

Output factsheet: Tools

Version 1

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Summary description of the key features of the tool (developed and/or implemented)

REIF partners elaborated a joint methodology to carry out comparable baseline studies for rail freight transport in their territories. The methodology foresees to analyze the current state of rail freight services in each pilot region, e.g. identifying common ratios. A territorial analysis (A) gives a general overview about rail freight infrastructure and services in the regions/ports and their hinterland/catchment area, e.g. industrial clusters and sites, rail infrastructure like electrification and tracks, intermodal facilities, transport flows, network classification etc. In the policy analysis (B) documents on national and regional level are analyzed, including goals and strategies as well as instruments. Following a regional stakeholder mapping (C) with the focus on collecting important stakeholders out of politics, economy and civil society and classifying them regarding their influence and importance. Finally, a SWOT analysis (D) summarizes strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in the field of regional rail freight transport in each pilot region.

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NUTS region(s) where the tool has been developed and/or implemented (relevant NUTS level)

The methodology can be universally applied to any NUTS region in Europe.

Expected impact and benefits of the tool for the concerned territories and target groups

The baseline study methodology allows the preparation of comparable baseline studies analyzing rail freight transport in European regions. With a given template and structure every project partner can follow the methodology and analyze the status quo of rail freight transport in their territory. This gives a first inside and overview about facts, figures, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the regions themselves and also to inform partner regions and stakeholders and learn from the results mutually.

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Sustainability of the tool and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

The methodology can be universally applied to any European NUTS region with rail freight transports. To provide for durable use of the methodology it has been published on the REIF project website.

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Lessons learned from the development/implementation process of the tool and added value of transnational cooperation

The methodology for baseline studies gives a comparable structure for all project partners and pilot regions/ports to learn from oneself and to learn from each other regarding rail freight infrastructure and services in European territories. This contributes to the added value of transnational cooperation. Although there can be different access to and availability of information and data in each region, differences and similarities can be found out and revealed.

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

Deliverable D.T1.1.3 (Methodology for baseline study)

The methodology can be accessed on the REIF project website.

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