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Strategies and action plans

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Summary description of the strategy/action plan (developed and/or implemented), explaining its main objectives and transnational added value





The main challenge addressed by the strategy: The main challenge of the Slovenian strategy for enhancing peripheral and cross-border PT accessibility is to improve cross-border connectivity, integrated ticketing and tariff schemes and to introduce innovative ICT tools on info-mobility along the national border and in the border/peripheral regions with Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. The strategy is focussed on gradual improvement of regional peripheral and cross-border PT accessibility. The strategy shares a common template with other 9 project strategies but is adapted to the local needs and requirements, with clear targets and deadlines for their implementation. Key objectives of the strategy: The objective of the strategy is to address and mitigate three main issues:

- un-coordinated approach of transport authorities from each side of the border,
- inadequate and insufficient offer of the cross-border public transport service and
- fragmented transport service accessibility, lacking user-friendliness in terms of tariff schemes & ticketing systems and integrated infomobility systems.

How the strategy has been developed (and its transnational added value): The national strategy capitalizes detected issues and proposed measures exposed in the territorial needs analysis for the peripheral and cross-border along the Slovenian border, which were implemented in transnational tools for CB accessibility improvement and further on implemented in pilot actions related to cross-border PSO model and development of intermodal integrated cross-border transport service between Ljubljana and Trieste.; all being part of the CONNECT2CE project. Key point in strategy developments was extensive networking with relevant Slovenian stakeholders in transport operations, research and decision levels.

The main results of the pilot actions were taken a more strategic level and afterwards shared and appended at the workshops held with the relevant stakeholders.

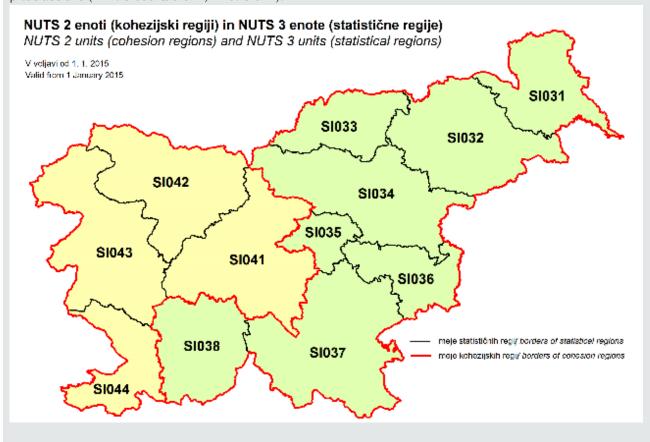
Bearing and deriving from the transnational pilot actions the strategy encapsulates strong transnational component, conferring it even stronger transnational added value.

Adoption/implementation: The strategy was supported by the Letter of Support provided by the Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure, which is the main decision level in Slovenia in terms of public transport strategy and operations.

NUTS region(s) concerned by the strategy/action plan (relevant NUTS level)



Slovenian strategy relates to all NUTS 3 level regions - statistical regions in Slovenia: SI031, SI032, SI033, SI034, SI035, SI036, SI037, SI038 (>> SI03 cohesion region) and SI041, SI042, SI043, SI044 (>> SI04 cohesion region). All statistical regions but SI035 ("Zasavska") and SI041 ("Osrednjeslovenska") include crossborder transport. Also the two stated regions, SI035 and SI041 are strongly impacted by the cross-border transport due to specific geographical position of Slovenia and its size and were also part of the project pilot actions (PA2: SI035 & SI041; PA6: SI041).



Expected impact and benefits of the strategy/action plan for the concerned territories and target groups





Expected effect of this strategy: The strategy aims at bringing coordinated management of CB transport, better transport service offer, and multimodal integrated cross-border public transport under the aegis of the Slovenian ministry of Infrastructure as well as boosting local communities to solving of the CB connectivity issues to more systematic level in coordination with the state organs. Who benefits from the strategy: In the first place the strategy should bring better service to the CB commuters and occasional travelers in all Slovenian CB areas. The strategy will also contribute to better organization of decision makers at all organizational levels, from the state to the communities in CB areas, and operators of the CB public transport. Nevertheless, It will bring better opportunities for balanced development of the CB services provided by the research and development institutions and will contribute to the cooperation in general. Policy of institution uptake: The Letter of Support to the strategy was provided by the Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure, as the main decision level in Slovenia in terms of public transport strategy and operations. This high level of support is a good prospect to bring the strategy fully in practice.

Sustainability of the developed and/or implemented strategy/action plan and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

Sustainability of the output after the project end: The most important factors of sustainability of the strategy are:

- transnational cooperation in pilot actions which underlie the strategy measures,
- involvement of all relevant CB transport stakeholder in process of building and approval of the strategy contents, giving it strategic and very practical value, also being a crucial point for its success.
- official support (Letter of Support) to the strategy by the Ministry of Infrastructure, which is the highest national decision maker and financial provider regarding the public transport in Slovenia and also international and border-crossing lines running through Slovenia.

Transferability to other territories: Despite building the strategy from the lessons learned in particular CB pilot actions among Slovenia, Italy and Croatia, implemented in the CONNECT2CE project, the strategy has brought the lessons learned to the generalized level that can also be applied in other CB territories, sharing the similar issues and goals.

Transferability to other stakeholders: Besides being CB transport oriented, the strategy also promotes general CB cooperation by establishing common cooperation bodies and rules of play that can be used in other fields of cross-border service exchange (e.g. tourism).

Transferable lesson(s) learned: The main lesson learned is to give high importance to different local organization and perception of priorities that need to be harmonized (e.g. different definition of passenger entitlements across the border), which may take considerable time and flexibility to bring the adequate solutions.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex





Relevant related project deliverables and their locations: The strategy for Slovenia, titled "The Territorial strategy for improving regional and cross-border accessibility of Slovenia" is encapsulated in a deliverable D.T3.3.8, which is available for download at the project website https://www.interregcentral.eu/Content.Node/CONNECT2CE.html, by selecting PROJECT DOCUMENTATION button and clicking on Regional strategies. The zip file also contains the other territorial strategies, altogether 10 territorial strategies that were prepared by the CE countries, participating in the projects (Deliverables D-T3-3-5 - D.T3.3.14) and other relevant documents, the strategy is based on: the pilot action reports (D.T2.2.4, D.T2.2.8), the minutes of the three Stakeholders' Workshops (D.T3.3.2-4), and the three Transnational Toolboxes (D.T3.2.1-3).

