

OUTPUT FACT SHEET

Strategies and action plans

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Summary description of the strategy/action plan (developed and/or implemented), explaining its main objectives and transnational added value

Strengthening the political focus on regional rail infrastructure for freight transport is one of the REIF project's main objectives. KIP tackled this objective by sending an open letter to the Croatian Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure in which it highlighted project findings and deliverables, including the baseline study, market potential analysis, bottleneck analysis, priority list of actions and cost estimates from WPT1, regional advisory board meetings and the completed Roadmap "New rail infrastructure/services 2030" from WPT3 in hopes of influencing the Transport Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (2017-2030). As KIP is not a political institution, it cannot directly influence policy documents, but it has offered suggestions in its open letter to the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, highlighting the priority actions chosen with the assistance of the regional advisory board, a member of which is an employee of the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure. The regional advisory board for Croatia met twice online to discuss important actions to be taken in order to improve the current rail freight situation in Croatia. The advisory board included three such actions in the Roadmap "New rail infrastructure/services 2030":

- Reconstruction and renewal of the railway line on the section Dugo Selo - Novska
- Reconstruction of the existing and construction of the second track on the section Hrvatski Leskovac
 - Karlovac on the railway line M202 Zagreb GK - Rijeka
- Modernization of the railway line M202 Zagreb GK - Rijeka, on the part Oštarije - Škrbljevo.

The same three actions were included in the open letter to the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, to have them considered for inclusion in the Transport Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (2017-2030). These actions were chosen because they are a part of important national and transnational railway corridors, which are - TEN-T Mediterranean Corridor, Pan-European Corridor Vb and Pan-European Corridor X, and because their completion would offer the highest benefits to the rail freight sector in Croatia.

The selected actions are connecting the two most important points in freight transport of the Republic of Croatia: Zagreb as the center of transport in Croatia and Rijeka as the largest cargo port and intermodal hub. The implementation of these three projects would contribute to improving the quality of infrastructure and services provided on Croatian parts of international transport corridors, and enable more significant rail traffic from Slovenia, through Rijeka and Zagreb to Hungary, and vice versa. By emphasizing these actions, KIP wanted to draw attention to the importance of railway transport in the total traffic of the Republic of Croatia, and the need for its significant use in the future. The open letter was sent on the 17th of March 2022.

NUTS region(s) where training(s) have been conducted (relevant NUTS level)

HR03 - Jadranska Hrvatska, Croatia

Expected impact and benefits of the strategy/action plan for the concerned territories and target groups

After forming the Regional advisory board for Croatia, consisting of members of KIP, Port of Ploče, Faculty of Maritime studies of the University of Rijeka and the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, two meetings with the advisory board were held to discuss project findings and to discuss the drafting of the Roadmap “New rail infrastructure/services 2030” which would highlight important actions needed to be taken in order to improve the current rail freight situation in Croatia. Multiple actions across the entirety of Croatia were mentioned and discussed, each member first highlighting the actions they considered would offer biggest improvements locally, and later focusing on actions which would bring benefits on the larger scale of national, and transnational rail freight. Three actions have been selected as the highest priority actions for improving rail freight transport flows through Croatia, located between two important rail hubs in Croatia - Zagreb as the largest rail hub, and Rijeka as the largest freight port and intermodal hub, both being connected transnationally through the TEN-T and Pan European Corridors. The chosen actions are:

- Reconstruction and renewal of the railway line on the section Dugo Selo - Novska
- Reconstruction of the existing and construction of the second track on the section Hrvatski Leskovac - Karlovac on the railway line M202 Zagreb GK - Rijeka
- Modernization of the railway line M202 Zagreb GK - Rijeka, on the part Oštarije - Škrlevo.

The three actions have been included in the Roadmap “New rail infrastructure/services 2030” and later in the open letter sent to the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure for consideration about their inclusion in the Transport Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (2017-2030). By emphasizing these projects, the importance of investing in the development and revision of transport corridors

important for domestic and international freight transport is also emphasized. The inclusion of these actions in the Transport Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (2017-2030) would highlight their importance in the further development and increase in the share of rail and intermodal transport in the Republic of Croatia.

Sustainability of the developed and/or implemented strategy/action plan and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

REIF has allowed KIP to learn lessons on rail freight and rail infrastructure in Croatia, as well as ways it can attempt to improve the current situation. REIF has enabled KIP the opportunity to draft multiple technical documents, culminating in drafting of the Roadmap “New rail infrastructure/services 2030” with the assistance of the regional advisory board members, one of which is an employee of the Croatian Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure. The completed documentation and newly gained knowledge enabled KIP to contact the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure and suggests improvements to the existing Transport Development Strategy of the Republic of Croatia.

Other small institutions in different regions can also be encouraged to take the steps KIP did in order to help improve rail transport in their country/region as well. Just as within REIF, these institutions would need to be trained and educated in order to perform the studies, analyses etc. and would have to reach significant conclusions before contacting the proper responsible authorities.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

The output is based on the following deliverables:

- D.T3.2.4 Advisory board meeting 2020
- D.T3.2.5 Coping with funding needs (Work paper)
- D.T3.2.6 Advisory board meeting 2021
- D.T3.2.7 Final Roadmap “new rail infrastructure and services 2030”
- D.T.3.3.5 Integration of project findings in regional policy instruments: Croatia

These deliverables are available for download on the REIF homepage with the following link:
<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/REIF/Regional-Roadmap---Policy-integration---Croatia.zip>



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Poštovani,

u sklopu trogodišnjeg EU projekta REIF, unutar programa prekogranične suradnje Interreg Central Europe ostvarena je dokumentacija značajna za određivanje prioriteta razvoja željezničke infrastrukture na području Republike Hrvatske. Za vrijeme trajanja projekta ostvarene su bazne studije trenutnog stanja željezničke infrastrukture i udjela korištenja željeznice za prijevoz tereta, provedene su analize potencijala razvoja željezničke infrastrukture, sastavljen je popis pritjetnih akcija i procjena troškova za unaprijeđenje željezničke infrastrukture i usluga, te su održana dva sastanka regionalnog savjetodavnog odbora na kojima su raspravljane koje su postojeće dionice željeznica prioritetne za obnovu i modernizaciju, te od čije bi se obnove i modernizacije mogli očekivati najznačajniji pozitivni rezultati. Na temelju spomenutih studija, analiza i sastanaka napisan je dokument „Nove željezničke infrastrukture/usluge 2030.“ koji ukazuje na tri ključna projekta koji su najizgledniji za postizanje modalnog pomaka ka većem korištenju željeznice za prijevoz tereta kao alternativni dominantnom cestovnom prometu. Tri navedena ključna projekta su:

1. Rekonstrukcija i obnova željezničke pruge na dionici Dugo Selo – Novska
2. Rekonstrukcija postojećeg i izgradnja drugog kolosijeka na dionici Hrvatski Leskovac – Karlovac na željezničkoj pruzi M202 Zagreb GK – Rijeka
3. Modernizacija željeznice M202 Zagreb GK na dionici Oštarije – Škrlevo

Odabrani projekti značajni su ne samo na nacionalnoj razini, već na i međunarodnoj razini kao dio značajnih prometnih koridora TEN-T Mediteran, Paneuropskog koridora Vb i Paneuropskog koridora X, povezujući dvije najznačajnije točke u teretnom prometu Republike Hrvatske – Zagreb kao središte prometa u Republici Hrvatskoj i Rijeku kao najveću teretnu luku i intermodalno čvorište. Realizacija ova tri projekta doprinjela bi poboljšanje kvalitete infrastrukture i usluga pruženih na hrvatskim dijelovima međunarodnih prometnih koridora, te omogućila značajniji željeznički promet iz smjera Slovenije, preko Rijeke i Zagreba u smjeru Mađarske, te obrnuto.

Naglašavanjem ovih projekata želimo privući pozornost na važnost željezničkog prometa u ukupnom prometu Republike Hrvatske, te potrebu za njegovim značajnijim korištenjem u budućnosti ulaganjem u razvoj i revizalizaciju prometnih koridora značajnih za domaći i međunarodni teretni prijevoz. Uključivanjem ovih projekata u Strategiju prometnog razvoja Republike Hrvatske (2017.-2030.) ističe se njihova važnost u daljnjem razvoju i povećanju udjela željezničkog i intermodalnog prijevoza u Republici Hrvatskoj.

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