

OUTPUT FACT SHEET

Pilot actions (including investment, if applicable)

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Summary description of the pilot action (including investment, if applicable) explaining its experimental nature, demonstration character and transnational added value

The pilot action aimed at setting up innovative coordination platforms to enhance the coordination of services, interoperability and to strengthen exchange between actors of rail freight transportation. Realized as REIF's Pilot Action #2, it was implemented by ITL Foundation (PP8) together with Emilia-Romagna Region (PP10). The main objective of the Pilot Action #2 was to review the collaborative scheme of ER.I.C (Emilia-Romagna Region Intermodal Cluster), fostering the definition of its main scope, rules and responsibility.

ER.I.C. was founded in 2018 following a cooperation agreement "Agreement for the increase of the regional intermodal system" signed between 9 of the main transport and logistic platforms involved in ensuring intermodal services in this area, namely Ravenna Port Authority, terminal operators, railway undertaking and main regional freight villages and intermodal platform.

The ER.I.C's activities are focused on the strengthen the intermodal transport through collaborative initiative in strategic areas, namely: Education&Training, support to Internationalization activities, activation on innovation projects.

The above-mentioned agreement was valid until the end of 2021. Furthermore, before the Pilot activities began, ER.I.C. cluster was not regulated by any internal rules (i.e. the mechanism for the accession or the leaving of a member was not established).

Through the pilot's activities, these main results were achieved:

- A new cluster network framework agreement (covering the period 2021-2025) signed in 2021 by the 9 ERIC members was approved from the regional government.
- ER.I.C. internal regulation was defined to allow more efficiency in the action of the cluster, defining a set of internal rules;
- A network agreement scheme (*contratto di rete*) was defined to allow market oriented initiatives for a different group of members.

The pilot activities were in the line with the objective of REIF project. The achieved results will ease the collaboration between the Emilia-Romagna region and the main actors of the regional logistics platform in order to improve and sustain the freight rail transport in our region

NUTS region(s) concerned by the pilot action (relevant NUTS level)

ITH5 - Emilia-Romagna region

Investment costs (EUR), if applicable

Not applicable

Expected impact and benefits of the pilot action for the concerned territory and target groups and leverage of additional funds (if applicable)

The Pilot Action #2 was designed to meet the needs to improve the planning capacity of the Region with regard to the rail freight transport sector. Both technical and the institutional levels will benefit from the activities that were carried out during their development. Within the activities carried out in the Pilot#2, the Emilia-Romagna Region and ITL wanted to strengthen the collaboration scheme of ER.I.C. providing a more solid legal instruments for the cooperation activities. The direct beneficiaries are the cluster's members (Ravenna Port Authority, terminal operators, railway undertaking and the managers of the main regional freight villages and intermodal platform) and, indirectly, even the Emilia-Romagna region that promotes and coordinates the cluster activities.

The realization of the cluster activities could ease the choice of the strategies to achieve the regional main aim to 2025 related to rail freight transport, namely to increase the modal share of rail freight transport by +30%, with a minimum modal share of 13%

Sustainability of the pilot action results and transferability to other territories and stakeholders

The activities carried out and the results achieved in the pilot action #2 reinforced the mechanism of the collaboration between the ERIC's members. They will facilitate the clusters' activities in the next years. The collaboration scheme could be used as a best practice in other territories where the collaborative activities between stakeholder could be used as leverage to sustain the rail freight transport sector. In relation to this topic, ITL and RER illustrated the main steps that have been carried out for the creation of ER.I.C. cluster in the deliverable "D.T3.2.1 - Joint Concept for regional advisory board", that can be easily adapted and replicated in other territorial contexts.

If applicable, contribution to/ compliance with:

- relevant regulatory requirements
- sustainable development - environmental effects. In case of risk of negative effects, mitigation measures introduced
- horizontal principles such as equal opportunities and non-discrimination

The general aim of the pilot actions is to promote and sustain the freight rail transport that, compared to the road one, presents clear environmental and social advantages (e.g. decreasing of pollutions, increasing of road safety condition due to the decreasing of the number of trucks along the road network)

References to relevant deliverables (e.g. pilot action report, studies), investment factsheet and web-links

If applicable, additional documentation, pictures or images to be provided as annex

The output of Pilot Action #2 is based on the following deliverables:

- D.T2.1.2 Pilot action concept
- D.T2.1.3 Establishment of Market player working group
- D.T2.1.6 Pilot evaluation report

Download link: <https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/REIF/Pilot-action--2---Emilia-Romagna---Intermodal-cluster.zip>

A video summarizing the pilot action outcomes is also available on the REIF website.

Further materials:

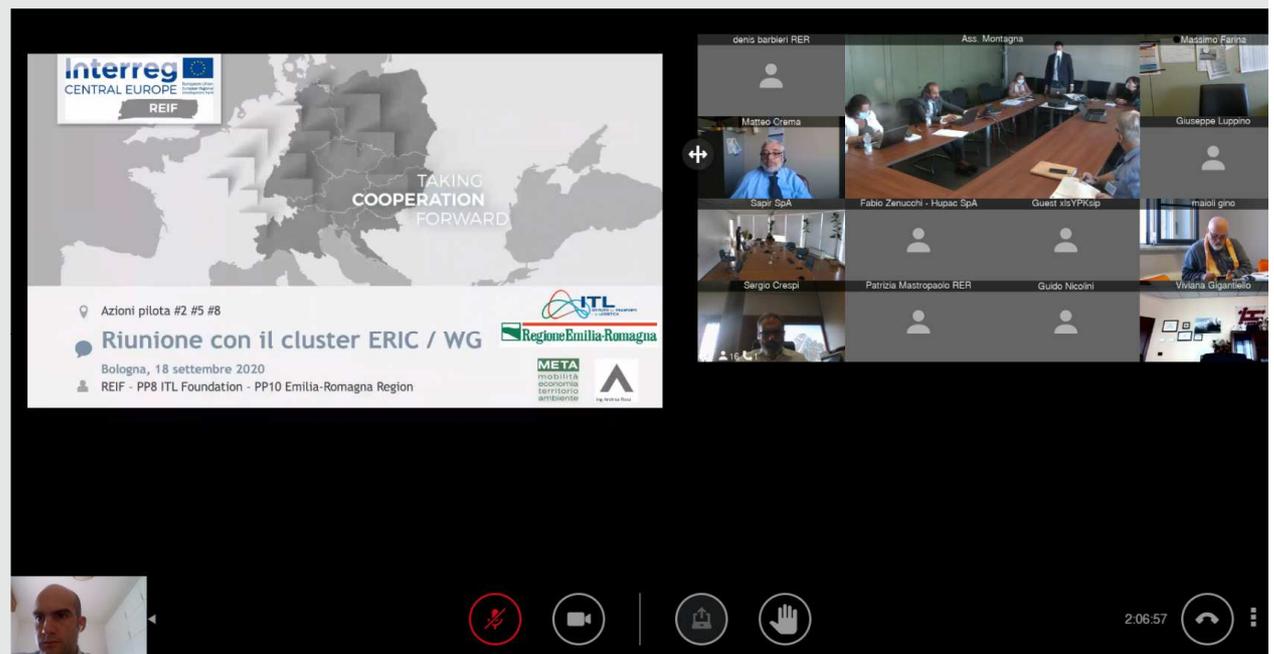


Figure 1 - Presentation of Pilot Actions - Stakeholder meeting - September 2020

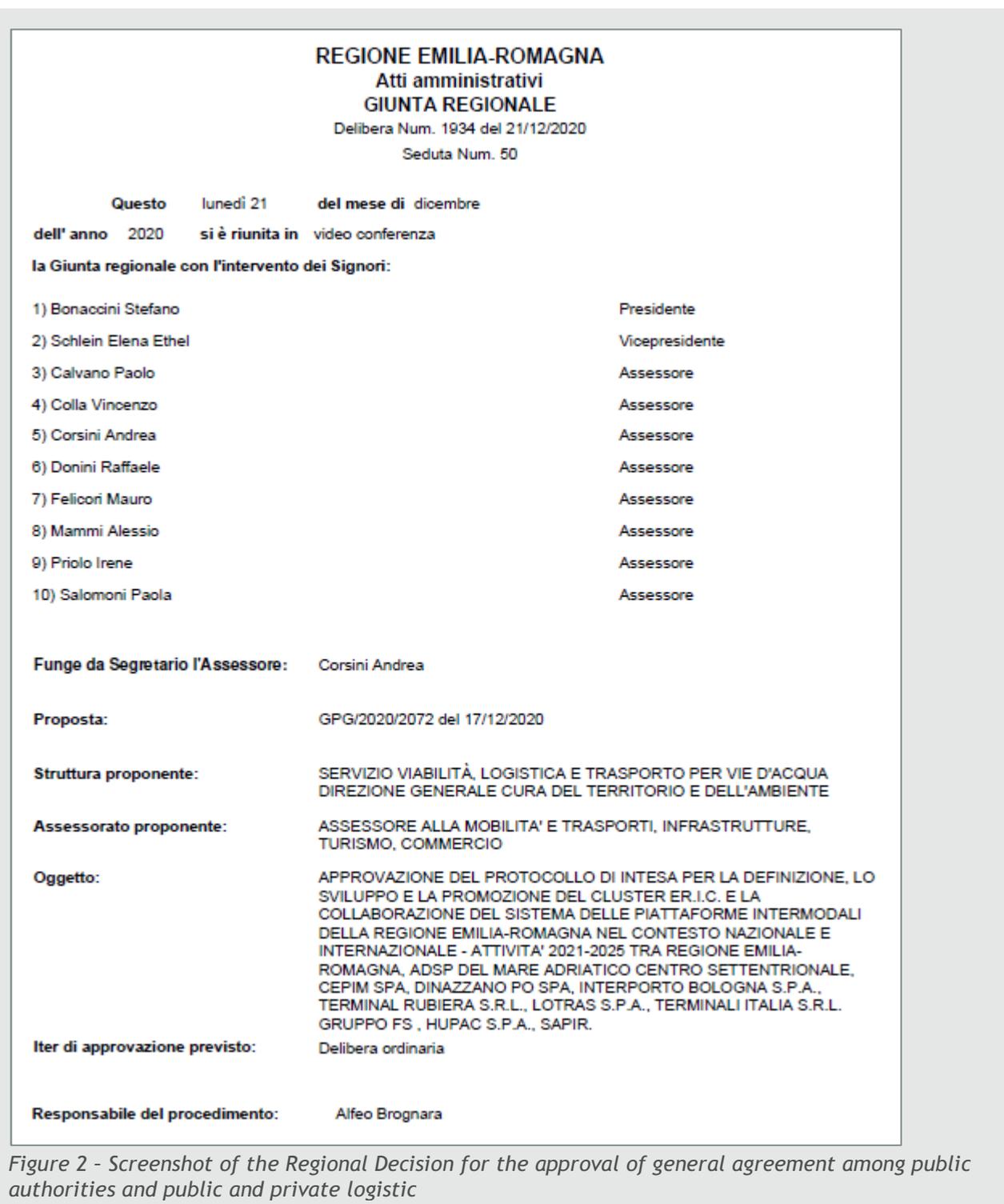


Figure 2 - Screenshot of the Regional Decision for the approval of general agreement among public authorities and public and private logistic