

ALPINE CLIMATE BOARD (ACB) TRANSPORT: DECARBONISE. INTEGRATE. REDUCE. SHARE. FREIGHT TRANSPORT. PUBLIC TRANSPORT. MODEL REGION.

PATHWAY 1 DECARBONIZE ALPINE FREIGHT TRANSPORT

This pathway focuses on a common strategic approach to implement a policy framework for modal shift (e.g. Toll Plus or Alpine Crossing Exchange), to better support innovative technologies especially for rail, CT and public transport and to develop recommendations for the use of internal combustion engine vehicles in the sensitive Alps.

Coordination Meeting #3 of the Transport Community

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Report on Results

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1. Tour de table

To start the discussion and to get a common understanding on what the different working groups and stakeholders are currently focusing on, a quick tour de table highlighted the main topics:

- iMonitraf!: review of instrument mix on how to fulfil the combined scenario which has been identified as priority in the new Policy Scenarios 2030.
- EUSALP AG4: new activities with respect to modal shift shall focus on dialogues with logistic sector and other private stakeholders. A preparatory study with a stakeholder analysis shall set the scene.
- Zurich Process Re-Launch: Switzerland has taken over the Presidency of the Zurich Process and has intentions to re-launch its activities. An input paper will be prepared as basis for the first Steering Committee meeting of the Zurich Process (foreseen for end of April). Topics are: tolls/pricing on the Alpine corridors, detour traffic, rail innovations (technical and regulatory), corridor forums,. Regarding the environmental aspects (formerly dealt with in the EnvAlp working group of the Zurich Process) there will be a dialogue with the



Alpine Convention on how activities can be merged or shifted to the Alpine Convention.

- Alpine Initiative: 2 topics: Traffic through the Alps and Climate Change in the Alps, they prepare a campaign on the revised CO₂ law for Switzerland;
- Miro: Overview on specific activities: public transport activities in Kärnten-FVG and Slovenia; They focus on missing links of railways which needs lots of lobbying and effort. Target Groups are commuters and tourists.
- Cipra Austria: strong focus on revision process of Eurovignette Directive, especially working towards a removal of the “veto-clause” when it comes to implementation of the mark-up.

2. Potential topics for the Transport Community

Jakob presented the results of the survey on potential topics that we organized before the meeting. The presentation is attached to these minutes and also includes a short synthesis.

→ Please have a look at the presentation again.

The group then discussed:

- Most of the contents are already mentioned in the implementation pathway Tr1 and have direct links to the Alpine Climate Target System. This should remain our reference: we have a political mandate to work on these topics and to pull together the existing results and knowledge.
- The Transport Community itself does not have to become a new formalized working group but rather serves as “think tank” to enable further steps: it brings together all insights of the different working groups, links them directly to the target system and the pathway. From this, a joint narrative can be developed – in a format that does not require a formal feedback loop with all working groups but rather something that is in-line with the existing mandates.
- The Transport Community could also improve the link between the Alpine level and the new EU Sustainable & Smart Mobility strategy: the Alps want to become a model region for climate-neutrality and freight transport is one major challenge: let’s start with this topic for developing a model approach and get support from EU level.
- Developing a joint narrative, focusing on some major messages/milestones for implementation which are illustrated in a more “down-to-earth” manner than the technical description of the pathway could be one specific activity of this group. This narrative then has to be communicated in targeted formats for different target groups: political level, stakeholders in the transport sector, civil society. The communication could go beyond a text-based format, including video, movie, game...
- This joint narrative should not be presented as a political recommendation but rather as decision-support-tool.

→ As starting point, the group agreed to complete the overview on ongoing activities related to the identified topics: For each topic look at ongoing activities of all participating groups of the Transport Community, highlight links to the implementation pathway and the Alpine Climate Target System, highlight links to the EU Strategy on Sustainable and Smart Mobility.

→ From this overview, we can move forward with developing a “new narrative”
 → if we have a feeling where this will take us, we can discuss communication formats and supportive actions.

3. Common understanding on the role of the Transport Community

The group discussed the role and responsibilities of the ACB Transport Community. The following agreement was found:

- The ACB Transport Community shall NOT become a new formalized working group with its own activities and mandate
- It shall rather serve as “think tank” for moving ahead with the transport pathways, bringing attention to its topics and pushing/nudging specific activities where effort is lacking behind.
- It will build on the activities of the existing working groups/networks and tries to bring the different pieces of the puzzle together to a common picture
- One “own” activity could focus on communication: presenting the topics and challenges in a new narrative

4. EU Year of Rail

Several participants of the Transport Community are planning events/activities in the frame of the European Year of Rail. They Meetings of the Community will be used for further exchange on planned activities:

- iMONITRAF! is planning an event to present Alpine-specific topics
- Miro: Planning something in June with FVG and Slovenia to promote the closing of the missing links
- Alpine Initiative: interested in organizing an event but don’t have yet a concrete plan
- Information: Train Trip from Lisboa to Northern Europe in June – Train Stops in Switzerland (Campaign from Railway undertakings and infrastructure managers)
- [plus additional information: Cipra Youth Council also was interested in organizing something related to their AlpTick initiative]

5. Seminar series/Lunch seminars

We would like to continue our seminar series with short topic-related sessions. If you have any ideas on topics and/or speakers, please let us know. The following topics and speakers were mentioned during the meeting:

- Next Lunch Seminar on EU-Process (Representative from EU Commission and/or Bernhard Slanabidnik of EEB)
- Public Transport and Covid

6. To Dos

Who	What	Deadline
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HL/JD	Overview on ongoing activities: based on the survey results collect some additional information on ongoing activities related to the main topics.	April 15 th
HL/JD	Organise a lunch event with representative of EU COM and/or EEB on EU Strategy	April
All	Collect examples on good practices with respect to communicating decarbonisation strategies for the transport sector	Until next meeting
HL/JD	Organise next meeting of ACB Transport Community	End of June
HL/JD	Organise creativity workshop to develop first ideas for a joint narrative	During summer
HL/JD, all	Prepare a first draft of a joint narrative to be presented to the ACB meeting in September	August 30 th
HL/JD	Organise follow-up for ACB Transport Community to discuss next steps	Autumn

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