Sustainable Freight transport – now and tomorrow

Several projects of the Alpine Space Programme (ASP) tackled freight transport in the Alpine Space (AS). They followed different approaches and points of view: political, socio-economic,

environmental, practical etc. An initial exchange between projects had been started in the Transitects project. However, putting together the approaches and their main findings with

regard to political and strategic recommendations into one comprehensive picture has not yet been provided.

The project aims to identify and capitalise the results of Alpine Space sustainable freight

transport projects and policies. It provides a framework on major themes of freight transport with relevance for tackling strategically in the coming decade and in particular until 2020. Then…

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major relevant achievements relating to this framework will be put together, condensed and brought to a format of use for future strategies

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limits encountered by projects and their strategic setups will be specifically highlighted to possibly make them subject to future programme calls.

The project identifies those actors, institutions and authorities that are (also in future) a major key to making freight transport in the Alpine Space (and naturally beyond, as it also is a major transit region) increasingly sustainable.

Roadmaps for their information on (project) achievements in the field of freight rail transport, for dialogue with them and thus for their possible involvement in future policy-making are set up.

By doing so, the project further highlights open issues and challenges regarding the future development of sustainable freight transport and its political and economic framework. The reference policies are always: the Alpine Space Programme 2007-2013, in cohesion with the Europe 2020 strategy, and referring to the expected Alpine Space Programme 2014-2020.

These issues and challenges will provide one (among others) knowledge base for targeting calls in the Alpine Space from 2014.

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