

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

One of the main objectives of the REIF project is to strengthen political focus on regional rail infrastructure for freight transport in CE territories. To achieve this objective, all project's partners committed to integrate and/or update their policy documents with the main findings, lessons learned and achievements from the REIF activities (e.g. studies, road maps definitions, pilot actions, etc).

This output provides reference information about the addressed policy instruments and describes the way REIF's activities have influenced the policy instrument.

The developed strategies and action plans were created within and based on the circumstances of the regions involved in the project. Nevertheless, they have great potential and low thresholds for transmission to the entire Central Europe region and beyond. They make a valuable contribution to the European Green Deal in general and to the European Commission's Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy in particular.

Activities and lessons learned within REIF influenced the three-year operation plan: findings from REIF have been explicitly integrated in the chapter dedicated to railway infrastructures and services, outlining the importance of data exchange and IT systems interoperability among all actors in the logistics chain as to create an integrated and efficient transport system, supporting modal shift from road to rail. The Regional plan for transport infrastructures,

mobility of goods and logistics of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region was supposed to be revised and updated during the project's lifetime, but this did not occur. Therefore, PP5 commits to transferring the project main findings and lessons learned when this will take place, also after the project's end.

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

ITH4 - Friuli Venezia Giulia

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

In the first phase of the Central Europe project "REIF", a baseline study, a market potential analysis and a bottleneck analysis of rail freight transport in Friuli Venezia Giulia Region were carried out. In these analyses, the existing strengths and weaknesses as well as the untapped potential for the regional access of goods to rail were shown.

Following this preliminary evaluation, the Port developed a software for the management of the railway operating model, thanks to which it is possible to estimate the capacity and plan the functional design of the optimal future interventions of the railway network of the Port of Trieste.

The Friuli Venezia Giulia Region is responsible for the framework conditions for the regional rail freight transport, defined in the "Regional plan for transport infrastructures, mobility of goods and logistics of the Friuli Venezia Giulia" ([link](#)), while the Port Authority is responsible for the intervention over the railway network of the Port of Trieste: the "Three-year operation plan" ([link](#)) of the Port Authority, defines strategies and sets goals and activities to be implemented in the following years inside the Port.

The addressed policy instruments are therefore ensuring improved relevance of the policy field "regional rail freight infrastructure & services" for the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region in the future.

Logistics operators and members of the port community - targeted by the port's Three-year operation plan - will benefit from the integration of the REIF results, since a clearer

development path for the port's railway infrastructure and services will enhance the port's and their competitiveness.

The Friuli Venezia Giulia Region will learn from the project results achieved in the port of Trieste as to replicate them in the other regional nodes.

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

The REIF project has enabled the Port of Trieste to achieve important results, both in operational and planning terms, regarding its railway infrastructure; from the point of view of supporting the efficiency of the railway logistics system. The project has helped to systematize the modernization and construction of new railway infrastructures in the port area in a participatory way with RFI S.p.A. and the main stakeholders (Friuli Venezia Giulia Region; Association of freight forwarders; Association of terminal operators; RFI S.p.A. (national infrastructure manager); Adriafer (port shunting company); Alpe Adria (MTO), demonstrating how collaboration and coordination between the Port Authority and its stakeholders along with other European subjects is a significant competitive advantage, to be pursued also in the 2021-2027 programming period.

The other regions of Central Europe involved in REIF have experienced corresponding goals using a uniform methodology and incorporated them into their regional development plans. This method can be applied to all regions in the program area Central Europe as proved by the REIF partnership.

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.T3.2.4 Annual Meetings 2020 of regional advisory boards
- D.T3.2.5 Coping with funding needs & ensuring financial sustainability, policy measures
- D.T3.2.6 Annual meetings 2021 of regional advisory boards
- D.T3.2.7 Final Roadmap "new rail infrastructure and services 2030"
- D.T3.3.4 Integration of project findings in regional policy instruments: Friuli Venezia Giulia

These deliverables can be downloaded from the project website using this link:
<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/REIF/Regional-Roadmap-Policy-Integration-Trieste.zip>



