

# Learning about Sustainable Transport



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### **Outlines**

The concept of sustainable transport is very complex and has to do with many different aspects in society. Therefore, we need to have a broader look on how sustainable transport can or should be developed. The seminar aims at identifying processes and areas where Interreg can have its niche and make a difference.

For decades, transport has dealt about building and developing infrastructural solutions. It has been about roads, bridges, ports, railways, and airports and how to connect these. This is still part of the concept but it has become much more complex. As transport is causing a damage to the nature and humans, we need to look into the concept of

- how to achieve zero emissions
- alternative fuels for transport
- financial sustainability
- environmental resilience
- user friendliness for people and goods
- multimodal transport solutions
- how to handle bid data
- how to develop security issues

## Objectives – identify processes and polices relevant for project funding

This is a learning event for the participants. Interact and the Interreg network for sustainable transport (TO7) will in close cooperation with DG MOVE, compile a one-day seminar that highlights what is done until now and what will be in the pipeline after 2020. It will not only focus on projects but on the steering policies and how to develop processes that leads to sustainable transport solutions. It is also aiming at seeing and discussing how different funding sources can work together.

This includes an update on the work

- <u>TEN-T corridors</u>, European Corridor leader + Silke Brocks, Adviser of the European Coordinator, DG Move
- CEF 1 and CEF 2, Inea
- Other funders of transport related investments and activities. <u>Horizon 2020</u>, EIB,
- The gaps and niches identified by Interreg initiatives (<u>Tentacle</u>) and 1-2 other activities, Interreg projects with MRS relevance. These show the macro regional concept and contributions to sustainable transport
- Other relevant actors

### Working methods

This will work as a seminar with presentations but it is a forum for discussion on how Interreg can make a difference in achieving safer and sustainable transport solutions. This is a forum to get an update on the transport policy issues but also a forum to learn about each other's roles and capacities. The date is also set so that it is a back-to-back meeting with the Tentacle final conference in Brussels (6 March 2019).



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Day one	Thursday, 7 March 2019
08.45 – 09.15	Registration and Welcome Coffee / Tea
09.15 – 09.20	Introduction Ulf Wikström, Interact
09.20 – 10.50	Transport Policy today and tomorrow Opening statement: Herald Ruijters, Director, DG MOVE Directorate B (tbc)
	<ul> <li>The cornerstones and developments of the trans-European transport policy. The TEN-T corridors and Interreg. How to create synergies? Silke Brocks and Martin Zeitler, Advisors to the European Coordinators, DG MOVE</li> <li>Boosting cross border regions by recovering missing rail links. Robert Spisiak, DG Regio</li> <li>The future of the Connecting Europe Facility CEF II: What will remain, what is new? Lydia Rooney, Unit B2, DG MOVE</li> </ul>
	Objectives of the session: To learn about the state of play regarding EU Transport policy.
10.40 – 11.00	Questions and answers
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee / tea
11.30 – 12.45	Processes needed to make sustainable change. How can macro regional strategies contribute? How is Interreg guaranteeing an European added value? Which are the niches and the gaps  · Why is transport in focus in the European Parliament?  MEP Henna Virkkunen, CEF Rapporteur, EPP  · Tentacle project as part of a holistic EU policy combining Interreg MRS and TEN-T. Mattias Andersson, Tentacle  · Danube stream/FAIRway Danube projects. Andreas Bäck  · ADRIPASS project, Integrating multimodal connections in the Adriatic-Ionian region. Paolo Dileno, Central European Initiative
	Objectives of the session: To show case and discuss the impact and potential of Interreg Transport Policy initiatives and processes (such as TEN-T) and MRS in the field of sustainable transport.
12.45 – 13.00	Questions and answers
13.00 – 14.10	Lunch
14.10 – 15.30	Sustainable transport as a concept

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- Why has CEF been so successful what can we learn from CEF?
   Daniel von Hugo, Team leader INEA
- What is sustainable and intelligent transport?
   Patrizio Grillo, Senior Expert, DG Move B4
- How to connect with Innovation and research?
   Robert Missen, DG Move, B3 / Horizon 2020

15.30 – 15.45	Questions and answers
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee / tea
16.00 – 16.30	Other financing solutions and examples <ul> <li>EIB and TEN-T, Pia Nieminen, Policy Adviser, EIB</li> </ul>
	Objectives of the session: To learn about other funds and the relation to transport initiatives.
16.30 – 16.45	Final set of Q and A
16.45	Closing of the seminar
17.00 – 18.00	Refreshments and time for getting to know each other
Day 2	Friday, 8 March 2019 (Internal network meeting)
09.00 - 09.20	Interreg TO 7 Network internal meeting, Ulf Wikström, Interact
09.20 – 10.20	Internal exchange – how to get the most out of the Network? Brainstorming and group discussion
10.20 – 10.45	Coffee/tea
10.45 – 11.30	keep.eu as a tool for the Network to know/learn about similar projects, Janne Kiilunen, Interact
11.30 – 12.15	TO7 Network and work plan for 2019
12.15 – 12.45	Capitalisation in CE Programme. Winfried Ritt, Central Europe
12.45 – 13.00	Q & A
13.00	Closing the meeting + Lunch and departure