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## Project Kick-off meeting in Budapest

The kick-off meeting was held on 19 - 21 June 2019 in Budapest. Partners from 4 countries (Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Germany) met for the first time and discussed several topics regarding the project launch.

The first day took place at KTI Institute for Transport Sciences. Here partners discussed the pilot activities and territorial assessment of challenges and needs. At the evening the participants enjoyed a sightseeing tour around Budapest with a special quiz at the end. On the second day partners visited Freeport of Budapest Logistics and learned interesting information about the history of the port and logistics.

The meeting was successful, it was very nice to meet together and get to know each other.



*Project partners during the kick-off meeting in Budapest*

## 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the CORCAP Newsletter has been released

The 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the CORCAP newsletter is now available. At regular intervals, this newsletter will provide current information about the CORCAP project, including important milestones and events. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and its content. If there are any suggestions or comments about the newsletter, please feel free to let us know!

## CORCAP: What`s it all about?

The Orient/East-Med TEN-T corridor connects Central and South-East Europe. A crucial bottleneck of emerging relevance is the Dresden-Prague section, which needs to be extended by a new railway line to improve the connectivity between German seaports and destinations in particular in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. The detailed planning process of the new railway line will start in 2018 and is expected to be finalised until 2023.

To capitalise the opportunities of the infrastructure investment for multi-modal environmentally friendly freight, the Free State of Saxony joint forces up with partners from Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary in the CORCAP-project. Realising activities aimed at better coordination among stakeholders in the field of transport and spatial planning, the partners will contribute to the creation of an environment for more efficient rail freight in Central Europe.

The project aims at the facilitation of efficient and environmentally friendly freight transport along the Rostock-Budapest section of the Orient/East-Med corridor through better coordination of policies in the field of transport and spatial planning and better utilisation of existing infrastructures and multimodal interfaces. Activities realised by the partners will provide answers to challenges in the field of regional development and transport, thus contributing to the goal to make cities and regions in Central Europe better places to live and work.

In the result of the project regional capacities in the field of transport and logistics, spatial planning and regional development will be strengthened, following an integrated approach involving and coordinating relevant actors from all governance levels. The project will improve coordination among freight stakeholders through the coordinated development of strategies and action plans aimed at the capitalisation of the effects of the new railway line Dresden-Prague for multimodal accessibility, leading to the strengthening of competitiveness of cities and regions in Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary.

Coordinated approaches towards new intermodal services and the better use of existing infrastructures and interfaces will enhance multi-modal freight transport chains, strengthen greener transport modes along the OEM corridor and deliver solutions for more environmentally friendly logistics in Central Europe.

## Project implementation: First steps

In the first steps of the joint work the CORCAP partners will analyse the challenges and needs for efficient and environmentally friendly freight transport, leading to identification of potentials of the Orient/East-Med corridor for regional development. In this regard, the partners have agreed on the joint methodology and approach, and works on regional and transnational analyses have been launched.

In parallel, the partners will prepare the methodical framework for a set of multimodal freight transport pilot actions, which will support the development of the Orient/East-Med corridor. The pilot actions are focused on three fields of intervention:

- Better connectivity of inland ports
- New and innovative intermodal services
- Development of attractive multimodal logistics locations

## Corcap partners will meet in November 2019 in Dresden

The next event milestone of the project implementation will be the partner meeting on 27-29 November 2019 in Dresden. Here the partners will discuss with external experts in the field of transport and spatial planning the initial results of regional analyses of challenges and needs and conclusions for the implementation of pilot actions.



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