Helmut Adelsberger, Friuli Venezia Giulia. Further interested members shall inform the AGL by 26 March. **Once the task force members have been identified, the AGL will inform about the next concrete steps (see also timeline in the presentation).**

Veneto renounced its presentation, explaining that it was in full agreement with the proposed approach.

DAY 2

Welcome Speech

Mr. **Robert Müller** head of the Infrastructure Department of Tyrol welcomed the members of AG4 and highlighted the importance of the topics of the AG4 for Tyrol.

Agenda Topic 4 – Presentation by AG4 members

SmartLOGI

Alberto Cozzi (Friuli Venezia Giulia) presented project SMARTLOGI co-funded by the Interreg Italy-Austria Cross-Border Cooperation Programme, which is thematically relevant for AG4 activity C2 Infrastructure for Combined Transport includes partners on the Brenner and Tarvisio corridors. The next project meeting will take place in Bolzano in July with the results expected at the end of 2019. The project partners are open for exchange and cooperation with the AG4 and the possibility of a joint event was considered. Alberto Cozzi will keep the AG4 informed to strengthen synergies.

Block admission system in Tyrol & political summits on the Brenner corridor

Ekkehard Allinger-Csollich (Tyrol) presented the recently introduced "dosing system" (more appropriate term than block admission system) by Tyrol to ensure the fluidity of traffic and traffic safety on the Inntal motorway (A12) in the central area around Innsbruck which is highly affected by a combination of peak commuters, tourism related traffic and especially HGV in the early morning peak hours. For this reason HGV are stopped at the Bavarian-Tyrolean border on selected days and only during the morning peak and a maximum of 300 HGV per hour are allowed to cross the border.

Upon request it was clarified that the European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino defined targets to shift goods transport from road to rail, from a current modal split of 70-30 to 50-50 by 2027 and 30-70 by 2035. This means that a total amount of 1.5 Mio. tonnes per year would need to be shifted from road to rail, as the total amount of transported goods is expected to continuously rise. Free capacities on rail and the rolling highway (RoLa) are available.

Agenda Topic 5 – A3 Public acceptance

Helen Lückge (Climonomics / Consultant AG4) and Johanna Thöni (AGL) gave an update about the Conflict Map. It was developed to inform a wider public about the complexity of this issue and to reach more public acceptance. It was first presented during the EUSALP Annual Forum in Munich in November 2017. The Conflict Map represents an interactive tool of AG4´s work and identifies the most important challenges and conflicts of mobility and transport. The Conflict Map identifies three thematic fields: conflicts related to environmental pressures, infrastructure use and development, and social aspects and tourism.

It was discussed that in this context the word conflict refers to local problems or issues, and does not mean a conflict between two opposing issues.

Helen Lückge also proposed to hold one or several dialogue events on selected hot topics that have been identified.

The next steps will be the ongoing collection of regional conflicts, the digitalization of the map and integration in the Platform of Knowledge (PoK). A press review to show public perception towards each conflict shall also be added.

Agenda Topic 6 – B2 Towards an integrated incentive system for modal shift

Helen Lückge (Climonomics / Consultant AG4) presented information about this issue. Transport prices are influenced by various price components like energy costs, capital costs for vehicles or rolling stocks, operating costs for the use of infrastructure and labor costs. But these costs are also influenced by policy e.g. by taxes, subsidies or charges. Therefore it is important to identify policy-induced price components for road and rail transport which influence the level-playing-field. An illustration of these price-components could support political discussion.

These reasons lead to the proposal for an external study which should include an overview of existing pricing components for road and rail in each state. AG4 members agreed to go ahead with the study. Results of this study with approx. € 20.000,-- budget should be available in autumn 2018. Members were called to communicate any experts to carry out the study to the AGL.

Agenda Topic 7 – Update of WebGIS for the EUSALP Platform of Knowledge (PoK)

Johanna Thöni (AGL) informed that the Platform of knowledge will be online by 9 April 2018. Action Group Leaders in their function as AlpGov project partners are asked to develop a tool according to their specific needs, which can be integrated or linked to the EUSALP PoK. It is planned to integrate the iMONITRAF! WebGIS in the PoK. The iMONITRAF! WebGIS was developed in the frame of a previous ASP Interreg Project iMONITRAF! and contains a vast up to date data collection on transport and traffic information on the alpine transport Corridors Frejus, Mont Blanc, Gotthard, Brenner and Tarvisio. In the frame of the AlpGov project (WP 5) the database will be further developed to the requirements of the AG4 and expanded to the entire EUSALP territory. This instrument can be used mainly as a communication tool for different AG4 activities, such as the conflict map and to display results of AG4 activities

The AGL is invited to participate in a workshop on the functioning of the EUSALP PoK, taking place on 20 – 21 March in Milan. An update on the scope and features of the PoK will be given during the next AG4 Meeting in Trento.

Agenda Topic 8 – Report to the EUSALP Executive Board – Update of AG4 Work Plan

The yearly report to the EUSALP Executive Board, due by end of March 2018, requires an update of all AG's Work Plans, including the state of past, ongoing and future activities. The updated Work Plan which was sent out to AG4 members before the meeting was discussed. For activity C2 Alberto Cozzi suggested to consider the SMARTLOGI Project, enabling a continuous exchange with AG4. Also under C2, a project on logistic strategies for boosting the modal shift of freight transport from road to rail by optimising logistic processes (Alpine Spider) was envisaged and partly developed. It could be submitted under an upcoming call. In addition, a preparatory study to investigate and optimise multimodal logistic chains could be commissioned, if deemed necessary.

Under activity D1 the ARPAF project was added.

Under Activity D2 the project proposal STRIPE was submitted and is waiting for the result from the Interreg Alpine Space Programme Committee on whether the project will be financed.

The AG4 members can send further input by 26 March. The final report has to be sent to the EUSALP Executive Board by 30 March. The updated Work Plan can be found in annex to the minutes.

Additional documents to the Minutes

The documents are available for download on the online AG4 Document Sharing Platform starting from 16 April 2018 - File name: AG4 7th Meeting

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9. Presentation by Helen Lückge: Towards an integrated incentive system. Proposal for initial task
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12. Report of the 2nd meeting of EU macro-regional Transport Coordinators
13. Study on Macro-regional strategies and their links with Cohesion Policy
14. Tyrol EUSALP Presidency 2018 Work Programme
15. Update AG4 Work Plan
16. Final minutes of the 6th AG4 meeting

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