BACKGROUND

Transport networks in the Alpine region have for a long time been planned in a purely national context. These networks are no longer in coherence with ever increasing passenger flows across borders. This is particularly true for public transport systems. Commuting across borders is a reality, and most of the transport flows are by cars. Congested roads with a negative impact on economy, society and the environment are the consequence. The CrossBorder project in coherence with EUSALP as a multilevel governance approach is a huge opportunity to address these problems and to find common solutions.

APPROACH

- To establish an overview of cross-border mobility in the Alpine Region with a focus on daily commuting;
- To identify gaps of cross-border mobility with respect to infrastructure and soft factors;
- To identify solutions for facilitating daily cross-border passenger flows through new opportunities offered by digitalisation;
- To provide a basis for future activities of EUSALP’s Action Groups (AGs) particularly for AG4 (Mobility) and AG5 (Accessibility);
- To implement the findings in several hotspots for cross-border-commuting in the Alpine Region

FACTS

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Based on the results, several hotspots for cross-border commuting in the Alpine Region will be selected according to the challenges identified (degree of necessity of intervention, highest leverage of the input, etc.). In workshops, commuters, service providers, enterprises, and public authorities will analyse the actual situation. On the basis of the previous work done in the project and its outcome, they will discuss ideas and choose appropriate measures to be implemented in their cross-border area.

Improvement of cross-border mobility and reduction of passenger flows

Target group specific solutions for commuters, enterprises, transport providers, and public authorities will be developed. Solutions can be the bridging of infrastructure gaps, coordination of timetables, cross-border ticketing, etc.

Collection of existing solution models for cross-border mobility

A report summarizes good practice examples for sustainable commuting in different fields like infrastructure projects, cross-border tariff zones, cross-border campaigns for behaviour change, etc.

Analysis of existing cross-border mobility networks for passenger transport

Maps, reports, and datasheets display characteristics of all border regions in the Alpine Region. They identify the main hotspots of cross-border commuting in terms of lack of infrastructure, congested transport systems, heavy impact on social life, impact on the environment, etc.

Formulation of recommendations for EUSALP AG4 and AG5

Recommendations will be elaborated based on the results of the previous work and discussed in a trans-national workshop gathering all relevant Alpine stakeholders.

Implementation

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