

TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

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OBJECTIVES

The Working Group promotes cooperation and facilitates dialogue between regions in the field of transport, mobility and logistics as well as with the EU institutions to raise awareness of the regional and local dimension of the thematic area. The group fosters discussion on new developments in EU policy and facilitates project development and participation in European projects.

CONTEXT

What key EU level priorities, strategies, and events does the Working Group aim to monitor in 2020?

The European Green Deal will be the overarching policy framework that the Transport WG will follow in 2020 as there are many new/updated initiatives related to mobility such as the review of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive and the TEN-T regulation.

Which funding programmes are important for the Working Group and how does the Working Group aim to facilitate project development?

Connected to the European Green Deal, there will be new funding calls published in 2020 to support the deployment of public recharging and refuelling points as part of Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive. The group will continue to monitor Horizon Europe and the Connecting Europe Facility. For calls published during the year, the group is looking to disseminate the calls to the Transport Working Group members and may organise a presentation on the calls connected to the European Green Deal in March/April.

How does the group support partnership building (e.g. S3 Partnerships) and collaborate with other European organisations or networks?

- The S3 Partnership on Safe and Sustainable Mobility involves several of the members of the Transport Working Group and we will continue to explore how we can collaborate further.
- Potential collaboration partners: Polis, European Road Transport Research Advisory Council, European Green Vehicles Initiative, Hydrogen Europe
- The group will monitor and engage in the development of the future partnerships in Horizon Europe related to transport: 2ZERO, MOSART

ACTIVITIES

State of play of the European Partnerships in the transport area

3 February, 14.30-17.00

The two European Partnerships for transport – Towards zero-emission road transport (2ZERO) and Mobility and Safety for Automated Road Transport (MOSAR) – under Horizon Europe are starting to take shape. This session will provide information on the definition and objective of the two partnerships. In 2019, ERRIN prepared a response to the consultation on the institutionalised European Partnerships, calling for better coordination with S3 partnerships and for a new governance model where regional and local authorities are key partners in defining the priorities and calls for proposal. This is something that we will discuss further in this meeting.

Target audience: Brussels-based representatives

Digitalisation of mobility and traffic management

1 April, 14.30-17.00

Digitisation and data in all modes of transport and logistics will be an essential part of the Commission’s work on the European transport system as well as the “Smart and Sustainable Transport Strategy” planned for Q4 2020, which is set to include actions on cross-modal data sharing logistics and passenger ecosystems. This “common European mobility data space” would facilitate access, pooling and re-use and sharing of data existing and future transport and mobility databases. What are the challenges and opportunities for innovation in transport related data-sharing and connectivity? And how can innovative solutions related to data support transforming the transport system into becoming more sustainable?

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Revision of the TEN-T guidelines

Preparation of input to the European Commission - by April

Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the TEN-T foresees that, by 31 December 2023, the Commission shall carry out a review of the implementation of the core network, evaluating: compliance with the TEN-T provisions, progress in the implementation, changes in passenger and freight transport flows, developments in national transport infrastructure investments, and the need for amendments. Considering the new and far-reaching economic, political, technological and societal challenges described above, the Commission is in the process of launching a comprehensive review process, addressing issues such as standards and infrastructure requirements, implementation tools or various aspects of the comprehensive network, as well as soft measures.

Members of the Working Group will be invited to work on a common set of recommendations especially looking at improving and strengthening the sections on urban nodes and innovation.

Application for a session at the European Sustainable Energy Week

Speeding up the transition to a zero-emission transport system in cities and regions

23-25 June

Transport currently represents around 25% of the emissions in the EU. In order to address this, and to meet the ambitions set out in the European Green Deal, we need to roll out cleaner, cheaper, and healthier forms of private and public transport. With 13 million zero- and low-emission vehicles expected to operate on European roads in 2025, a major challenge lies in providing the estimated one million refuelling and recharging stations needed. To facilitate this, the Commission will also review the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive and the TEN-T guidelines to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission vehicles and vessels.

To further speed up this transformation of the transport system we need to tackle the challenges related to the supply of low- and zero-emission vehicles and vessels, the establishment and operationalisation of charging/fuelling stations and other infrastructure, as well as commercialisation and public procurement.

Refuelling with petrol and diesel is a straightforward operation today. However, moving towards a transport system with zero/low-emission vehicles and vessels, refuelling and recharging becomes more complex and designing an interoperable network is a challenge.

The purpose of this event is to showcase a combination of measures and projects on a regional and local level that are contributing to the transition towards a zero-emission transport system, specifically looking at issues related to refuelling and recharging stations.

The presentations will cover different transport modes – road, waterborne, public and private – as well as different fuels to provide a wide picture of what a decarbonised transport system would look like. The presenters come from a range of different backgrounds and will all cover a different challenge related to zero/low-emission mobility and refuelling and charging stations.

Workshop during the European Week of Regions and Cities

12-15 October

Topic to be consulted with the member at the beginning of 2020.

Deadline Friday 27 March. Topic proposals: MaaS, revision of the Urban Mobility Package, Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive.

The themes for this year's edition are: Green Europe, Cohesion and Cooperation, and Empowering Citizens.