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POLY5 – FINAL CONFERENCE

ALPINE SPACE AREAS INFLUENCED BY EUROPEAN MAJOR TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE - INSTRUMENTS TO IMPROVE LOCAL AND REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS

Vienna, 23.09.2014



VIENNA MEETING

Tuesday, 23. September 2014

Vienna University of Technology
Karlsplatz 13, 1040 Vienna
Kuppelsaal, 4th floor

- 10:30 Registration & Welcome coffee
- 11:00 **Welcome**
Johannes FRÖHLICH, Vice-Rector of Vienna University of Technology
Michael GETZNER, Head of the Department for Spatial planning
- Major Transport Infrastructure – Driving power for European Regional Policy?**
Johannes HAHN, European Commissioner for Regional Policy
- Connecting Europe – Challenges of Major Transport Infrastructure**
Thomas SPIEGEL, Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (asked)
- Missing links for macro regional development**
Klaus R. KUNZMANN, Professor emeritus TU Dortmund
- POLY5 – Transnational Approach to solve local and regional Challenges of MTI Implementation**
Susanne NILSSON, POLY5 project manager
- Towards 2020 | How to optimize MTI implementation on local and regional level? Lessons learned from transnational Cooperation**
Thomas DILLINGER, Vienna University of Technology
Sandro FABBRO, University of Udine
- 13:00 Buffet lunch
- 14:00 **Implementation of European Transport Strategies – The local and regional perspective**
Ljubljana Urban Region, Slovenia | Municipality Šempeter - Vrtojba, Slovenia | Province of Gorizia, Italy | Province of Turin, Italy | Savoie General Council, France | Veneto Region, Italy
- 15:00 Signing „Open letter seeking greater support for local and regional implementation of European Major Transport Infrastructure“
- 15:30 Farewell
Thomas DILLINGER, Vienna University of Technology



The European Commissionaire for Regional Development **Johannes Hahn** raises the key question of this conference and of the POLY5 project in his [video message](#): *Can a Major-Transport Infrastructure become a local or regional development opportunity for alpine areas?* He points out that the successful implementation of the trans-European major infrastructure is one main issue to foster the European Cohesion process.

The Vienna University of Technology and the Department of Spatial Planning represented by Vice-rector **Johannes Fröhlich** and head of department **Michael Getzner** underline the importance of the active involvement of universities together with international partners from different fields of expertise and institutional background in this process.

Based on the knowledge of the importance of this European infrastructure initiative **Thomas Spiegel** from the Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology explains that involving people's interests in the practical implementation of the TEN-T is one of the main targets for the Austrian government.

Underlining the challenges of public involvement **Klaus Kunzmann** explains the spatial relation between connecting cities and marginalizing rural areas – especially in the alpine area – by the implementation the trans-European major infrastructure at the same time.

This local and regional perspective of affected areas – cities as well as rural areas – and how to handle these implementations are the key-topic and main motivation of POLY5 and its transnational cooperation – the main message of **Susanne Nilsson**'s the POLY5 project manager presentation.

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The representatives of the POLY5 university partners **Alain Tierstein**, **Sandro Fabbro** and **Thomas Dillinger** go into more details concerning the difficulties of Major-Transport-Infrastructure impacts from the scientific and practical POLY5 perspective.

Next to the presentation of the final results of POLY5 including a guideline to transfer the POLY5 outputs to other European regions the territorial partners (Ljubljana Urban Region, Slovenia | Municipality Šempeter - Vrtojba, Slovenia | Province of Gorizia, Italy | Province of Turin, Italy | Savoie General Council, France | Veneto Region, Italy) sign an **Open Letter**.

This letter helps to communicate the main requirements for local and regional administrations and authorities to optimize the implementation of the trans-European major infrastructure. It will be sent to EU official as well as the Corridor coordinators and national representatives.



If you are interested in reading the full text of the Open Letter, please visit this [link](#).



Supported by the European Commission and the European Parliament, European Cooperation Day invites all Europeans again this year to get out and meet your neighbours at one of the events showcasing project results or highlighting the importance of territorial cooperation.

'Sharing borders, growing closer' is the motto for the celebration of this spirit of cooperation throughout Europe and beyond, as territorial cooperation also involves neighbouring countries of the EU.

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PROJECT RESULTS

The main project objective is to enhance accessibility, connectivity and competitiveness of alpine territories interested by Major Transport Infrastructures (MTIs) granting, at transnational level, a balanced and polycentric local development.

To reach this result, POLY5 carried out 3 main activities:

- #1 – CONTEXT, SCENARIOS AND VISIONS
- #2 – POLYCENTRIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLKIT
- #3 – PILOT ACTIONS

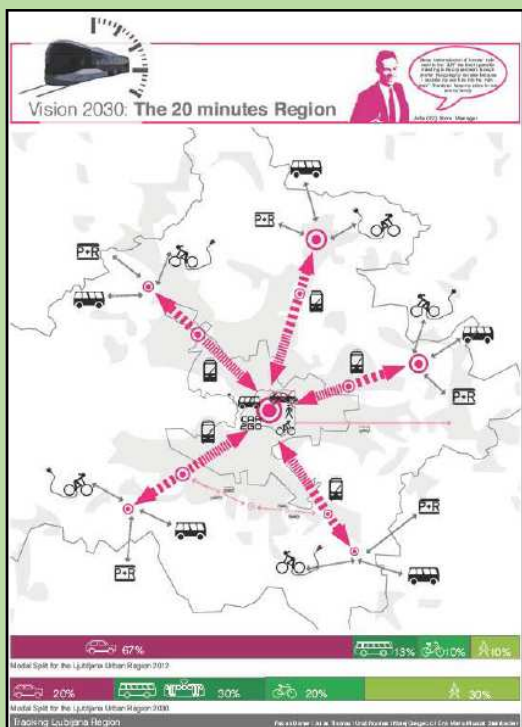
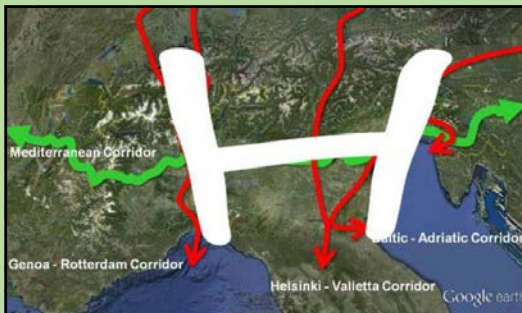
#1 – CONTEXT, SCENARIOS AND VISIONS

Develop a shared knowledge base to identify possible development opportunities for territories affected by Major Transport Infrastructure

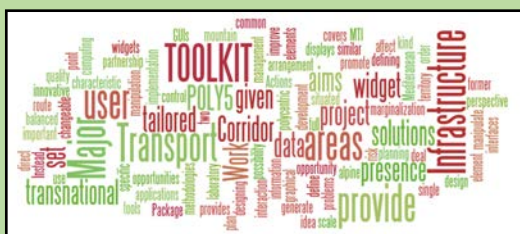
POLY5 partners analysed the current situation of the project cooperation area, underlining that territories of the Poly5 partners differ from each other on important and fundamental spatial structures, such as population density, urban dimensions, land use and so on. The partnership needed therefore to learn on the involved areas characteristic so that at least two domains could be explored:

- a) knowledge of the existing order (referring to existing structures and systems), that is more explicit and systematic;
- b) knowledge of the emergent order (referring to future structures and systems) that, instead, is inherently uncertain, subjective, diffuse, practical and implicit.

Partners believe that only through the construction of a strategic vision (that means a vision implemented through an appropriate strategy) of a certain territory, it is possible to appreciate the changes, and consequently the value, that can be generated in the territory through the implementation of a certain infrastructure. Follow this [link](#) to learn more on the findings of this activity.



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#2 – POLYCENTRIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLKIT

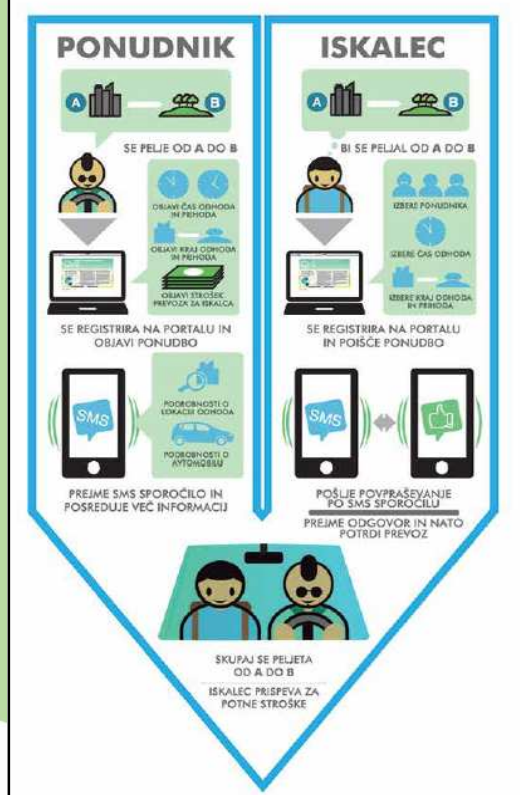
To provide stakeholders, communities and decision makers with tools to better understand the potentials of an integrated infrastructure into local territories



This TOOLKIT is designed for any public or private subject that needs to deal with the many challenges that the construction of a MTI lays ahead. In particular, it focuses on the ultimate goal of polycentric development based on 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. Follow his [link](#) to access the toolkit.

CARPOOLING



#3 – PILOT ACTIONS

Local actions to assess polycentric development opportunities in territories affected by the presence of Major Transport Infrastructures, using the project cooperation area as a full scale laboratory

The POLY5 project partners implemented 9 pilot actions, to test the tools developed in earlier project stages and collected in the Polycentric Development Toolkit.

This led to a comprehensive and geographically distributed set of actions which are aimed to better integrate a major transport infrastructure into a local system. These actions range from sustainable mobility measures to the support to local economy during the construction phase. The cooperation area offered the possibility to work in a full scale laboratory, where the Mediterranean Corridor is at different stages of its development.

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Alpine Space 2020 Conference

Building on Experience:
Cooperation towards 2020

Salzburg, Austria - 21/22 October 2014



Over the past 15 years, more than a thousand project partners have collaborated on bringing common solutions in order to jointly tackle Alpine challenges. The Alpine Space Programme has now entered a new chapter of cooperation and will build on this common experience to pave the way to Europe 2020.

Marking the transition between two programming periods, the Alpine Space 2020 Conference has presented the results achieved over the past seven years, and prepared the ground for future cooperation projects on sustainable regional development. This occasion has brought together current and potential project partners as well as stakeholders and policy-makers of the area. Participants have been encouraged to network and actively contribute to discussions. The hot topic on the EU agenda, the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region, has been discussed in relation to the Programme. POLY5 actively participated to the conference and its results were presented during a thematic session (!).



ALPINE SPACE PROGRAMME 2014 – 2020

New opportunities for POLY5 partners and for new form of cooperation

After three years of joint preparation and stakeholder consultations, the programming process for the Alpine Space Programme 2014-2020 has reached an important milestone: the Cooperation Programme has now been endorsed by the partner states and submitted to the European Commission for approval.

POLY5 partners are following the process with a lot of interest to prepare the future of the project contents and to value the project results.

To have an idea, the new generation Programme provides stakeholders with a framework to develop, test, implement and coordinate new ideas to support sustainable regional development in the Alpine Region contributing to the **EU 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth**.

The total Programme budget is almost 1140 mio Euro shared among the 4 Programme priorities: Innovative Alpine Space, Low Carbon Alpine Space, Liveable Alpine Space, Well-Governed Alpine Space.

Each priority is oriented toward specific objectives. Considering Innovative Alpine Space priority the Programme aims at improving the framework conditions for innovation in the Alpine Space and at increasing capacities for the delivery of services of general interest in a changing society. Considering Low Carbon Alpine Space objectives, the aim is to establish transnationally integrated low carbon policy instruments and increase options for low carbon mobility and transport. Considering Liveable Alpine Space the Programme goals are to sustainably valorise Alpine Space cultural and natural heritage, enhance the protection, the conservation and the ecological connectivity of Alpine Space ecosystems and enhance the protection, the conservation and the ecological connectivity of Alpine Space ecosystems.

And a Well Governed Alpine Space means multilevel and transnational governance models to increase public administration capacity.

The opportunities offered by the new Alpine Space Programme to develop new forms of cooperation and new project proposals, enabling to increase and strengthen POLY5 results, are evident. What is important is not to lose the opportunities. This is why POLY5 partners are working to plan new result-oriented project proposals contributing to the Programme objectives and to the development of POLY5 actions.

If you are interested in receiving more information, please visit POLY5 project website www.poly5.eu.

Have a look at POLY5 final video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sulKk3b9Hec>

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