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Inter-Connect final remarks

Concluding... yes! Inter-Connect was a great experience with tangible 'memories'



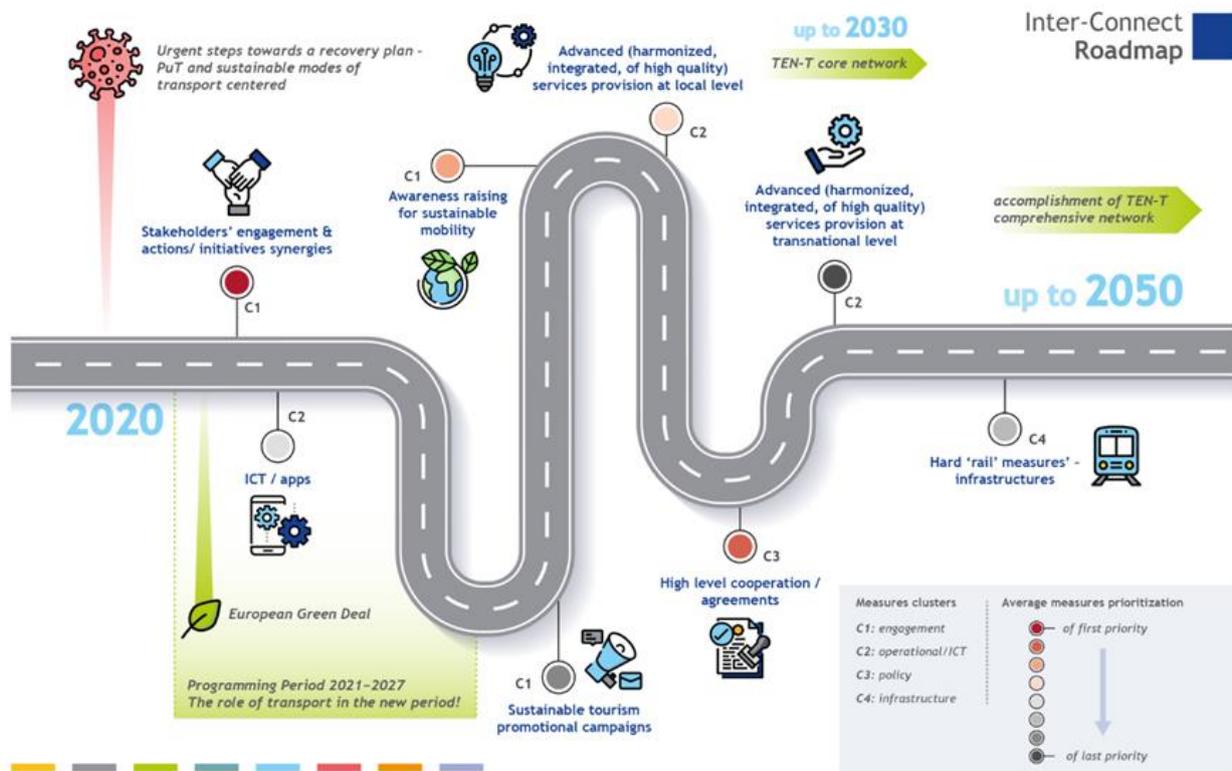
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If we could give a 'poetic description' of Inter-Connect project, this would be 'from healthy roots to nutrient-dense fruits', referring to the real-needs generated cooperation that brought valuable outputs! With the support of a wide network of stakeholders, the so-called 'Inter-Connect Intelligence' we achieved to reach tangible results as for intermodality and interconnectivity. Our results include – not exhaustively - intermodal passengers' transportation policy documents and best practices review, 8 real case studies, stakeholders' and travellers' (surveys to real users, local community) consultation and recommendations and strategies development. Focusing on the post 2020, we believe we can go our results steps beyond by capitalizing upon the already tangible outputs while respecting the new Programming Period!

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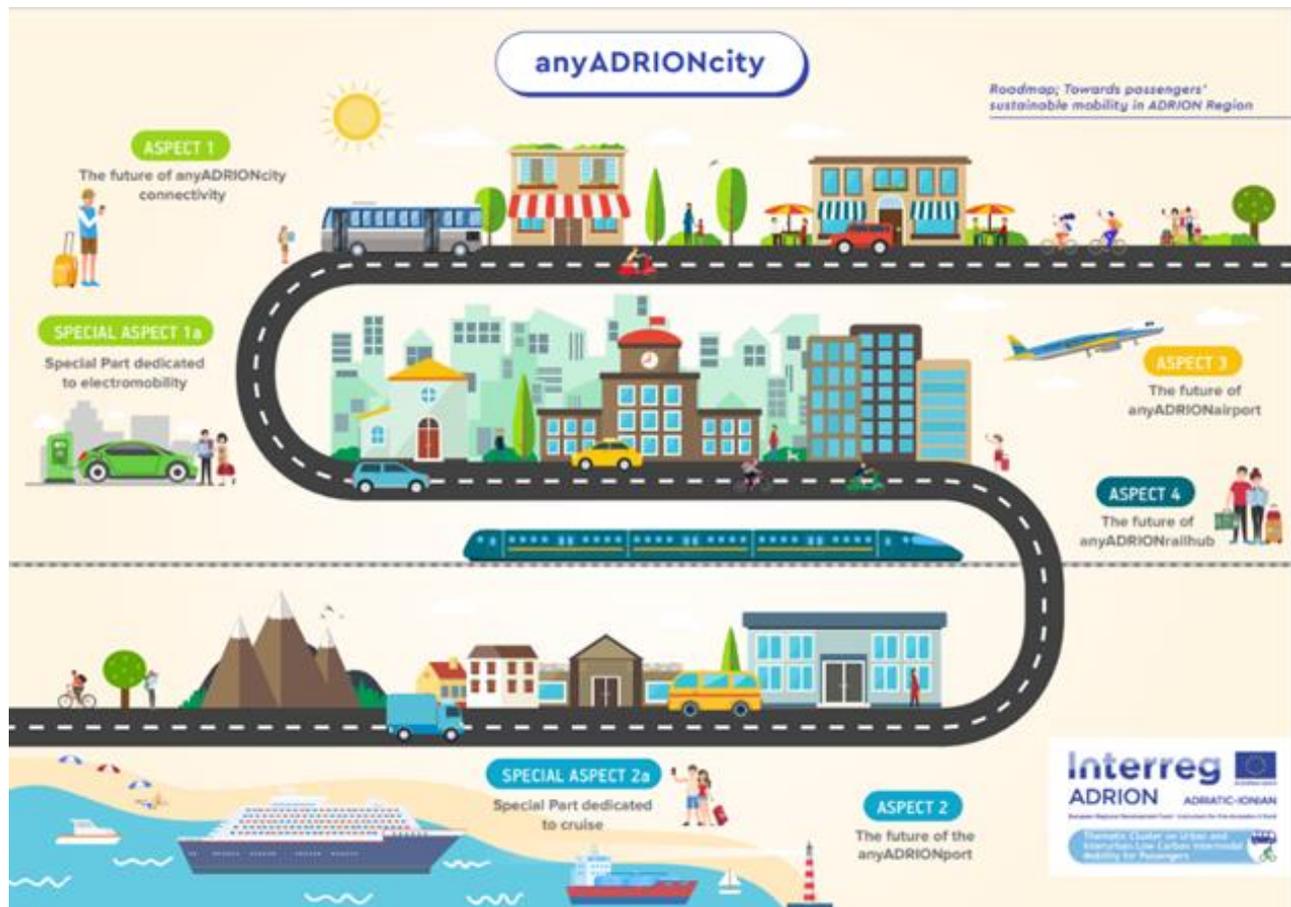
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Inter-Connect Policy Paper & Roadmap



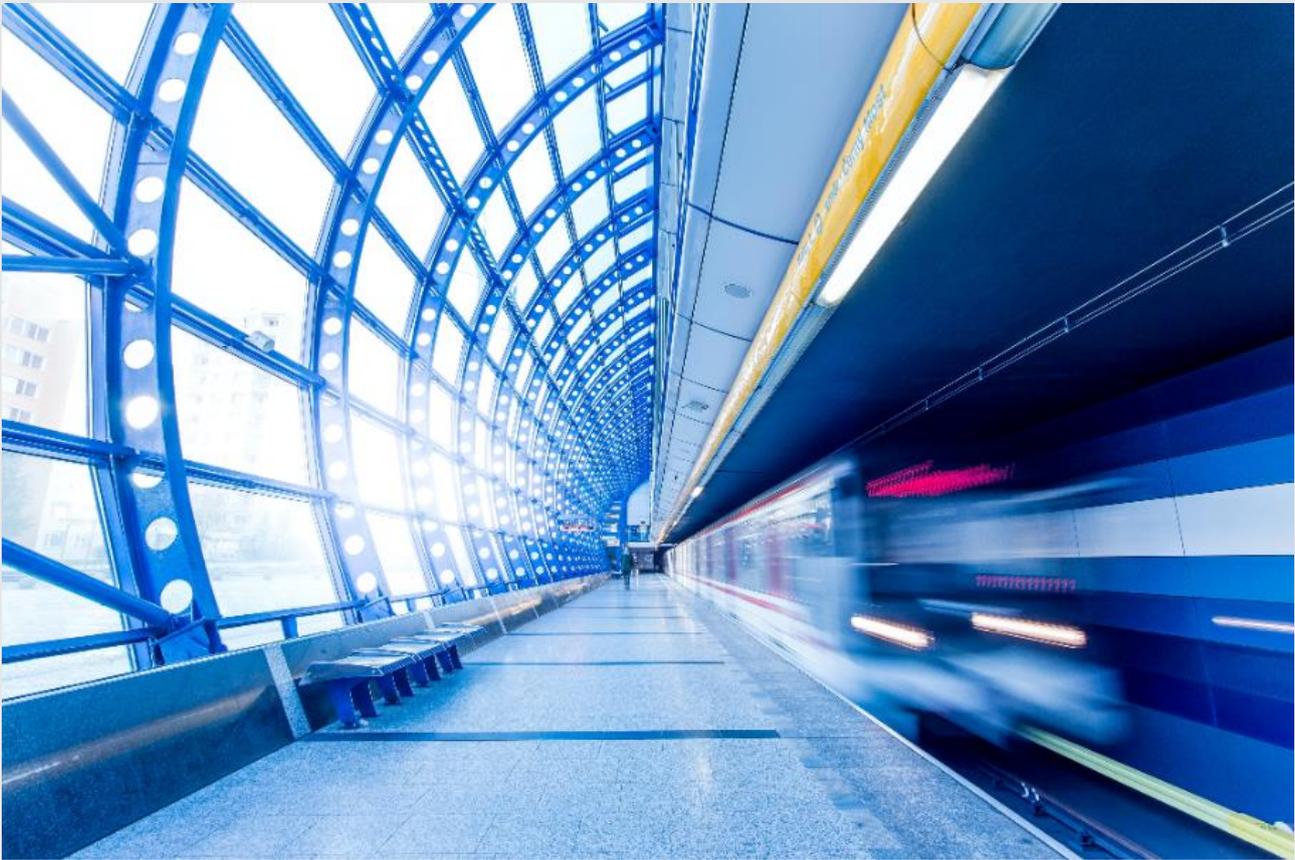
The Roadmap of the project is available at the following link: [Roadmap](#). We are very proud of this output and of the strong cooperation among partners and their stakeholders for reaching this result! The analysis of the current situation, the feedback from stakeholders' plans and passengers' needs along with the identification of future trends and opportunities contributed at developing the roadmap for ADRION's intermodal development. Project's recommendations were validated by experts, while technical workshops created a common understanding of the project's technical guidelines. The roadmap, a prioritization of interventions, will be a useful tool for authorities to prepare an efficient and realistic agenda. This strategic output will provide input to future policies, generalizing and translating project's results into recommendations for future public and private actions for intermodal and rail transport promotion. Among the proposed interventions, there are integrated solutions (e.g. information), new cooperation schemes, services' optimization, new services, harmonized procedure/management structures and funding of enablers' mobilization.

ADRION Cluster Activities



Inter-Connect project participated and coordinated the “Thematic cluster on Urban and Interurban Low Carbon Intermodal Mobility for Passengers”, the initiative of the ADRIANIC-IONIAN Programme that brought together partners of four relevant ADRIANIC-IONIAN projects (INTER-PASS, EnerMOB, SMILE and Inter-Connect). The goal of this initiative was the capitalization, dissemination, promotion and further upgrade of the results of common - targets projects in order to create useful insights on boosting sustainable urban and interurban mobility in ADRIANIC-IONIAN areas. The review of the four projects outputs, concluded in stable and widely verified proposals (more regions and cities representatives) for increasing ADRIANIC-IONIAN connectivity. The Thematic Cluster, based on Inter-Connect methodology, delivered the [‘Sustainable Passengers’ Mobility’ ROADMAP](#). Furthermore, new project ideas were proposed by partners participating in the cluster declaring the investment and development priorities 2021 – 2027 in their country/region/city. Finally, EnerMOB project’s MoU, with a scope to promote electro-mobility in ADRIANIC-IONIAN countries, was opened to the rest partners and stakeholders too. It was an inspiring and fruitful procedure initiated at Programme level that intensified and widened cooperation!

Inter-Connect: three-year project concluded with tangible intermodal solutions



After three years of fruitful cooperation, the implementation of eight regional case studies and the development of a Roadmap for Intermodality in the ADRION region, the partners of the Inter-Connect project virtually gathered for their final conference on 10 December 2020.

The event witnessed over forty participants and focused on *Improving passenger transport Intermodality in the Adriatic Ionian region* and on strategies for facing the future of rail reforms. It aimed at presenting the tangible results achieved in the course of the project: the Center for Research and Technology - CERTH, presented the Inter-Connect Roadmap as one of the core outcomes that not only outlined the work carried out throughout the project but also constituted a guide and tool for decision-makers with concrete recommendations for Intermodality promotion.

CEI-ES Secretary General Roberto Antonione, welcomed the participants underlining the important contribution of Inter-Connect to the implementation of CEI mission by strengthening the transport network and improving social and economic integration. He reiterated the will of the Organisation to capitalise on the best practices designed in the framework of the project, to offer passengers innovative and safe services while further promoting integration in the region.

Participants pinpointed integrated ticketing, timetable integration and travel time reduction as the best solutions for improving rail attractiveness for passengers; the lack of understanding of the need for synergies as the current main obstacle and the importance of cross-sectorial exchange to further promote Intermodality in ADRION region.

The round-table discussion was an opportunity to exchange knowledge and best practices with other ADRION projects on sustainable mobility and confirmed the common will to develop a resilient, sustainable, and efficient transport network based on cross-sectorial transnational cooperation.

The Inter-Connect project main pilot results

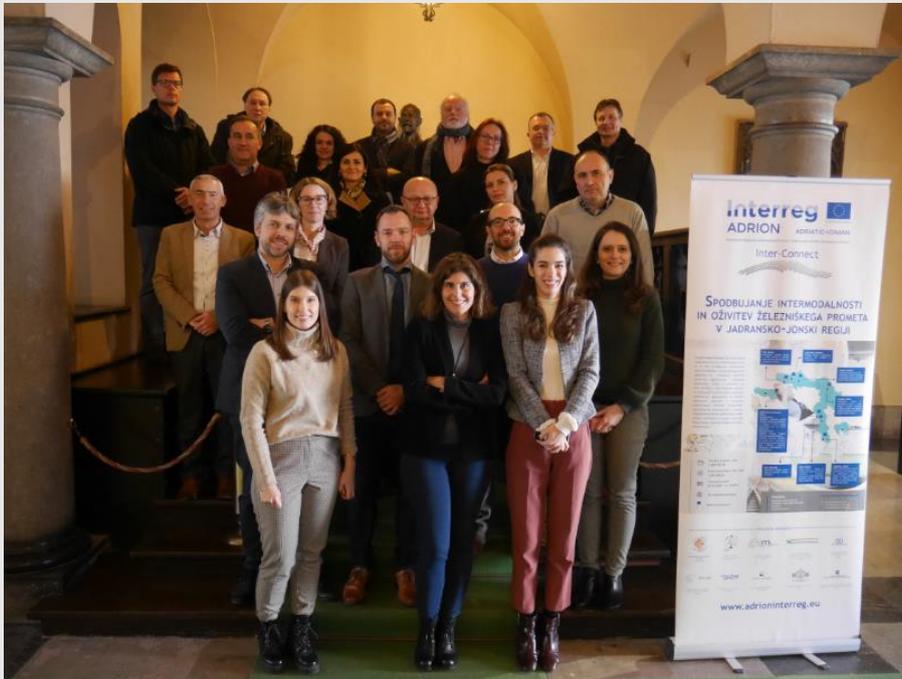


Do you want to know more on the scientific main result of the Inter-Connect project's pilots? On the project's website, in the [Project Documents section](#) you can find all the main project's deliverables. Three of these deliverables are directly related to the eight different pilots developed in the Inter-Connect countries:

- **Cases examination plan.** In this deliverable, the eight pilots and their main objectives are described. We hope this report can help policy makers in collecting new ideas on passengers intermodality promotion from the technical, political, institutional and economic point of view;
- **Cases examination and evaluation report.** The main results and lesson learned in each pilot area are deeply analysed and summarized in this report. We hope it can help other public authorities in defining and realizing more attractive and efficient projects aimed to increase rail intermodality in the ADRION region and beyond;
- **Transferring Protocol.** In the Inter-Connect transferring protocol the main technical, political and economic lessons learnt are summarized and generalized considering the main ADRION area challenges and peculiarities. In particular, you can find a focus on the relation among our pilots and the TEN-T rail network.

As Inter-Connect consortium we hope that our 3 years of cross borders collaboration on the passengers intermodality promotion will help you in joining our effort on creating together a more sustainable and connected ADRION region.

**Thank you all for following the Inter-Connect project through all these years.
Keep in touch on how to promote rail intermodality in the ADRION Region!**



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