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Dear reader, we are proud to invite you reading the fourth newsletter of the COMODALCE “Enhancing COordination on multiMODAL freight transport in CE” project, co-financed by the Interreg Central Europe Programme. Enjoy!

Summary

- *First results from the pilot implementation: BCT*
- *Public events attended*
- *How to overcome distances: our virtual meeting PSC*

First results from the Pilot Implementation: BCT

BCT is conducting pilot project work in conjunction with COMODALCE which aims at achieving an electronic data interchange platform for rail wagons and the associated unit load handling. At its core, this entails achieving integration with BCT’s Terminal Operating System (TOS), the systems of other involved players - rail carriers and intermodal operators - and the INCOS element of the Gdynia Port Community system, now under construction, that covers container rail operations.

BCT states: “A key challenge is the transfer of old-fashioned and complex

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process at speed, large volumes of data between multiple partners.”Allied to this is the challenge of system integration and BCT points out in this regard that: “The INCOS platform offers easy, flexible, low cost connection and data interchange with its TOS and the operating systems of other stakeholders.”Generally, the goal is said to be feeding the platform with data using electronic messages circulating from system to system. Where partners are not ready for digital data exchange then the platform will offer a web user interface able to achieve the high-volume upload and download of excel spread sheets.

COMODALCE is intended to meet and service the needs of all participants in the intermodal supply chain with diverse parties including intermodal operators, railway carriers, terminals, freight forwarders and shipping lines having access and providing their operational data. Speed, accuracy and common understanding are among the major benefits. Data can be uploaded and downloaded without long waiting times or the requirement to re-write data. The platform will, in effect, deliver a clear and efficient operational plan with online participants having a highly accurate picture of the current situation in real time. These operational benefits will, in turn, drive cost and qualitative efficiencies across the board.

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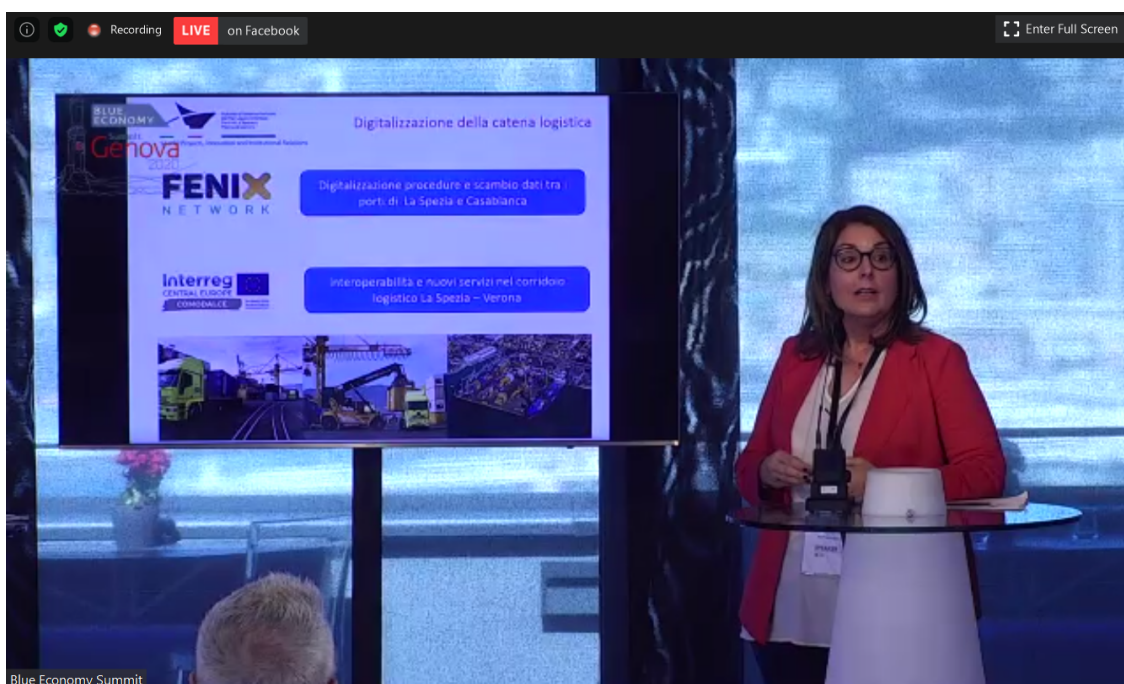
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In the last year, the COMODALCE project had the opportunity to be presented in some important events in the field of other co-funded projects, despite the restrictions caused by the COVID 19 emergency. In details, the project was presented in 8 public events:

- BLUE ECONOMY SUMMIT, July 2020 (live&virtual)
- MARIMATCH 2020, September 2020 (virtual)
- CORCAP project meeting, September 2020 (virtual)
- EUSALP Action Group no. 4 “Mobility”, November 2020 (virtual)
- ISTEN Transnational Workshop, November 2020 (virtual)
- TRIPLo Capitalisation project event, February 2021 (virtual)
- SMARTLOGI Final Conference, April 2021 (virtual)
- EASYLOG Event, April 2021 (virtual)

Further details on the events are available on the project's website:

<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/COMODALCE.html>



Eng. Federica Montaresi from the port of La Spezia at the Blue Economy Summit 2020

How to overcome distances: our virtual PSC meeting

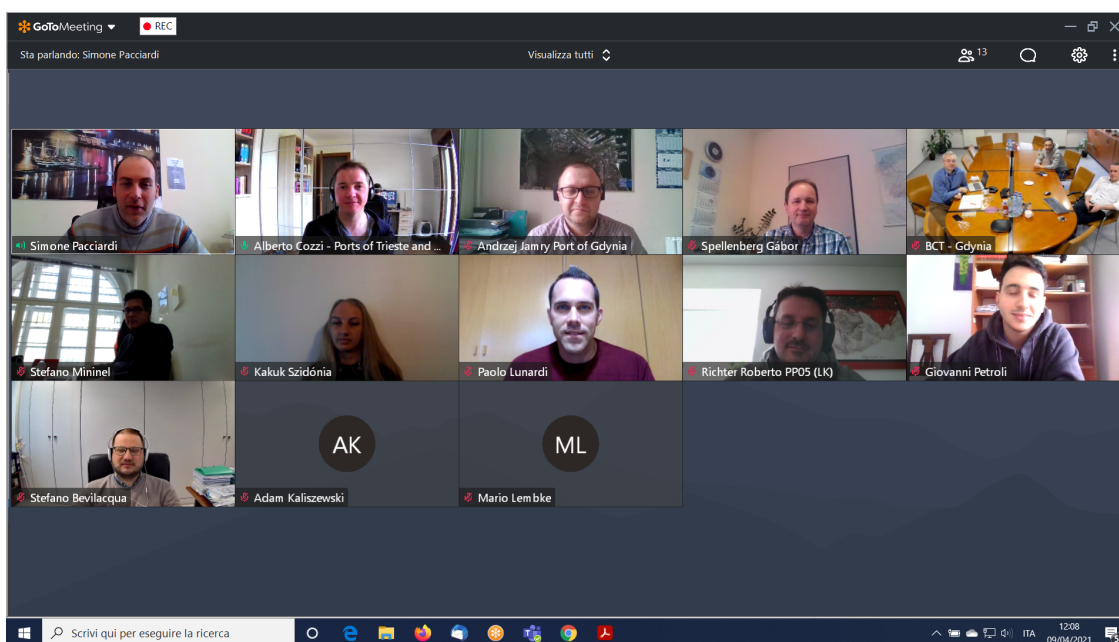
Because of the limitations caused by the COVID-19 emergency in Europe, on 9th April 2021 the COMODALCE partners have virtually met again for the 5th Steering Committee.

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performance. The whole partners underlined the need to focus on the project outputs, chiefly the pilot actions, over the next few months.

The work is on the right path, despite the socio-economic difficulties of the last 12 months.

Here our picture of the meeting.. Let's aim for *physical distancing* while staying socially connected!



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