### **NEWSLETTER**



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# Corona pandemic disrupts physical CORCAP meetings

Due to the ongoing Corona pandemic, the partner meeting in Brno planned for May 2020 unfortunately had to be postponed. However, 3 digital partner meetings were held as a substitute for a physical meeting.

During the digital partner meeting on March 24-25, the results of the territorial analyses were presented and discussed. There was also an exchange on planning systems.

The digital partner meeting on 1 April, focus on the preparation and implementation of regional pilots was the main focus. In addition, there was an exchange on the Process of the TEN-T revision.

During the digital meeting on 10-11 June, there was a review of pilot activities and on the pilot action first intermediate assessment. Furthermore, the decision-support tool was presented.



The Corona pandemic currently renders physical meeting impossible

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#### 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of the CORCAP Newsletter has been released

The 3<sup>rd</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!

#### Transnational analysis of challenges and needs

The analysis of transnational studies and documents has been finalized to provide a foundation for further the elaboration of the decision-support tool. In this context, the analysis of outcomes and results of previous projects is almost complete. It contains an overview of cross-border and transnational EU-projects focusing on corridor development, logistics and multimodal freight transport. Its overall aim is to gather knowledge about approaches, work status and results of projects with potential relevance for the joint work of the CORCAP partnership.

#### Elaboration of the decision-support tool

A decision-support tool is currently elaborated as part of the CORCAP project. The tool specifies and prioritises pilot actions for multimodal freight transport complementing OEM corridor development. It summarises the results and findings of regional analyses and their transferability, indicating conclusions for the elaboration of pilot actions and Corridor Capitalisation Plans.

With this tool, the pilot actions can be tailored to OEM developments to reach synergies between the OEM corridor and CORCAP.

Another reason to prepare this tool is to see which challenges and needs the pilot actions need to respond to.

The strategy-building part of the decision-support tool is specifying and prioritising pilot actions for multimodal freight transport complementing OEM corridor development complements the transferability and mutual learning part of the decision-support tool.

It further enhances the recommendations for the implementation of pilot actions and the development of strategies capitalising the potentials of the OEM corridor for regional development. In the transferability and mutual learning part of the decision-support tool, the following analytical steps have been undertaken:

 Analysis of regional analyses of challenges and needs, based on the criteria system defined in the analytic tool

- General conclusions for implementation of pilots, considering challenges for development of the OEM corridor
- Assessment of the relationship between spatial characteristics of participating regions and pilot actions (matrix analysis), supplemented by case-by-case explanations
- Recommendations and conclusions for the transfer of results and knowledge expected from pilot actions (assessment of transfer potential)

The strategy-building part of the decision-support tool builds on the results of these analytical steps. Challenges identified in regional and transnational analyses are being summarised, and key requirements for strategy development on local, regional, cross-border and transnational level are being identified. Finally, challenges and requirements are reflected against the characteristics of pilot actions, leading to the formulation of recommendations for the implementation of pilot actions.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate assessment of pilot actions has been completed

The first intermediate assessment of the pilot actions has been carried out. It is based on the inception and interim reports prepared by the project partners and provides a consolidated overview of the current status of the pilot actions. Further evaluations will be carried out during the CORCAP project to provide in-depth monitoring of the implementation of the pilot actions.

#### Corcap partners will meet in September 2020 in Brno

Considering the current challenges of the Corona pandemic, the next (physical) partner meeting is planned in September 2020 in Brno. The agenda will include the inception reports for the Corridor Capitalisation and the continuation of discussion on the transnational corridor capitalisation strategy.

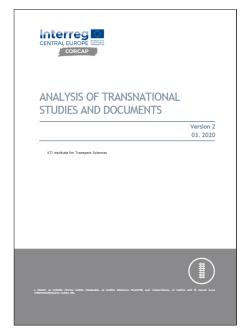


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A further component of the analysis of challenges and needs is complete







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