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REIF

TAKING
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General Project Overview



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OVERVIEW

1. REIF Approach
2. Main activities
3. Project Design
4. Envisaged Change



Starting point: TEN-T network with limited accessibility

Challenge:

- Trucks dominate regional, national and international freight transport
- Significantly improve the modal split in favour of railways
- Optimize individual regional transport modes & their combination in multi-modal freight transport chains

Project Goal:

- Changing transport patterns by providing efficient, coordinated services linking all actors of the transport & infrastructure chain



- Baseline surveys on status quo, trend and good practices
- Survey on Market potential for Rail Freight transport
- Identification of bottlenecks in infrastructures and services
- Policy recommendations
- **Pilot projects** test and / or demonstrate new approaches
- Regional innovation anchoring by capacity building
- Integration of project findings into **Regional Transport Plans**
- **Bridging** to the strategic perspective



M Management (TMIL)

T.1 Smart governance concepts for improved regional rail freight transport (PROM)

- Joint Methodologies to study regional rail freight infrastructure & services
- Trainings to apply the methodologies in the regional context
- Regional Priority lists of actions & Definition of policy measures

T.2 Implementation and coordination of concepts to eliminate bottlenecks and foster intermodal services (PNEAEAS)

- Pilot Actions, Evaluation, Synthesis Report



T.3 Anchoring, Policy Integration & Transfer of project findings (ITL)

- Regional Capacity Building Workshops
- Endorsement of regional policy documents
- Transnational Transferability Plan

C Communication (ITC)



ENVISAGED CHANGE

- REIF will enhance the accessibility of industries with very big flow of goods (e.g. wood, bulk etc.) which often find themselves disconnected from the rail network.
- REIF will promote regional rail freight transport as feeder infrastructure to support 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
- REIF aims at removing regional bottlenecks, upgrading regional infrastructure and streamlining still fragmented regional and cross border transport operations to TEN



ENVISAGED CHANGE

- REIF at least will overcome discontinuities of logistic chains and services across borders and optimizing freight flows
- This will lead to an increase of modal split towards rail freight transport and an improvement of multimodality of environmentally-friendly freight transport



First steps



Develop a sound management structure (e.g. steering committee) and establish internal information flows



Set up the project management team (project manager, finance manager, communication manager)



Each partner should contact its national control body



Start the necessary procurement procedures



In case of investment(s), clarify on required permits etc.



Supplementary information



To be inserted into eMS within 3 months after the subsidy contract entered into force



Required information:

- Name and contact details of project management team
- Location of official project documents for LP and each PP
- Bank information of LP
- Name and contact details of the national controllers of LP and each PP
- Evidence of all PPs having signed the partnership agreement



Funds will only be paid once this information is provided



GENERAL ELIGIBILITY PRINCIPLES



The expenditure must be actually paid (proof of payment) and documented (adequate audit trail);



It must refer to activities implemented within the scope of the project as approved by the MC

Its amount must be adequate for achieving the purpose of the project



It has to be incurred and paid within the relevant eligibility period

It must apply with the applicable rules at all levels



General principles of **sound financial management** (i.e. expenditure is economic, efficient and effective) are respected

Essential for each PP to set up arrangements ensuring the availability of:



A separate accounting system or an adequate accounting code set in place specifically for the project;



A physical and/or electronic archive which allows storing data, records and documents concerning the physical and financial progress of the project.



Public procurement

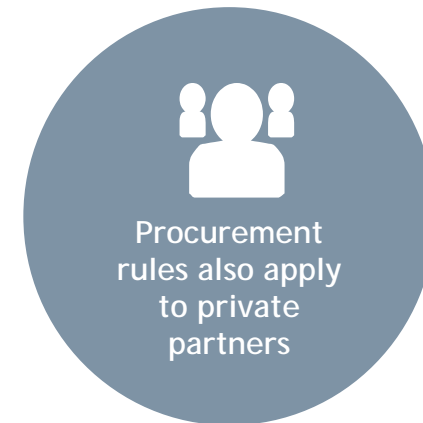
For contracts of works, supplies or services from economic operators' rules on public procurement have to be followed.



The
stricter rule
applies



Adequate market
search is required
(applicable also to
private beneficiaries)



A competitive
procedure is required
also from private
partners when above
national/EU thresholds



Branding and communication

Projects are obliged to follow the programme corporate design when **branding their activities**



Project brand manual provides rules on branding and also design templates

WWW

Project website manual to built websites right after a training (PIT)



All partners have to:

- Include information on the project on their own websites
- Put up a project poster in a visible place on their premises (template available in project brand manual)





- Implementation manual available on the website www.interreg-central.eu
- Project implementation training (PIT) for the project management team
- Joint secretariat
- National contact points





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