

# *Inter-Connect*

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### **1. Project overview**



Inter-Connect



**Inter-Connect**  
is an European  
funded project  
about **passenger  
transport  
intermodality  
and rail  
revitalization**

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Inter-Connect - Intermodality Promotion and Rail Renaissance in Adriatic – Ionian Region – is a European project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Instrument for Pre-accessions Assistance (IPAI) under the Interreg Adrion Programme.

Gathering 10 partners from Albania, Croatia, Italy, Greece, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia our mission

is to Revitalize rail use in the ADRION region by promoting intermodal passenger transportation.

We support policymakers through knowledge transfers and trainings to better evaluate and address mobility priorities in order to achieve sustainability goals. Building on the legacy of previous projects (RAIL4SEE, RAILHUC, SEETAC, EA SEA-WAY), the partners of Inter-Connect will join their forces and experience in order to:

1. Strengthen stakeholders' understanding on the opportunities for ADRION regions (through the promotion of intermodal passengers' transportation and rail use) by capitalising previous experience while providing them with practical guidance on exploiting this knowledge (intermodal hubs improvement, ICT, harmonisation of procedures, integrated provisions to passengers, legal/regulatory issues);
2. Train key players at different levels of policy-making on how to perform assessments reflecting on actual mobility priorities (individual and society needs) and how to efficiently cooperate for achieving sustainability goals (case examination);
3. Provide authorities with a generalized handbook of the most efficient soft intervention measures promoting intermodality and rail use accompanied by a "seed funding" enlightening tool.

Duration: 01/2018-12/2019 Budget: € 1.6 million

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## **2. Project Partnership**

Municipality of Igoumenitsa (Greece) - Lead Partner

Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (Greece)

Institute for Transport and Logistics Foundation (Italy)

Emilia-Romagna Region – General Directorate for Territorial and Environmental safeguard (Italy)

Central European Initiative – Executive Secretariat (Italy)

Regional Development Agency of the Ljubljana Urban Region (Slovenia)

HZ Passenger Transport Ltd. (Croatia)

Port of Bar Holding company (Montenegro)

Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (Albania)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia - Chamber of Commerce and Industry of

Belgrade (Serbia)



### 3. Kick-off meeting in Igoumenitsa



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*Ioannis Lolos, Mayor of Igoumenitsa*



Inter-Connect partnership discussing about the objectives

[Read more here \(EL\)](#) or [here \(EN\)](#)

On 13-14 March, the Municipality of Igoumenitsa, as Lead Partner, hosted the Kick off meeting of the project [INTER-CONNECT \(Intermodality Promotion and Rail Renaissance in Adriatic – Ionian Region\)](#) financed under the Interreg ADRION Programme and funded by the ERDF and IPAI funds.

The Major of Igoumenitsa, Ioannis Lolos, in his welcome speech stated that INTER-CONNECT represented a great opportunity to streamline and enhance passenger flows in the region. “Concrete proposals for the alleviation of existing inefficiencies, connectivity, interoperability, intermodality constraints and fragmentation in the development of intermodal door-to-door transportation in the Region will be the main input for the action plan to be developed during project implementation” he stated.



The meeting gave project partners the chance to discuss the first activities to be implemented, according to the recently approved application.

The Municipality of Igoumenitsa presented an overview of the project rationale & work plan and provided participants with clear information about the setup phase, the main activities to be implemented as well as the reporting procedures. Participants discussed the steps to be taken to elaborate the INTER-CONNECT strategy, aimed at promoting the enhancement and promotion of intermodal and rail transport in the region.

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## 4. 2nd meeting in Bologna

### *Inter-Connect 2nd meeting was in Bologna!*

*12-13 June 2018*

On 12-13 June, the Institute for Transports and Logistics (ITL) and the Region of Emilia-Romagna (RER) hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee meeting of the INTER-CONNECT (Intermodality Promotion and Rail Renaissance in Adriatic – Ionian Region) project, financed under the Interreg ADRION Programme and funded the ERDF and IPAH funds.

[Read more here](#)



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