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1. Introduction

The ADRIPASS project “Integrating Multimodal Connections in the Adriatic-Ionian region” (<https://adripass.adrioninterreg.eu/>), co-financed by the Interreg Adrion 2014-2020 Programme, aimed to contribute to the improvement of multimodal freight transport and accessibility in the ADRION region by analysing physical and non-physical bottlenecks on the Trans European Transport Networks (TEN-T) corridor sections of the ADRION region, with a specific focus on those indicatively extended to the Western Balkans, and by testing specific Information and Communication Technology solutions for streamlining freight transport in ADRION ports as well as creating Transnational Cooperation Network for improvement of multimodal transport in ADRION region.

For this purpose, ADRIPASS project analysed Border Crossing Points at corridor level in the ADRION region and delivered a Transnational Action plan for transport facilitation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region and tested new ICT solutions through several pilots implemented, resulting in an ICT Action Plan for Improving Multimodal Transport in ADRION Region.

2. ADRIPASS Transnational Cooperation Network for the improvement of multimodal transport in ADRION region

WILLING to strengthen cooperation among partners and involved stakeholders in the ADRIPASS project; AIMING at facilitating the transport of goods, which is essential for the economic development of the Region; EMPHASIZING that solutions to the common problems they are being faced with in their territories require to work on the implementation of solutions at the regional level; BELIEVING that the facilitation of flows of goods in the Adriatic-Ionian region and the improvement of competitiveness will contribute to the upgrading of multimodal transport efficiency and its development; ACKNOWLEDGING the objectives and principles of Transport Community Treaty and Western Balkans 6 Connectivity Agenda; EXPRESSING the readiness to contribute to a Transnational Cooperation Network that will work towards a more efficient, sustainable, reliable, environment-friendly and low-carbon transport system in line with the objectives of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian region - EUSAIR - Pillar 2 - connecting the region - Topic 2 - Intermodal connections to the hinterland, **the partners and associated partners of ADRIPASS project establishes Transnational Cooperation Network for the improvement of multimodal transport in ADRION region is established, by the signing of dedicated Letters of Support.**

The ADRIPASS Transnational Cooperation Network for the improvement of multimodal transport in ADRION region (in further text: ADRIPASS TCN) is based on following elements:



2.1. Overall goals of Transnational Cooperation Network

ADRIPASS TCN has the main goal to ensure institutional cooperation for improvement of multimodal transport in ADRION region - particularly addressing the safer, more efficient, more effective, sustainable, reliable, environment-friendly and low-carbon multimodal transport and logistics services and competitive cargo operations in the Adriatic-Ionian Region, striving to achieve the following strategic goals and proposed measures defined by the Transnational Strategy developed in the framework of the project:

- To develop multimodal operations across all modes of transport in the multimodal transport chain, through:
 - Simplification of the administrative procedures at border crossing points;
 - Improvement of cooperation among all participants in the multimodal transport chain.
- To improve ICT technologies for the digitalization of processes and system operability in the main multimodal nodes through:
 - Development of intelligent transport systems at the main multimodal nodes;
 - Improvement of staff knowledge and adequate equipment for staff and users in the main multimodal nodes.
- To promote the multimodal transport as environmentally friendly transport solution.

Additionally, in the light of the current situation caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, the ADRIPASS Cooperation Network seek to promote sustainable solutions and measures that prevent the transmission of the disease, application of health protective measures in transport, but which will not affect, if feasible, freight transport efficiency and mobility of transport workers, supporting the COVID-19 related policies and actions of the Transport Community Treaty Permanent Secretariat and of other organizations and institutions (European Commission, CEFTA, WHO, IMO, UNECE, ILO, IRU, etc.).

2.2. Reference to the the used tools and activities developed by the project to be used and further implemented by the network

ADRIPASS TCN will use and be guided by the strategic regional tools, particularly the:

- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian region - EUSAIR - Pillar 2 - connecting the region - Topic 2 - Intermodal connections to the hinterland, and
- Objectives and principles of Transport Community Treaty and Western Balkans 6 Connectivity Agenda

On the other side, ADRIPASS TCN supports the main results of ADRIPASS project and members will take into consideration for the implementation in local policies and planning instruments, with particular reference to the:

- WPT1 - Transnational action plan for transport facilitation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region



- WPT2 - ICT Action plan for improving multimodal transport in ADRION Region, and
- WPT3 - Output T.3.1 - Transnational Strategy for improving multimodal transport in ADRION Region

2.3. Network membership

ADRIPASS TCN is a result of ADRIPASS project activities aiming to ensure high-level and long-lasting institutional cooperation, established by signing of dedicated Letters of Support of all ADRIPASS partners and associated partners.

Members of the ADRIPASS TCN are the entities active in the field of strategic multimodal transport development in the region, such are Intergovernmental institutions, national ministries and local authorities, institutes and research organizations, large scale private operators and port authorities, associations and Chambers of Commerce, international organizations and any other organization active in the region under the sole condition of constructive and selflessly cooperation towards the common goals of the ADRIPASS TCN.

Members establishing ADRIPASS TCN are listed in following table.



Entity	Country
Central European Initiative - Executive Secretariat	Italy
Institute for Transport and Logistics Foundation	Italy
Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia	Serbia
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Greece
Regional Unit of Thesprotia	Greece
Port of Koper - port and logistic system	Slovenia
Durres Port Authority	Albania
Ploče Port Authority	Croatia
Port of Bar Holding company	Montenegro
Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnia and Herzegovina
GECT EUREGIO Senza Confini r.l.	Italy
Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure	Serbia
Ministry of Communications and Transport	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure	Albania
Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport	Greece
Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs	Montenegro
Igoumenitsa Port Authority SA	Greece
Interporto Bologna SpA	Italy
Emilia-Romagna Region	Italy

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2.4. Openness to additional members

ADRIPAS TCN aspires to be widened by the representation of other national, regional and international organizations active in the region under the sole condition of constructive and selflessly cooperation towards the common goals of the ADRIPAS TCN.

Any entity interested to join the ADRIPASS TCN can apply by submitting the form ([click here](#)) or by direct contact to Mr. Paolo Dileno, ADRIPASS project manager (dileno@cei.int) or Mr. Nebojsa Jevtic, WPT3 - Institutional cooperation coordinator (nebojsa.jevtic@pks.rs).