

## **Dissemination event: experimental cross-border integrated ticket Trieste - Ljubljana**

Thursday, 18 April, 10:00 - 12:00

Trieste, CEI-Executive Secretariat (via Genova, 9)

### *Press Release*

A single ticket to travel on the vehicles of two public transport operators between the cities of Trieste and Ljubljana at an economical rate: this is the result of **an experimental action that started in early March and will be tested until the end of August 2019**. Thanks to the collaboration of the two operators - **Trieste Trasporti and Slovenske Železnice (Slovenian Railways)** - citizens can buy their integrated ticket online and travel between the two cities without interruption using the railway station of Villa Opicina as an interchange hub between the two means of transport.

The initiative will be presented during a **dissemination event, open to the public, scheduled on Thursday 18 April at the CEI headquarters. CEI Secretary General, Roberto Antonione, and Regional Minister for Infrastructure and Territory, Graziano Pizzimenti** will participate in the event.

The initiative is part of the EU project CONNECT2CE funded under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) / Interreg Program Central Europe 2014-2020. The project aims at improving the accessibility of public transport in peripheral, rural and cross-border areas of Central Europe in three macro areas: improvement of connectivity between border areas; promotion of the use of integrated ticketing and pricing solutions; development of innovative ICT systems dedicated to passengers.

The CEI Executive Secretariat, in its capacity as project lead partner and being responsible for the pilot action, promoted and coordinated the activities of a cross-border technical table. In addition to the two operators (Trieste Trasporti and Slovenian Railways), the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Trenitalia - FVG Department, Italian Railway Network and Trieste Municipality are also involved. This activity has led to a cross-border agreement between the two transport operators in order to start the integrated single ticket experiment.

After the dissemination event, a **round table** will follow on the theme **"Results and challenges of promoting public transport in a cross-border dimension"** moderated by **CEI project manager, Paolo Dileno. Enzo Volponi**, the representative of the regional and local public transport service of the **Friuli Venezia Giulia Region**; Roberto Gerin, Director - **Trieste Trasporti**; Elisa Nannetti, Director of **Trenitalia - Passenger Division FVG**; Maurizio Ionico, Director of Ferrovie Udine Cividale; Giulio Bernetti, Manager of Territorial Planning Service, Enhancement of Old Port, Mobility and Traffic, **Municipality of Trieste**; Carlo Fortuna, **EGTC Director Euregio Senza Confini**; Sandra Sodini, Director of EGTC GO and Tito Stefanelli, **TRT**. For dissemination and publication.

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