

Frugal, flexible, economic and ecologic: issues and challenges for mobility solutions in peripheral regions

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Are there specific mobility problems in isolated regions/districts?

Alpine countries/states have numerous peripheral rural regions with problematic conditions. While people consider that local authorities should not take responsibility for functioning and maintenance costs in these regions anymore, we think that these regions need new and promising solutions.

Providing mobility corresponds to ensure inhabitants of rural regions access to services, care, education, culture as well as the possibility to visit and receive clients, deliverers, friends, relatives, and so on. In other words, mobility contributes to the conditions for a balanced and fulfilling social life.

These are many reasons, why paying particular attention to mobility services is so important. Since the Alps are the Alps and since human being is human being, mobility issues are essential. Hannibal and his elephants knew that!

What are the specific characteristics for mobility development issues in isolated or peripheral regions? Is it enough to look for reliable solutions in best practise catalogues, which enrich each day in the course of conferences? Or should we find new recipes or magic formula?

Traditional mobility models, based on the use of individual car, have to be reconsidered. According to us, these regions have to cope with the challenge to require the maintenance and development of new efficient and sustainable mobility solutions.