

OUTPUT FACT SHEET

Trainings

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Summary description of the implemented training measure(s), explaining the specific goal(s), target groups and transnational added value

The Regional capacity building workshops realized in the REIF project aimed at enhancing human resources within the institutional context for the planning and coordination of rail freight transport. Participants were trained in 3 workshops on (i) market analysis & assessment of infrastructure and services, (ii) guidelines for future rail freight infrastructure & services and (iii) implementation of pilot actions. The workshops followed a jointly developed transnational concept.

Three workshops in West Pomerania took place virtual on April 22th, June 2nd and December 15th 2021. The first workshop was attended by 14 representatives of the CETC-EGTC, Szczecin and Swinoujscie Seaports Authority, Marshal Office of the Westpomeranian Region, University of Szczecin, Maritime University of Szczecin, TOR Consultants Group Ltd. (subcontractor). The focus of this workshop was on presenting key results and findings out of the baseline study, market potential analysis and bottleneck analysis. Additionally, TOR Consultants Group Ltd. - hub of experts that has been developing studies and analyses with the intention of starting a public debate on the changes that should occur in the transport sector - presented a preliminary list of railway investments necessary for implementation in the Westpomeranian Region.

- It was decided that the issues of railway transport development would be discussed broader during a second workshop planned for experts of the University of Szczecin and the Maritime University and students. 27 people participated in the second event held on June 2nd. The purpose of the meeting was to present the results of the T1 analysis, investment lists and to encourage discussions about the future of freight transport in the context of the prepared roadmap for the rail transport.

Participants were also interested in the issue of sustainable transport. They wondered what change is required from local/regional administration. What can be done using the European Green Deal or the Next Generation EU funds to strengthen sustainable transport in West Pomerania.

During the 3rd Regional Capacity Building Workshop, the final version of the Roadmap was discussed, with particular emphasis on the sources of financing for individual investments and the actions that can be taken by stakeholders at the regional level. The competition "The REIF Shift to regional rail" was also presented. The competition was well appreciated by the meeting participants for its purpose of creating an opportunity for the exchange of knowledge and the sharing of best practices between regions. Another topic of discussion was the revision of the TEN-T regulation, which affects the development of rail and intermodal transport in the regions. Investments indicated in the Roadmap, directly related to two changes introduced to the TEN-T network in the Region. Another issue that arose during the discussion was the document prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure entitled "Directions for the development of intermodal transport until 2030 with a perspective until 2040". The purpose of the document is to identify activities aimed at the development of intermodal transport and to take into account the needs in this regard as part of future funding in the EU financial perspective 2021-2027. The document identifies key rail routes, defines guidelines for the location of container terminals relevant for intermodal transport, basic activities in the field of their modernization / construction, needs for rolling stock and telematics - information systems, activities eliminating barriers. The document, in line with the current tendency, mainly indicates the need to support the regions of Eastern Poland. This is a situation in which more lobbying is needed for investments in the Baltic-Adriatic Corridor (Western and Central Poland).

The feedback by the participants was very positive. The added value lies in new contacts and networks as well as background knowledge and inspiration for future work and cooperation in the rail freight transport sector in West Pomerania

NUTS region(s) where training(s) have been conducted (relevant NUTS level)

Westpomerania Region, Poland. **NUTS** code: PL42.

Expected impact and benefits of the trainings for the concerned territories and target groups

The participants of the workshops benefit on the one hand from the findings and implementations out of the REIF project and on the other hand from the knowledge and expertise of guest speakers about different topics regarding rail freight transport, intermodal transport and TEN-T issues.

The expected impact lies in stronger cooperation between different actors regarding rail freight transport and using the newly acquired contacts and knowledge for future work and cooperation to bring forward transport on railway in the regions.

Sustainability of the training(s) and developed training material(s) and their transferability to other territories and stakeholders

The implemented capacity building workshops followed a joint curriculum which was elaborated on transnational level. The curriculum can be adopted to other regions or be used for a repetition of the workshop series.

The basis for future workshops is provided with the curriculum, the already gained expertise and knowledge out of the workshops as well as new networks and cooperation by the stakeholders. Further workshops are planned to be organized beyond the project lifetime to inform interested stakeholders about current activities and developments. Participants have already indicated their interest in a following exchange and input presentations. Undoubtedly, it is also essential that in addition to virtual meetings, meetings should take place more often physically, such as on the occasion of large transport events organized in a region. The first meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2022.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links

If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

The output is based on the following deliverables:

- D.T3.1.1 Joint curriculum (<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/REIF/Joint-Curriculum.zip>)
- D.T3.1.2 Regional capacity workshop #1 documentation
- D.T3.1.3 Regional capacity workshop #2 documentation
- D.T3.1.4 Regional capacity workshop #3 documentation

Download link: <https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/REIF/Regional-capacity-building-workshops-Western-Pomerania.zip>