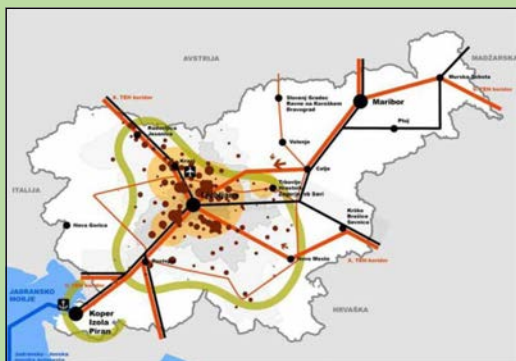


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## Ljubljana postcards...



## A TOOLKIT TO FACILITATE POLYCENTRIC DEVELOPMENT

### POLY5 WP5 Final Meeting in Ljubljana – public event



LJUBLJANA, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Poly5 project addresses the problem of marginalization in terms of social, economic and environmental impact that a major transport infrastructure (MTI) can cause to Alpine areas. The linear progress of the project activities is envisioned as a set of interconnected and subsequent actions. Starting with the activity “Contexts, scenarios and visions”, a general knowledge base for further activities was provided and upgraded in the second phase of activities marked as “**Polycentric development toolkit**”.

Main part of this stage was to develop a toolkit to facilitate polycentric development, which can be used for each phase of the MTI's life-cycle to improve the quality of planning, design, localization, implementation and management of major transport corridors. Such a toolkit provides customized solutions for local and other decision makers to easily cope with large transport projects.

In the first part of the meeting a framework for strategic and operational planning at the regional level on the example of the Ljubljana Urban Region was introduced. The problem of the missing regional government on administrative and decision making level was particularly highlighted and the key transport projects in the Ljubljana Urban Region, such as P&R and the upgrade of the regional railways were presented. In the conclusion it was pointed out that the transport infrastructure is also a design challenge and it can become a symbol of the cultural identity of a place.

In the second part of the meeting the Poly5 project partners presented concrete tools and measures that can be used in the process of planning, designing, implementation and management of MTI with the goal to achieve balanced polycentric development. The tools presented were in form of integrated studies, weighted analyzes and variant strategies, various participatory tools such as workshops, surveys and questionnaires, a joint territorial observatory and even normative solutions.



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## POLYCENTRIC DEVELOPMENT FOR TERRITORIES INTERESTED BY MAJOR TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES



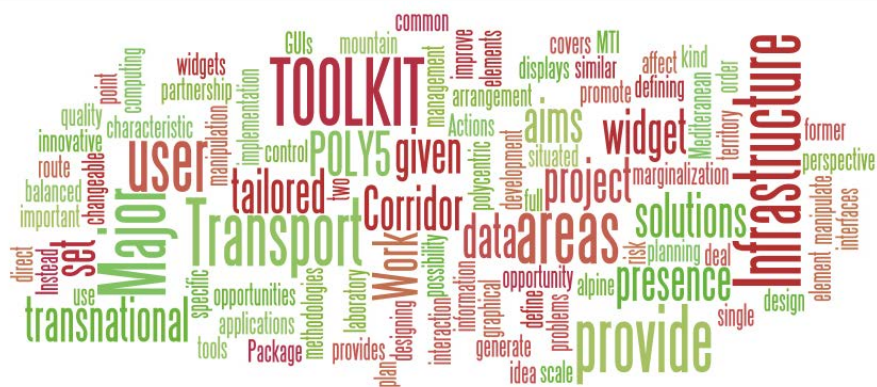
TORINO, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013

*Polycentric development for territories interested by major transport infrastructures* is the second local event promoted by the Provincia di Torino (Province of Turin), Poly5 Lead partner.

In the spotlight the exchange with the **Conseil Général de la Savoie** (Departement of Savoie) and the **Regione del Veneto** (Veneto Region), two of the project partners dealing with the different challenges related to large area strategic planning.

The presence of many local stakeholders, administrators and members of the Observatory for the new railway link Turin-Lyon was very positive, for the obvious interest of the topics covered.

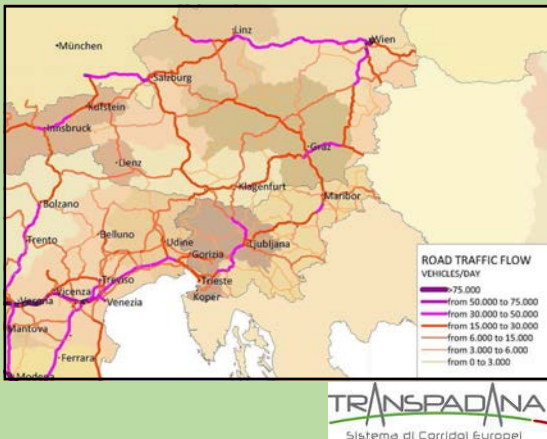
"Italy is still one of the most industrialized countries of the world, but to interrupt the economic decline it is essential a political strategy able to reduce the logistic gap, which is an obstacle for the development of enterprises. It is in this context that the Turin-Lyon railway link is a strategic infrastructure, especially when the commercial exchange between Italy and France represents the 42% of the total market exchange with Europe and only the 11% of goods are transported by railway in the western area. The rest of goods are transported by road or by the tunnels of the Gotthard and Brenner, more modern and less expensive than the Frejus one." This was stated by president of the Provincia di Torino Mr. **Antonio Saitta** as conclusion of the seminar.



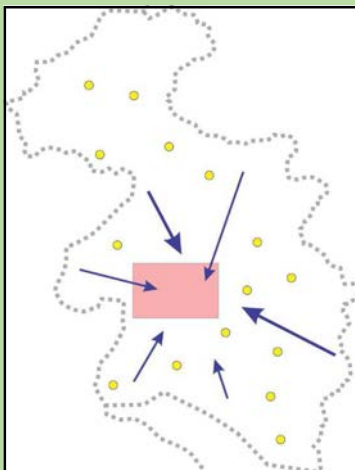
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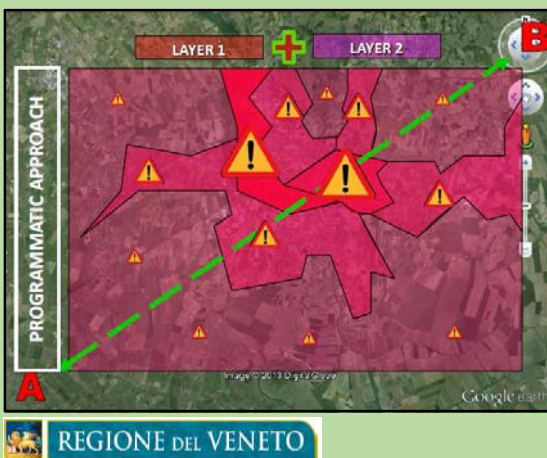
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## JOIN THE TOOLKIT!

on <http://www.poly5.eu/index.php/poly5-toolkit>

The Polycentric Development TOOLKIT developed within POLY5 is a platform including tools and methodologies to improve the quality of planning, design, implementation and management of Major Transport Infrastructure (MTI) in alpine areas.

This TOOLKIT is designed for any public or private user dealing with the many challenges that the construction of a MTI presents. In particular, it fosters a balanced polycentric development starting from the implementation of local development models able to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the infrastructure in all phases of its life-cycle: design of the infrastructural project, implementation during its building and management, once the infrastructure is functioning.

The content of this TOOLKIT is the result of practical experience of POLY5 transnational project partners that aim to provide innovative transnational solutions to common problems, which affect mountain areas at risk of marginalization because of the presence of a MTI, providing instead development opportunities in a balanced and polycentric perspective.

The platform is divided in two main sections.

The first is the *Tool search* section: here it is possible to select the most effective tools or methodologies to deal successfully with a given CHALLENGE to be faced when dealing with Major Transport Infrastructure. Besides the selection of the challenge to be faced, three other filters guide the user through the list of available tools:

- The **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT STAGE**, which is the stage of development of the Major Transport Infrastructure.
- The **TOOL TARGET**, which is the public or private actor who can effectively implement the tool.
- The **TOOL BENEFICIARIES** which are all those who will benefit directly or indirectly from the implementation of the tool (citizens, SMEs, municipalities, etc.).

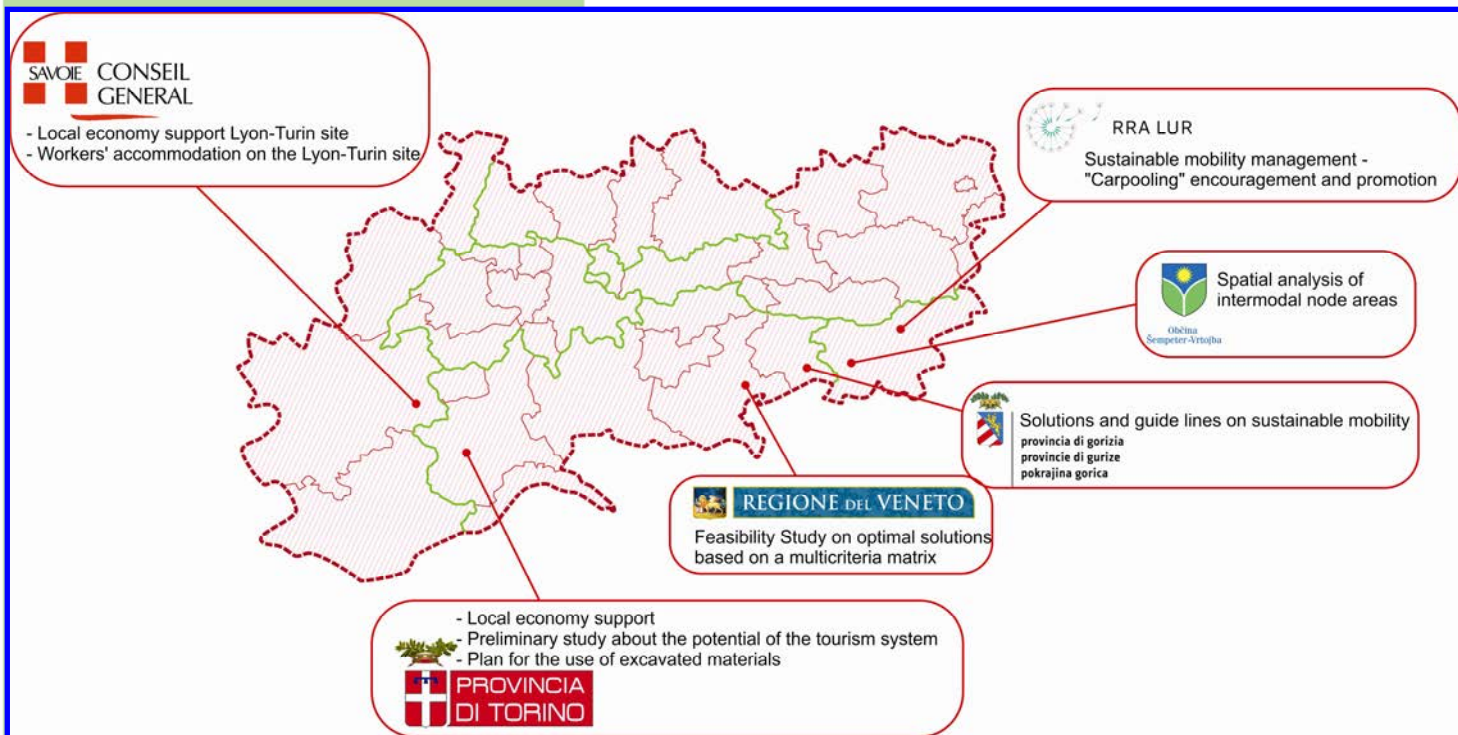
Each tool can then be further analysed in the following sections, which provide a deeper and detailed description of tools and methodologies, as well as information, contacts and downloadable material on the practical experiences carried on by project partners.

The second section refers to the *New Tools*, where there is the opportunity to ADD to the TOOLKIT a new tool, following simple steps through a specific template that needs to be filled and sent to the platform administrator.

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What to expect from 2014: the **PILOT ACTIONS**, concrete actions testing the toolkit...



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**Merry Christmas & Happy New 2014!**

The POLY5 team

*Difficult projects are easy  
Impossible projects are difficult  
Miracles are a little trickier*