

# OUTPUT FACT SHEET

## 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 Croatian railway infrastructure is a public good in general use owned by the Republic of Croatia, managed and maintained by HŽ Infrastruktura. The TEN-T Mediterranean corridor passes through Croatia and encompasses part of its railway network, with the two main points being Rijeka and Zagreb. HŽ Cargo is the main Croatian freight transport operator, with several other rail freight operators that operate in Croatian territory as well. A huge benefit for freight transport in Croatia is the railway network being connected to the ports, enabling efficient intermodal transport, with better connections to further destinations.

With the need to modernize a large portion of Croatia's rail infrastructure, it is of utmost importance to prioritize the planned projects and implement ones with the greatest impact on rail freight. The objective of the priority list is to identify and budget actions in line with the analyses' outcomes, and to link them to regional and national policies. The priority list of actions is based on the Baseline study, as well as the Market potential analysis and the Bottleneck analysis, and aims to address the most pressing issues in order to increase the modal share of rail freight compared to road.

The priority list of actions therefore identifies three major railway network investments totaling about 1,15 billion Euros. The investments shall be realized within the Transport Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia 2017 -2030 and Territorial Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia. Financial resources need to be provided from European and national sources and the national railway infrastructure manager (HŽ Infrastruktura) has been identified and main responsible actor.

The results of prior analysis have been discussed with REIF partners and were subject of a benchmarking work paper that had put all previous learning into perspective. REIF partner meetings were used to exchange first sets of action proposals and their potential contribution to achieve a growth of rail freight transport. The finalized priority list and identified policies for their realization represent the final results of REIF's WP T1. The priority list of actions and identified policies will further be addressed through REIF activities in WP T3 where a Regional advisory board is created to elaborate a Road map for the realization of proposed actions.

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

Kontinentalna Hrvatska, Croatia (HR02, HR06)  
Jadranska Hrvatska, Croatia (HR03)

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

The Priority list of actions and Definition of policy measures are based on the Baseline study, Market potential analysis and Bottleneck analysis realized in REIF's WP T1. The results of these analyses have been discussed with REIF partners and are summarized in the Benchmarking work paper. The Priority list of actions suggests medium and long-term investments to promote growth of rail in the modal split of freight transportation. The proposed actions are based on detected bottlenecks and unrealized market potentials.

These deliverables are aimed at decision makers responsible for railway infrastructure managing, railway operators and other actors using rail freight as part of their activities. The deliverables offer an insight as to which planned actions are considered the highest priority, how they were chosen and why, offering key actors the ability to not only learn what the current priorities are, but also to create their own priority lists in the future

Through the Priority list of actions and Definition of policy measures decision-makers receive a comprehensive overview on required investments for further consideration. The list will furthermore be addressed by REIF activities in WP T3 where proposed actions are to be discussed with stakeholders and key actors forming a Regional advisory board. That process is leading to drafting of the Roadmap defining how proposed actions will be uptaken on an institutional level.

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

The Priority list of actions and Definition of policy allow decision-makers of rail freight transport and related investments as well as stakeholders and other key actors to benefit from the documents which form the basis for discussion at the Regional advisory board (to be created in WP T3 of REIF) and for the elaboration of the Roadmap.

During the drafting of the priority list of actions, HŽ Infrastructure and the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure were consulted for inputs on the documents and were invited to participate in the Advisory board meetings.

The process of the list's unbiased elaboration through the Baseline study, Market potential analysis and Bottleneck analysis accompanied by transnational exchange and discussion is suitable for any Central European region aiming at increasing rail freight transport. Related methodologies for studies and analyses have been published on the REIF website.

The three priority actions in Croatia serve as an example of selecting those future investments which are most likely to improve the conditions of freight transport on both the national and international level, in this case between major national transport hubs located on the TEN-T transnational corridor.

## References to relevant deliverables and web-links

If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

The output is based on the following deliverables:

- D.T1.1.5 Regional baseline study
  - D.T1.2.3 Market potential analysis
  - D.T1.3.3 Regional catalogue of bottlenecks
  - D.T1.4.2 Priority list of actions and cost estimates
  - D.T1.4.3 Definition of potential policy measures
- Download link for the above-mentioned documents: <https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/REIF/Regional-Strategy-Output-Croatia.zip>
- D.T1.4.1 Benchmarking work paper ([https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/REIF/Benchmarking-Work-Paper-\(All-Regions\).zip](https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/REIF/Benchmarking-Work-Paper-(All-Regions).zip))