Macro-regions and their influence on transport and mobility – an Alpine perspective

EUSALP Action Group 4 Mobility to promote inter-modality and interoperability in passenger and freight transport

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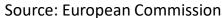


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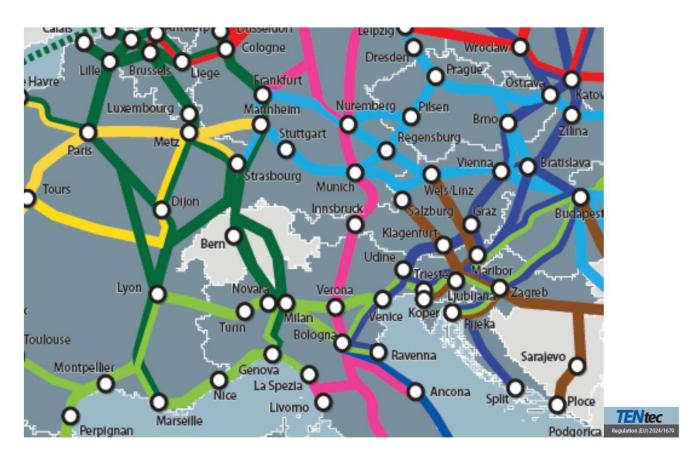








The Alpine Region and TEN-T



ATLANTIC

NORTH SEA - RHINE -MEDITERRANEAN

NORTH SEA - BALTIC

SCANDINAVIAN -MEDITERRANEAN

BALTIC SEA -ADRIATIC SEA

RHINE - DANUBE

MEDITERRANEAN

WESTERN BALKANS = EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

BALTIC SEA - BLACK SEA - AEGEAN SEA











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AG4 Work Plan 2023 - 2025

- Smart clean logistics and policy measures in freight transport to support modal shift
- Secondary railway infrastructure
- Resilient road and rail infrastructure
- Smart and sustainable passenger transport
- Flagship initiative & Cross-Cutting Priority "Fast-tracking Energy transition for a Carbon Neutral Alpine Region"



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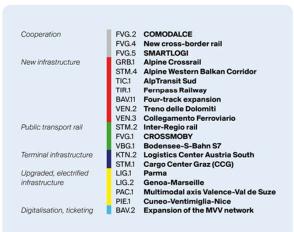


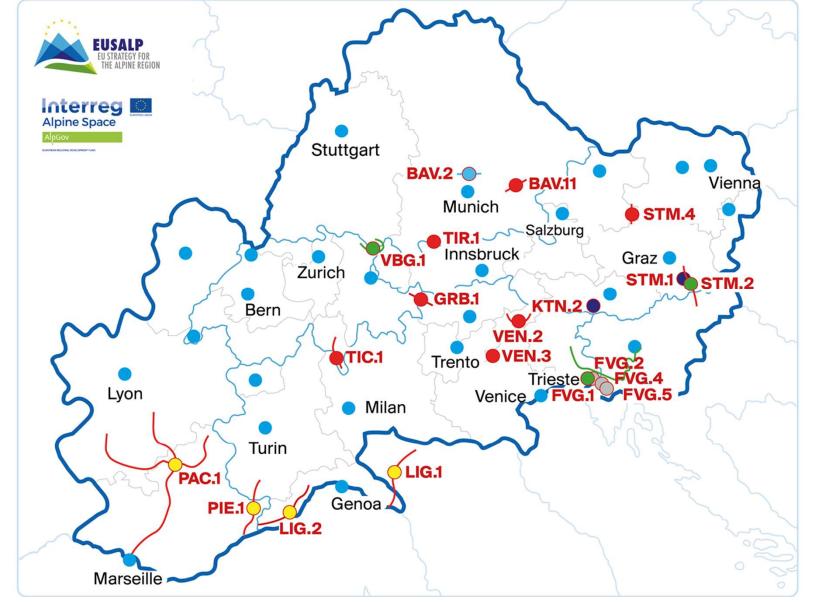






The EUSALP AG4 Assessment Methodology for Individual Projects serves to identify sustainable mobility solutions in the Alpine Region with a high macroregional relevance. So far, two assessment rounds took place, in which 20 projects received the EUSALP AG4 Label.









CUNEO - VENTIMIGLIA - NICE Rehabilitation and modernisation of the existing railway line

On the brink of closure in 2019 due to high maintenance costs and reduced train frequency, the Nice-Ventimiglia-Cuneo line has been given a new lease of life following storm Alex, which destroyed much of the infrastructures in the Roya valley. The labelling of the line by the AG4 and the support of successive EUSALP presidencies led to its integration in the TEN-T, which became official on 16 July 2024.

The timeline:

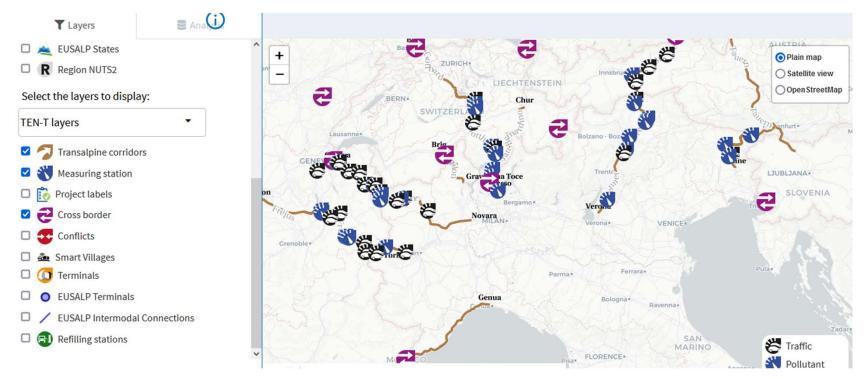
- 2018: Launch of a working group by AG4 to define a labelling process on a macro-regional scale.
- 2019: Alex storm in the Roya Valley
- 2020: First round of the EUSALP AG4 Project Labelling. 14 projects are selected, including the Nice-Ventimiglia-Cuneo-Turin railway line.
- 2021-22: the French and Italian presidencies of EUSALP support the request to include the line in the TEN-T, which gives access to the CEF funding.
- 2023: The European Commission accepts the request
- 2025: Third round of the EUSALP AG4 Project Labelling.





Alpine Platform of Knowledge for Mobility and Transport

http://sdi.eurac.edu/AlpinePoKforTransportandMobility/



Discover additional content on the EUSALP PoK, including annual monitoring data!









EUSALP Declaration on Rail Transport - Joining forces for a sustainable transport and mobility system

- 15 EUSALP regions called on the European Union ...
- 1) ... to create a level-playing field between transport modes as basic requirement for an effective modal shift
- 2) ... to optimise the potential of rail to serve as the backbone of a connected transport system
- 3) ... to improve infrastructure provisions for rail transport











Cross-Cutting Priority: Fast-tracking Energy transition for a Carbon Neutral Alpine Region

- Transport accounts for approx. one third of energy consumption in the EU & is one of the main causes of climate change
- Traffic volumes are continuosly rising
- Mobility as one of the biggest challenges for the social, economic and ecological development of the Alpine region
- "Avoid-Shift-Improve" approach to decarbonize transport

Collaboration between four EUSALP Action Groups



AG2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



AG4 MOBILITY







AG5 CONNECTIVITY & ACCESSIBILITY

Interreg







AG9 ENERGY



Cross-Cutting Priority: Fast-tracking Energy transition for a Carbon Neutral Alpine Region

AG4 contribution (completed):

- ✓ EUSALP/Alpine Convention Stakeholder meeting "Accelerating the Electrification of Road Transport in the Alps (AFIR-Cooperation)" in Innsbruck on 12/10/2023
- ✓ Support for data collection within the Interreg Alpine Space project CERVINO
- ✓ Update of the 2021 survey on alternative fuels and propulsion systems and identification of the factors of success (massification, public investment, tax and policy incentives...)









Cross-Cutting Priority: Fast-tracking Energy transition for a Carbon Neutral Alpine Region

AG4 contribution (ongoing):

- Comparative study on energy efficiency of road and rail along the transalpine corridors Brenner and Ventimiglia
- Collection of best practice examples on transport and mobility in the Alpine Region (passenger mobility)









EUSALP Presidency 2025 Austria-Liechtenstein

"Cooperation empowers transformation"

- **1. Mobility transition:** Sustainable, energy-efficient, multimodal
- **2. Energy transition:** Future-proof and sustainable establishment of renewable energies
- 3. Transformation of the construction industry: Circular construction and renovation
- 4. The territorial dimension of EUSALP

4 February 2025

Presidency kick-off event Rugell (FL)

25-27 November 2025

Annual Forum & 7th Mobility Conference *Innsbruck (AT)*











Thank you for your attention!

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