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REIF in a Nutshell



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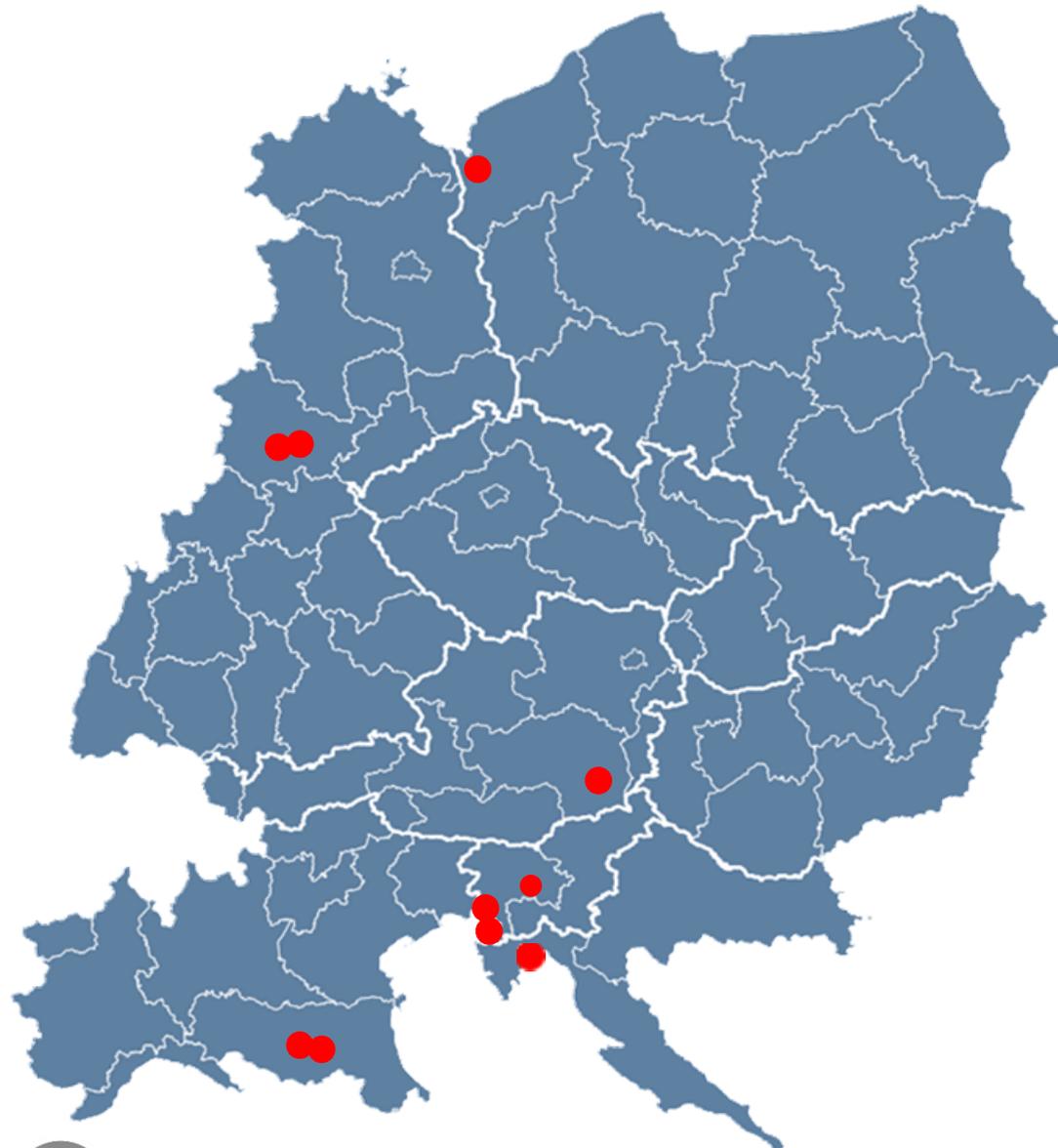
Central Europe → still strong growth rates in the volume of freight traffic
but
low rail freight transport rate

Need to

- ❖ promote short and medium range links within the region or intra-regional and inter-regional connections with neighbouring regions
- ❖ to increase both intermodal and traditional rail traffic by considering them as functional to the reinforcement of the regional production system
- ❖ to optimize regional transport modes and their combination in multi-modal freight transport chains

PROJECT FACTS

- ✓ REIF - *Regional infrastructure for railway freight transport - revitalised*
- ✓ Co-funded by the Interreg Central Europe Programme
- ✓ Project duration: 04/2019 - 03/2022
- ✓ Budget: almost 2.215.341,50 euros (1.811.200,65 of ERDF)



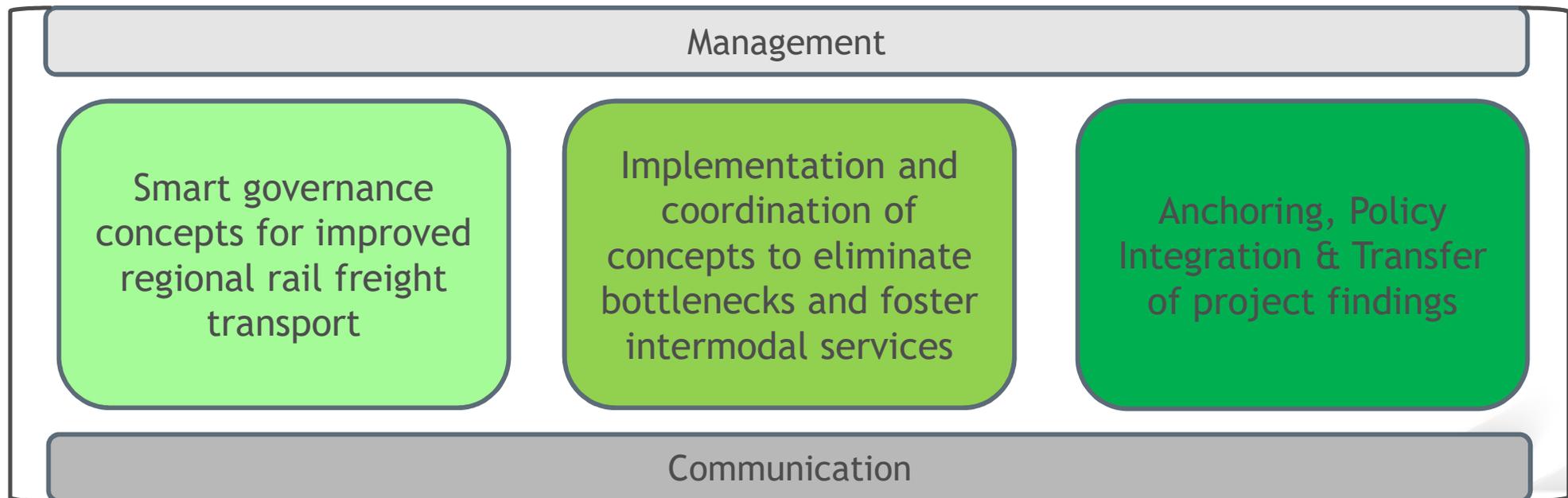
Project Partners

- Thuringian Ministry for Infrastructure and Agriculture
- University of Applied Science Erfurt
- Regional Government of Styria
- Institute for Traffic and Transport Ljubljana
- Port of Trieste
- Intermodal Transport Cluster Rijeka
- Central European Transport Corridor EGTC Szczecin
- Institute for Transport and Logistics Foundation Bologna
- Port of Koper
- Emilia Romagna Region



OBJECTIVE AND ACTIVITIES

Main objective: the promotion of regional rail freight transport as feeder infrastructure supporting rail freight transport along large transport corridors (TEN) in Central Europe by strengthening the political focus on regional rail freight infrastructure and establishment of regional stakeholder cooperation



Specific objective:

Improving planning and coordination processes for the upgrade of existing or development of new infrastructure and services for rail transport

Activities

- ❖ Baseline studies
- ❖ Analyses of market potentials for rail freight transport
- ❖ Identification of bottlenecks in regional rail infrastructure and service
- ❖ Priority lists of actions and cost estimation
- ❖ Definition of potential policy measures



Outputs

- ❖ Joint Methodologies to study regional rail freight infrastructure & services
(Baseline, Market potential, Bottlenecks)
- ❖ Trainings to apply the methodologies in the regional context
- ❖ Regional Priority lists of actions & Definition of policy measures



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Specific objective:

Interregional integration of railway networks across borders for better linking-up freight flows off the main corridors

Implementation of pilot actions in the following fields:

- ❖ Setting up innovative coordination platforms (I)
- ❖ Identifying measures for removing infrastructural and functional bottlenecks of the intermodal network at regional level (II)
- ❖ Developing concepts for activating new freight services (III)



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Outputs

Pilot Actions

- (I)
- Developing a tool to optimize the usage of limited railway infrastructures connected with port's area for the railway transport of cargo leaving/entering the port's area (Port of Koper)
 - Setting up a dedicated governance structure for enhancing coordination at regional level (Emilia Romagna)



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Pilot Actions

(II)

- Identification of measures to remove bottlenecks hindering further railway transport (Port of Trieste)
- Deployment of a test scheme to verify the transport flows, shifting potentials and policy measures (Thuringia)
- Assessment of development measures, addressing both infrastructural and functional bottlenecks, to link the regional railway network to the main lines (Emilia Romagna)



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Pilot Actions

(III)

- Pilot testing of new freight train connection between railway line Ljubljana-Kocevje and car logistics centre Grosuplje (ITT Ljubljana)
- Definition of a railway operational system model to optimise the use of existing port railway infrastructures (Port of Trieste)
- Massification / clusterisation of existing road cargo to test the (re)activation of railway services (Emilia Romagna)



Specific objective:

Strengthening political focus on regional rail infrastructure for freight transport

Activities:

- ❖ Establishment of regional advisory boards
- ❖ Road map for “new rail infrastructure/services 2030”
- ❖ Identification of funding needs



Outputs

- ❖ Regional Capacity building workshops (21)
- ❖ Endorsement of policy documents
- ❖ Transnational Transferability Plan



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