

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

Over the last few years, the railway traffic of the Port of Trieste has increased considerably, passing from 5.980 trains in 2015 to 9.770 trains in 2019 (+63.4%). The economic crisis due to the COVID19 pandemic caused a decline in 2020, which is currently being recovered - the number of trains increased by 19.5% during the 1st semester of 2021, if compared to the same period of the previous year. Moreover, modal shift from road to rail plays an important role in the environmental strategy of the Port Authority: it already shows remarkable results - 52% for TEUs and 27% of semi-trailers in 2020 - which will need to grow further in order to meet the decarbonization goals at local, national and EU level.

Yet, despite the increase in rail traffic flows, the railway infrastructures of the port of Trieste have remained the same.

Therefore, the identified list of actions mainly relates to the need of adapting the existing infrastructures to the new strategies of both the Port Authority and the terminal operators and include works such as revamping the railway layout allowing 750m-long trains, the reactivation of unused railway lines and new railway gates (disused sidings to expand the port's train terminal capacity and to allow deviation in case of congestions), for a total value of almost 90 million euros. These interventions are in line with regional, national and EU policies and are already fully funded by regional, national and EU funds.

For the advancement of the realization of the proposed investments, public procurement procedures defined by law D.Lgs. 50/2016 represent a major obstacle slowing the process. A simplification of rules is desired by the port's stakeholders.

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, allowing decision-makers to develop a more profound understanding of the current situation of rail freight transport and investments required. 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)

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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 is based on prior analyses realized in REIF's WP T1, notably a Baseline study, a Market potential study and a Bottleneck analysis. The results of these analyses have been discussed with the transnational partners of REIF and are summarized in a Benchmarking work paper. The Priority list of actions suggests medium- and long-term investments to promote the growth of rail in the modal split in the transportation of freight. The defined policy measures indicate corresponding programmes and policies where proposed actions are to be anchored. The proposed actions are based on detected bottlenecks and unrealized market potentials and are addressed to regional decision-makers. Through the Priority list of actions and Definition of policy measures decision-makers and stakeholders receive a comprehensive overview on required investments for further consideration. The list will furthermore be addressed by REIF activities in WP T3.

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 measures is addressed to decision makers of rail freight transport and related investments. Stakeholders of the Trieste port community will benefit from the document as it forms the basis for further discussion in a Regional advisory board (to be created in WPT3 of REIF) and for the elaboration of a Road map. The list's added value is its rooting in the outcomes of previous analyses and transnational exchange.

The process of the list's unbiased elaboration through a Baseline study, a Market potential analysis and Bottleneck analysis accompanied by transnational exchange and discussion is suitable for any other Central European region aiming at increasing rail freight transport.

The methodology for elaborating similar documents in other territories is fully replicable, the main tools being a) clear dataset (baseline); b) identification of bottlenecks; c) elaboration of several and realistic scenarios for overcoming them; d) stakeholder involvement.

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-Trieste.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))