

# STUDY VISIT REPORT RUMOBIL 1

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## 1. General information

Date: 18-20.08.2020

Location: VYSOČINA / SOUTH BOHEMIA

Host partner: - JIKORD s.r.o.

Visitor partner: Lead Partner Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Regionalentwicklung

Number of participants: 1st day 9 participants, 2nd day 7 participants

## 2. Objectives of the host project

The two Czech partners in the Rumobil project represent the Vysocina and the South Bohemia Region, they are both in charge of planning, organizing, and contracting Public Transport in their territory. While the internal transport department of the Regional Authority is responsible for those services in Vysocina, they are outsourced to a company dedicated to this purpose. JIKORD is the publicly owned company created for the tasks of planning and organizing public transport in South Bohemia region.

Both regions are one of the largest in terms of territory but the least densely populated region of the Czech Republic (63 inhabitants per square km.). They are strongly affected by demographic change as the population decreases and ages, leading to changing public transport demands and a need to find new solutions as a loss of population leads to a reduction of public funds available. Vysocina Regional Authority and JIKORD contribute to Regiamobil with their expertise, experience, and national and European network, this includes the successful Rumobil pilot of a smart mobility solution for rural regions. During the study visit in August 18th -20th, representatives from Vysocina and JIKORD shared their previous experiences in the coordination and planning of public transport in its territory. They provide its knowledge and good practices and share project results among its regional, national, and European networks with Lead Partner (LP), Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Regionalentwicklung.

The main aim for Rumobil project, was to improve planning and coordination of passenger regional transport systems for better connections to national and European transport networks. Another goal was to improve the quality of public transportation in rural areas through their connection to European and national transport network. Catalogue of good practices across (central) Europe, public transport demand prognosis, the RUMOBIL Strategy, recommendations to optimize partners transport conceptions and plans, were the main activities and also achieved results (outputs) regarding the project Rumobil. Pilot action in the project was created to verify new and innovative solutions in a public transportation. The outcomes from the pilot action were e.g. new approaches and services of public transport in peripheral areas (Vysocina, Jikord), improvement of access to public transport networks (Žilina, Nagykálló), enhancement of passenger information for passengers to promote use of PT (Modena, Mazovia).

## 3. Stakeholders

Due to travel restrictions the stakeholders envisaged to collaborate with the LP in the pilot activity could not participate to the study trip. Therefore, only the LP and the external project secretariat attended the study visit. However, thanks to a comprehensive documentation and presentations of the two host partners a compilation of substantial information could be forwarded to the stakeholders.

On part of the Regional Authority of the Vysocina Region the Department of Regional Development (Ms. Lenka Matoušková - project coordinator) and the Department of Transport and Road Management (Mr. Pavel



Bartoš – head of department) were represented at the seminar in Jihlava. The latter is acting as transport authority of the region, in charge of planning and contracting bus and regional rail transport in Vysocina.

South Bohemia Region was represented by 3 JIKORD officials, namely

- Ms. Zuzana Jelínková (Dpt. of Internal affairs and economics)
- Ms. Lucie Hozeplova (Dpt. of Internal affairs and economics)
- Mr. Martin Stach (Dpt. Public Transport Planning – Rail Transport)

JIKORD is a company fully owned by the region and is in charge of planning and organizing bus and regional rail transport In Southern Bohemia.

## 4. Knowledge tranfer

As mention before JIKORD is the publicly owned company created for the tasks of planning and organizing public transport in South Bohemia region, also JIKORD is participating in all activities foreseen in the work plan and implementation within its own territory. This includes the successful Rumobil pilot of a Smart mobility solution for rural regions which the LP in WP T2 will adapt within RegiaMobil project. The Saxon State Ministry for Regional Development (SMR) is part of the government of the Free State of Saxony. The fields of responsibility of the Ministry are internal affairs, state and regional development, geological survey, urban development, construction, housing, innovation. Lead partner main activities in the project are implementation by the Division for European spatial planning and regional development in the Department for territorial state development and geological survey. The Division for European spatial planning and regional development is responsible for territorial planning strategies, implementing them into state and regional planning with regional development projects. In project RegiaMobil the SMR will implement all activities of WP T1 and T2 in its territory. The SMR is an associated partner so that the results of the other Projects (Rumobil, Youmobil) can be used by the consortium. The study visit, that has placed from 18th august to 20th august has given a chance for SMR to benefits from PP4´s results of Rumobil Project, as well as given the opportunity to deepen the cooperation with national and regional authorities in Central Europe, whereby the interests of the Free State of Saxony are better perceived and articulated at national and transnational level and synergy effects. The main purpose of the study visit was to learn about the results of the earlier Rumobil project, in which Jikord and Vysocina participated as a project partner. During the study visit Lead Partner had the opportunity to participate in two seminars devoted to the implementation, planning of activities that took place in Rumobil project. He also had a chance to acquaint with the results of the project, as well as with the weaknesses, problems and challenges that Project Partner 4 and region Vysocina had to face during the project implementation in their regions. It was extremely instructive, thanks to that, Lead Partner will be able to avoid and find another solution for his region. Nevertheless, the pilot action, due to the hard work of the team that was responsible for implementation, turned out to be a great success. In addition to the seminars Lead partner had also the opportunity to see how the bus management system (dispatching system) works in South Bohemia. The system is being tested, but already at this stage it has great potential for further actions and maybe it will be possible to connect it with other regions in the future. After the theory, it was also a time to get to know the results of the Rumobil project in practice. The second day of the study visit gave the participants an opportunity to check the bus line created in the project. At 8.30 a.m. representatives of Lead Partner, core-consult and PP4 JIKORD met at the rail station Kaplice, from where at 8.45 a.m. everyone drives to visit a tourist attraction - the church in Dobrá Voda (photos in the documentation) by bus line created in the Rumobil project. It is a tourist region with many hiking and cycling trails, for which the bus was also prepared because it had a special trailer for bicycles, which was certainly a very wise solution in this region. Thanks to this, the bus could accommodate more people inside without taking up space for bikes. The bus line connections are also synchronized according



to the traffic flow and connected to the incoming trains. The stopping place also allows the driver to observe if the train has already arrived.

Lessons learned from this project will certainly allow the Lead Partner to properly assess future activities and potential benefits of participating in RegiaMobil.

## 5. Conclusions

During the study visit Lead Partner learned how to improve offer of public transport connections, what is a good solution, in order to make it better access to regional and local settlements as centers of employment and basic services. Good practices were also one of the keys from the Study visit as well as information what needs to be avoided, or what activities can cause a problem during the implementation of connecting rural areas. PP4 hat also present an information about tests and verifying demand for new connections in the context of a territory with dispersed settlement structure. At the meeting were also introduced a good practice in a sense of promoting the transfer and uptake smart mobility solutions for rural areas that are affected by demographic change.

Though outputs of the Rumobil project from Interreg Central Europe programing were also prepared for transfer, mainstreaming and thus wider roll-out beyond their region of origin. And learning from that was the aim of the study visit. All those results and information that has been learnt from Rumobil project would be used to further enhance the good practices to be transferred in order to take full advantage of their potentials to promote smart mobility in rural areas by Lead Partner.

Drawing conclusions from other European projects allows the Lead Partner to better assess and adapt to the challenges of demographic change and its intensity. It also allows for greater efficiency while adopting new solutions in a rural environment. These challenges are similar in many regions, which is why learning from Rumobil, contributes to increasing the success of the project's activities and its implementation in RegiaMobil at the site by the Lead Partner. The project's transnational environment allows for networking, exchanging experiences and learning from each other and together, which is why, during the study visit, both partners also exchange experiences, as they are two different institutions based in two different countries, which also gives them an overview of the problems they may encounter when implementing connections in rural areas in their regions. The main result of the study visit was that the Lead Partners going to use all the experiences and lessons learned from the Rumobil project regarding mobility solutions in rural regions, and many guidelines and good practices will be transferred and adopted by the Lead Partner within the RegiaMobil project during the implementation and while planning the next steps and activities.



## 6. Documentation

### 6.1. Agenda

Study Visit - VYSOČINA / SOUTH BOHEMIA 18-20.08.2020

18.08.2020 Tuesday

Arrival of participants to Jihlava. Hotel Gustav Mahler is recommended:

<https://www.hotelgmahler.cz/en/>

19.08.2020 Wednesday

10:00 Seminar

place:

Krajský úřad Kraje Vysočina / Vysocina Regional Authority, Žižkova 57, 587 33 Jihlava,

12:00 Lunch break

13:00 Car transfer to Lipnice castle

14:00 Castle Lipnice visit

<https://www.hrad-lipnice.cz/en>

16:00 End of study trip and transfer to České Budějovice

20.08.2020 Thursday

8:30 Start of study trip

place: Kaplice-nádraží/ Kaplice railway station

<https://mapy.cz/s/kozotamule>

8:45 Bus transfer

we ask participants to arrange the transfer of cars to the destination station Dobrá Voda

10:30 Visit the tourist attraction - church of Dobrá Voda

11:00 Car transfer to Kaplice

11:30 Lunch break

12:30 Seminar

14:00 Car transfer to Pořešín castle

14:30 Pořešín castle visit

15:30 End of study trip



## 6.2. List of participants

### T2.2.1. - STUDY TRIP RUMOBIL

Jihlava/Vysočina

19.8.2020

Name	Institution	Signature
URSULA BOREK	Come Consult	<i>Ursula Borek</i>
GERALD STÖCKER	COME CONSULT	<i>Gerald Stöcker</i>
Peter Just	SMR	<i>P. Just</i>
LUDWIG SCHARHANN	SMR	<i>Ludwig Scharhann</i>
LENKA MATOUŠKOVÁ	VYSOČINA REGION	<i>Lenka Matoušková</i>
Rószel Borzsony	- 11 -	<i>Rószel Borzsony</i>
MARTIN ŠTACH	SIKORD	<i>Martin Štach</i>
ZDENA JELÍNKOVÁ	SIKORD	<i>Zdena Jelínková</i>
LIKIE HYZEROVÁ	SIKORD	<i>Likie Hyzerová</i>



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Kaplice/South Bohemia

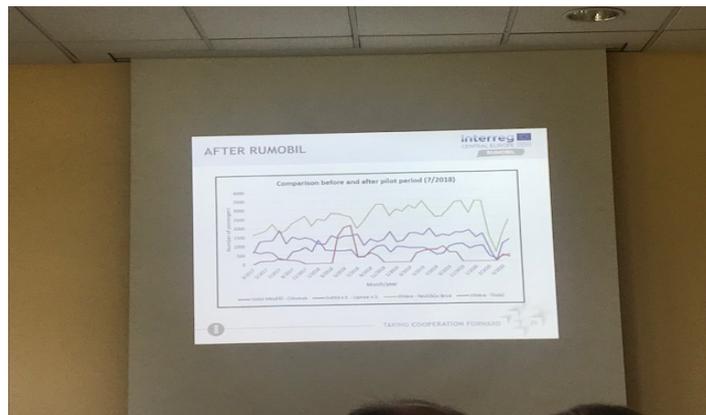
20.8.2020

Name	Institution	Signature
SCHARMANN, Ladislav	SMR	<i>[Signature]</i>
STOGER, Gerald	CARE-CONSULT	<i>[Signature]</i>
BOREK, Urszula	CORE-CONSULT	<i>[Signature]</i>
STACH, Martin	SIKORD	<i>[Signature]</i>
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Zuzana Jelinekova	SIKORD	<i>[Signature]</i>
LUCIE HOZBOLOVA	SIKORD	<i>[Signature]</i>



## 6.3. Photos

### 6.3.1. 1<sup>st</sup> day - Seminar





### 6.3.2. 1<sup>st</sup> day - Lipnice castle

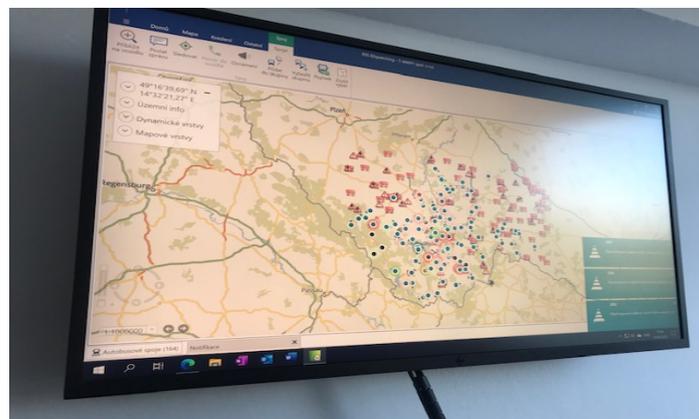


### 6.3.3. 1<sup>st</sup> day - Bus station Humpolec





### 6.3.4. 1<sup>st</sup> day - New dispatching system for South Bohemia Region



### 6.3.5. 2<sup>nd</sup> day - Kaplice railway station





### 6.3.6. 2<sup>nd</sup> day - Bus transfer, destination Dobrá Voda





### 6.3.7. 2<sup>nd</sup> day - Seminar

