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# Digital Partner meetings and Mid-term review

During the digital Partner Meeting on 3-4 December 2020 an Advisory Board meeting also took place as, with the participation of the European Coordinator for the OEM Corridor, Mr. Matthieu Grosch. He contributed to the discussion on the challenges for spatial and transport development, in particular the perspectives and needs for the development of hubs and nodes.

On 26 January 2021 the digital mid-term review meeting with the Joint Secretariat took place, which provides the guideline for the further project activities.

On 25-26 March 2022 another digital partner meeting took place, where the transnational strategy development was discussed in depth, in addition to the elaboration of the corridor capitalization plans and implementation of pilot activities.



Due to the ongoing Corona pandemic, digital event formats are implemented in the project

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#### 5<sup>th</sup> issue of the CORCAP Newsletter has been released

The 5<sup>th</sup> issue of the CORCAP newsletter is now available. At regular intervals, this newsletter will provide current information about the CORCAP project, including important milestones and events. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and its content. If there are any suggestions or comments about the newsletter, please feel free to let us know!

### Elaboration of the Corridor Capitalisation Plans and Transnational Strategy

The project partners have completed the draft assessment process and started the elaboration of the Corridor Capitalisation Plans and the Transitional Strategy. The final inception reports for the Corridor Capitalisation Plans were presentation and discussion during the partner meeting on 3-4 December 2020, with a particular focus on stakeholder involvement. During the partner meeting on 25-26 March 2021 the discussion shifted to the current challenges of the elaboration process and the structure of Corridor Capitalisation Plans, as part of the draft plan intermediate assessment.

Within of the transnational strategy development process, preparations for the set-up of a transnational stakeholder group have begun.

#### Implementation of pilot actions

The project partners continue to implement a set of multimodal freight transport pilot actions, which support the development of the corridor. Based on inception and interim reports prepared by the project partners the second pilot action intermediate assessment has been completed and discussed during the digital partner meeting on 3-4 December 2020. Recommendations for the implementation of pilot actions were also developed based on a synopsis of the results from the "transferability and mutual learning" part and the "strategy building" part of the decision support tool. The summary assessment of investment needs has been drafted and the pilot actions final assessment is currently being prepared.

In the result of intensive works and networking with stakeholders, substantial milestones of the implementation of pilot actions and first results have been achieved. In particular, in the area of the Freeport of Budapest a smart traffic management system has been installed, and the Czech-Saxon ports managed to launch a regular trailer service between Dresden and Rostock Port.

## Pilot action in focus - Development and testing of logistics concepts for new intermodal services - OEM freight liner train

Within the pilot action, logistics concepts for new intermodal services along the OEM corridor will be developed and tested. The focus is on the line from the Rostock seaport via Saxony to Ústí Region. It is based on the analyses of goods flows and the market potential for selected goods and types of goods, destinations and intermodal hubs. Potential customers and transport service providers are to be identified and transport solutions initiated. With a stakeholder group of operators and project partners, offers, freight structure and potential customers will be analysed. Based on this analysis, customers and operators are approached and a new train concept is developed. The train concept gives indications of the selective feasibility and the focus of the locations to be included. The focus of the efforts is on the realisation of new intermodal rail freight services as well as wagonload services. Cooperation is taking place with associated partners such as LINEAS, Stena Lines and VTG Rail Logistics. The pilot action includes a comprehensive analysis of goods flows, customers, locations and transport offers of rail freight traffic, the development of a train concept for the OEM corridor between the Czech Republic and the seaport of Rostock and the test runs of new rail freight transport offers on the OEM corridor between the Czech Republic/Saxony and the seaport of Rostock.

#### Demo-Train Event in Sopron and Final Conference in Dresden

On 19 - 20 October 2021 the TEN-T Demo-Train event will take place in Sopron as part of the development and testing of a system approach for low-cost improvements for rail freight transport within the CORCAP project. This will include the operation of a 740 m long demonstration freight train from Sopron to Budapest.

On 24 November 2022 the final partner meeting will take place in Dresden. This meeting will be followed by the CORCAP Final Conference, which will be hosted at the Dresden Exhibition Centre on November 25, 2021.



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Successful operation of the Freight-Liner Train at the TrailerPort Alberthafen Dresden

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