

**ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE
TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP
FOR THE PERIOD 2021-2022
(BETWEEN THE XVI AND XVII MEETINGS OF THE ALPINE
CONFERENCE)**

1. Overview of the mandate given by the XVI Alpine Conference

Summary of the objectives according to the 2021-2022 mandate or work programme

The objectives of the Transport Working Group during Swiss presidency were as follows:

1. Continue the work on the external costs of transport in the Alpine area (Transport Protocol, Art. 14) with a synthesis report on the progress since the last status report and an overview about the evolution of transalpine freight transport flows, based on documents of the Transport Observatory of the CH-EU Land Transport Agreement
2. Contribute to the topic relating to policies and measures/instruments for sustainable mobility in the Alpine Area.
3. Finish assessing the potential of technologies for the promotion of sustainable passenger transport in the Alpine region (under German leadership), develop recommendations for implementation.
4. Give advice for improving the accessibility of remote mountain destinations with integrated transport systems or multimodal mobility, including passenger transport by rail, road (e.g. by low emission buses, minibuses and taxis), cable cars and shipping as well as active mobility like walking and cycling, and combining individual private mobility means, by identifying best practices, contributing to the development of new concepts and connecting the last mile.
5. Analyse the effects of the evolution of commuters' behaviours in the Alpine area concerning home-office mobility as well as everyday activities triggered by the recent sanitary crisis. Based on available reports in the member states of the Alpine Convention and on the results of the 2020 study report on possibilities for the reduction of transport demand through transport-saving spatial structures, new working or coworking solutions, pooling of shipments, regional and local distribution chains, changed mobility and behavioural patterns, recommendations for the implementation of measures in order to enhance quality of life will be elaborated.

6. Contribute to elaborate and complete a digital map on a relevant topic and to be published on the Alpine Convention WebGIS/Atlas, either by collecting the necessary data provided by other bodies and organizations or by relying on existing international sources. The specific content of such map will be agreed upon by the Group based on relevance and data availability. The map will be elaborated in cooperation with the PSAC.

2. Meetings

Summary of the meetings held (date, place, main topics and milestones)

- 4 March 2021 (online meeting): distribution of the tasks foreseen in the mandate;
- 1 June 2021 (online): update on the status and content as well as common discussion of the different tasks;
- 28 September 2021 (online): update on the status and content as well as common discussion of the different tasks;
- 20 January 2022 (online): update on the status and content as well as common discussion of the different tasks;
- 21 and 22 April 2022 in Landquart, Switzerland: discussion and (principal) approval of the four reports issued by the Group, discussion of the next mandate;
- 23 June 2022 (online): final approval of the reports before communication to the PC

3. Activities carried out

Synthetic description of further activities carried out (including outreach and communication activities)

- Regular meetings and bilateral exchanges
- Chairman's participation to the PC
- Chairman's participation on behalf of the Group to the MAP task force (kick-off meeting on 29 April 2021, roadmap 14 September 2021 in Chambéry, etc)
- Chairman's participation to chairs' meetings organized by the PSAC (17 June 2021 and 25 January 2022)
- Chairman's participation to two meetings of the Alpine climate board (15 December 2020 and 4 November 2021)

4. Outputs and results

Description of the main outputs and results achieved

- Four reports:
 - *Report on the Eurovignette Directive - Synthesis and status report on the application of the Eurovignette Directive 1999/62/EC as modified by 2011/76/EU (Swiss leadership),*
 - *Climate neutral Alpine mobility, Report on policies for sustainable mobility in the Alps (Austrian-Italian leadership),*
 - *Potential analysis of existing and new technologies for the promotion of a sustainable passenger transport in the Alpine region (German leadership),*
 - *Daily mobility in the Alps after Covid crisis recovery (French leadership).*
- *Conversely, the 5th and 6th objectives couldn't be fulfilled on time and could be taken up again in a next mandate.*

5. Cooperation

Description of cooperation developed with other Alpine Convention bodies and further relevant partners and processes, and of the resulting benefits

- PC, MAP task force, ACWB chairs' meetings: participation to its meetings
- Alpine climate board: participation to two meetings
- Zurich process: Former EnvAlp chairman (Matthias Rinderknecht) is Swiss delegate at the WG; representatives of Slovenia (Zlatko Podgorski), Liechtenstein (Henrik Caduff) and France (Guy Poirier) are also at the same time Steering committee members of the Zurich process and WGT members.
- EUSALP, Interreg Alpine space programme, CIPRA, iMONITRAF!: observers at the WG

6. Attachments

List of the documents attached to this report, such as papers proposed for approval by the XVII Alpine Conference (thematic reports, guidelines, statements etc.) and supporting documents (workshop proceedings, survey reports, communication materials etc.). *Please kindly provide a PDF file of each attachment. Do not include the minutes of regular meetings!*

1. *Report on the Eurovignette - Synthesis report based on an updated Questionnaire on the application of the Eurovignette Directive 1999/62/EC as modified by 2011/76/EU*
2. *Report on policies for sustainable mobility in the Alps - Climate neutral Alpine mobility*
3. *Report on technologies - Potential analysis of existing and new technologies for the promotion of a sustainable passenger transport in the Alpine region*
4. *Report on behaviours - Daily mobility in the Alps after Covid crisis recovery*

NB: These four reports have been sent to the PSAC by 25 April 2022 in a quasi-final version and finalized at the WG 23 June 2022 online meeting.