

TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

ANNUAL PLAN 2021

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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

The key EU level priorities, strategies, and events that the Working Group aims to follow up in 2020:

- European Year of Rail 2021
- EU Mobility Strategy
- Urban Mobility Package
- Revision of the Alternative Fuels Vehicle
- The revision of the ITS directive
- Urban Air Mobility

Funding programmes important for the Working Group include:

- Horizon Europe (destinations 2 5 6)
- Connecting Europe Facility
- Invest EU

Support for partnership building (e.g. S3 partnerships) and collaboration with other European organisations or networks:

- New programme I3
- 'Demo cases' (in collaboration with the EIT Urban Mobility)
- Organising EWRC workshop

ACTIVITIES

Informative session on Horizon Europe

5 February

- Topic and scope: This information session aims to follow up on the state of play of the Horizon Europe programme, with a specific focus on destinations 2, 5 and 6 and the synergies with the other clusters.
- Speaker: Marina Martínez, H2020 Programme Officer at the Security, Space, Transport, SME's, Environment & Bioeconomy CDTI-SOST Office.
- Type of activity: information session.
- Expected outcome: The members will bring to the meeting an initial idea of their regional priorities to start discussing our future initiatives and possible collaborations.
- The target audience: Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts, etc.

Informative session on the EU Mobility Strategy

9 February

- Topic and scope: This information session aims to follow up on the state of play of the EU Mobility Strategy. During the meeting, the WG leaders will also present the 2021 Transport Work Plan, with a particular focus on the European Year of Rail.
- Speaker: Joshua Salsby, Strategy & Policy Coordinator, DG MOVE unit Strategy and communication.
- Type of activity: information session.
- The target audience: Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts, etc.

European Year of Rail 2021

Date TBC

- Topic and scope: Internal discussion among ERRIN members in order to coordinate the activities related to the EU Year of Rail 2021. Potential topics of discussion: hydrogen trains and raw material and trains.
- Type of activity: informal meeting in order to coordinate activities.
- Expected outcome:
 - Identify regions interested in a pilot action (test new ways to commercialize and scale-up interregional innovation projects). The goal is to create or reshape rail transport value chain;
 - Attract private investment for promising innovation projects;
 - Explore and strengthen synergies between different EU.
- Target audience: Brussels-based people, regional experts

- Possible collaboration with the Energy WG on hydrogen, the S3-EHV Partnership, Shift2Rail, UITP.

Revision of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive

Date March

- Topic and scope: This information session aims to follow up on the state of play of the Revision of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive. The WG leader will also discuss, how ERRIN members could be more engaged in the further process.
- Type of activity: information session, exchange of experiences and best practice.
- Speaker: DG MOVE and DG ENER.
- Target audience: Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts, etc.).
- The activity will be organised with the Energy WG and the POLIS Network.

Urban Mobility Package

Date March

- Topic and scope: Lessons learnt from COVID-19 massive impact on transport. During the event, it will be discussed how the sector can contribute to building a more resilient mobility system by accelerating innovation investments linked to the urban mobility package.
- Type of activity information: session and exchange of experiences and best practices. Draft on opinion on this revision.
- Speakers: DG MOVE, public or private expert (e.g. CIVITAS) and 3/4 regional projects.
- Expected outcome: Provide the European Commission with input and key recommendations.
- Target audience: Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts, etc.
- Possible collaboration with POLIS, UITP, EMTA.

Revision of the TEN-T Guidelines

Date TBC

- Topic and scope: Continuing the work already engaged last year.
- Type of activity: policy debate with EU institutions.
- Expected outcome: Better integration of urban nodes priority in the guidelines.
- Target audience: Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts, etc.
- The activity will be organised with the POLIS Network.

Urban Air mobility

Date TBC

- Topic and scope: Lessons learnt from COVID-19 massive impact on transport. During the event, it will be analysed how the sector can build a more resilient mobility system by accelerating the market development of urban air mobility, focusing on freight.
- Type of activity Information session and exchange of experiences and best practices.
- Speakers: DG MOVE, public or private expert (?) and presentation of 3/4 projects related to urban air mobility (e.g. Robomart, Air-Labs Austria, Pharmadrones) and the VELOPCOPTER project.
- Expected outcome: collect information about urban air mobility innovations from the regions.
- Target audience: Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts.
- Possible collaboration with S3 Safe and Sustainability Partnership and the European Cluster Alliance.

The revision of the ITS directive

Date TBC

- Topic and scope: The upcoming regulation on integrated ticketing to accelerate the deployment of MaaS (Mobility as a Service) published by the EC.
- Type of activity: information session, debate with EU institutions etc.
- Expected outcome: influence the shape of the legislation by producing a statement expressing regional views and expectations regarding the future legislative initiative on integrated ticketing.
- Target audience: Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts.
- Possible collaboration with POLIS, UITP, EMTA.

Project development workshop(s)

Date TBC

- Topic and scope: Internal discussion among ERRIN members in order to exchange ideas and boost collaborations.
- Type of activity: project development, information session, exchange of experiences and best practice.
- Expected outcome: promote the building of consortia.
- Target audience: Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts.